

# Melsonby Methodist Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Boris

The news on Saturday of a lockdown of non-essential business by the Government has led to new regulations we must all get used to. In school we have had to re-evaluate risk assessments after receiving guidance from the Local Authority. I would like to thank parents for supporting us as we continue to provide a safe space for your pupils to enjoy their learning. As a school we are aware of the challenges faced by the local community and we are here to help. Please get in touch if we can help or if you have any worries or concerns about the impact this period may have on your family.

### Bangs

Bonfire night seems to have lost some of its sparkle this year. In the absence of organised firework events please take care and stay safe if you are using sparklers and fireworks at home. Please follow the firework code (pic) and ensure all children are supervised by an adult.



### Trump

As the American election still continues to stir debate I saw this picture online which brought a wry smile to my face.



## TRUST

Reading is a cornerstone of our curriculum and we always encourage pupils to read in school and at home for pleasure. The guide below shows how you can support your children at home with their reading by using the TRUST technique.

**Helping Home Learning**  
Read with TRUST

Reading opportunities are everywhere. You can make anything a learning experience for your child, just follow the TRUST ideas to talk about anything your child enjoys reading.

- T** Take turns to talk about what you are going to read.
- R** Recap the predictions as you are reading.
- U** Use lots of encouragement.
- S** Share what you know about the text.
- T** Tune-in and be interested.

The TRUST framework was selected from 'High Quality Interactions' in the EEF's guidance report 'Reading for Literacy' (p.6)



## Remembrance Sunday

At this time of year it is always important to remember those who sacrificed themselves to honour and protect our freedom.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe weekend.

A final note to fans of North-East football one team has currently more points than the others...😊  
Honourable mention to Luton Town as well!

Mr Linsley

### **School Photographs**

Your child's photograph proof was sent home today. If you would like to place an order, details are explained on the proof card. Please note that all orders must be placed on-line. There is a discount if you order before 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Children in Need – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

We will once again be supporting the Children in Need appeal on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

We shall be having a non-uniform day and we would like everyone to dress up in spots, stripes or brightly coloured clothing. We kindly ask for a suggested donation of £1 in aid of this worthwhile cause. Many thanks.



## **Deadlines and Reminders**

### **Applying for a Primary School place for September 2021**

If you have child (born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017) you will need to apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception in September 2021.

The information you need to apply for a primary school place is available at

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)

Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2021

### **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.

### **Water bottles**

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school every day to keep hydrated during lessons. Your child's water bottle should contain **plain water only**. Thank you for your support with this.

## Dates for Diaries

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events</b>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – non uniform day	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term <i>*No after school club today*</i>	
<b>2021</b>		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to pupils	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for applications for a primary school place 2021	