

Melsonby Methodist Primary School



Newsletter Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well at this time. I wanted to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to you all for your patience and understanding this week. We appreciate what a difficult time this is for everyone, particularly when trying to balance working from home and teaching your child. A huge thank you from all of us in your efforts!

As I am sure you are aware, the criteria for what constitutes a critical worker is broad and only one parent needs to be a critical worker to fall into this category. Therefore many families have found that their child is eligible to attend school. As a result, since Tuesday, we have noticed an increase in the number of children in school.

I would like to ask that if your child has a place in school under the criteria set out by the Government but you are able to support your child with remote learning from home, then we would advise you to do so. By keeping the numbers of children and staff in school to an absolute minimum, we can reduce the risk to children, parents and staff and endeavour to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thank you to everyone for so swiftly implementing the wearing of face coverings at the start and end of the school day.

Finally, please accept our apologies with regards to the number of emails and letters that you have been sent this week. We will try to keep these to a minimum going forwards whilst also ensuring you are kept up to date with changes as and when they come. Please do not hesitate to get in touch, should you need to discuss anything. Have a restful weekend!

Kind Regards
Helen Robinson

Deadlines and Reminders

PE with Joe

For those children in school, we will be taking part in the daily P.E challenges with Joe Wicks therefore we ask that they come into school in their school jumper and P.E wear

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

Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2021

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.

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.