

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 9th October 2020

I can see clearly now the rain has gone...

I have been getting used to wearing my glasses over the previous 2 weeks. I have always had to wear glasses but didn't have the choice or styles some of our pupils wear in school. Lots of services stopped during lockdown but it's really important to make sure if you have any concerns about your eyesight or that of your child then you get your eyesight checked at the local opticians. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's eyesight we can support you.

Bubbles

We have been in school for 5 weeks now and have been fortunate that our school bubble has remained intact. With cases increasing locally/nationally it is a pertinent time to remind everyone of the importance of hand washing, remembering social distancing protocols and letting school know if you or a member of your family have symptoms.

Mental Health

Lockdown is having a devastating effect on children and young people's mental health. It's been unbelievably hard, but together, we can make a difference and show young people they are not alone.

Saturday is World Mental Health Day it would be great to see any pictures of you and your families taking time to look after your mental health this weekend. It could be through exercise, hobbies or spending time together. Please send them in.

Thank You to Teachers and TAs

National Teachers Day was on Monday 5th October - I would just like to place on record my thanks again for the great work teachers and TAs have done since the start of term. There have been many changes for them to get used to, but I'm incredibly proud of their contributions to school and how they have supported your children on their return to school.

Thanks for your continued support
Mr Linsley

Thank you for the Harvest!

Our fantastic display at the Community Harvest Festival Celebration at Stanwick St John last weekend. Well done everyone!



Thank you very much for your kind donations of tinned and packaged food. They will be taken to the Storehouse Foodbank in Richmond next week.



School photographer

Richard from Impressions Photography will be visiting us on Tuesday 13th October to take photographs of the children.

Please note that due to current circumstances, Richard is unable to do photographs with any pre-school siblings.

Friends of Melsonby School

Friends of Melsonby School AGM meeting, Sunday 11th Oct, 8pm virtual via Zoom.

Everyone is welcome, we are always looking for more parents to join the Friends committee. If you are interested please email Carla.jackson1@gmail.com

Reminders

School Meals

All dinner monies must be paid in advance via Parent Pay. Lunches are free for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and £2.75 per day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Parent Pay

Please could we remind everyone that your Parent Pay account must be kept in credit. There is an option to click on a box within the system which will alert you when your accounts are running low. Please could we ask everyone to opt into this so that the need for reminders from school is reduced. Many thanks for your co-operation.

PE

On Wednesday's children need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit. Shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms, PE T-shirt and school sweatshirt and trainers.

Flu Immunisations

The Childhood Flu Immunisation Team will be in our school in November to administer the immunisations (nasal) to children from Year Reception to Year 6. Please follow the instructions to register your child/ren as per the email that was sent out on 17th September.

Secondary School Applications – September 2021

All parents of pupils in our current Year 6 were issued with North Yorkshire County Council application letters on 11th September via e-mail. Please note that the deadline for your preferences is **31st October 2020**.



Dates for Diaries

| Dates | Events | |
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| Sunday 11 th October | Friends of Melsonby School AGM meeting, 8.00pm via Zoom | |
| Tuesday 13 th October <i>*new date*</i> | School Photographer to take individual pupil photographs | |
| Sunday 18 th October | Deadline for consent form for flu immunisation | |
| Friday 23 rd October | School closes for half term | |
| Saturday 31 st October | Deadline for applications for a secondary school place 2021 | Year 6 parents |
| Monday 2 nd November | School re-opens after half term | |
| Friday 6 th November | Flu immunisation at 11.00am for pupils who have been registered | |
| Friday 18 th December | End of term | |