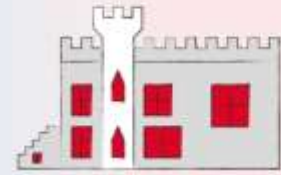




The Federation of North and South Cowton Community and Melsonby Methodist Primary Schools



Melsonby Methodist Primary School
Live Life in all its Fullness



North and South Cowton Community Primary School
Aspire, Inspire, Enquire

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wonderful week across the Federation, we are still in awe of how well the reception children have settled and taken to school life, they have shown such resilience and we are all very proud of them.

All children have continued to think about the late Queen Elizabeth II and the legacy she leaves behind, by creating a fantastic array of pictures, quotes and messages as well as a timeline of her incredible life. We look forward to sharing their efforts with you soon through a display in the corridor.

Autumn and Harvest are definitely in the air! Children have been practising their hymns for the Harvest Service and embedding their value 'thankfulness' as they think about all of the wonderful things provided to us by God's almighty hand, particularly at this time of year. Don't forget, the dates for the service are listed below for both sites.

There has definitely been some wonderful gifts growing in Leo's garden, a year 2 pupil at Melsonby School. Leo and his family have been working hard juicing the apples from their garden to bottle and sell – the money raised from these delicious drinks will be partly donated to the Friends of Melsonby School. What a great experience for Leo to gain an understanding of sustainability, hard work and caring for others! I'm sure you will join me, in congratulating Leo and his family for such a wonderful cause.

The phonics evenings for EYFS at both schools were successful and we hope it has helped you to support your children with their phonics and reading at home.

Next week, EYFS children will be taking part in the Reception Baseline Assessment. Information has been sent home about this, however if you have any questions or queries regarding this assessment, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Ian Ibbotson

Federation Notices and Dates

Year 6 Open Events at Secondary Schools

Northallerton School & Sixth Form College – Thursday 13th October – time TBC

Online applications are made via North Yorkshire County Council and open on 12th September. Applications must be made by 31st October 2022

Flu Immunisations

North and South Cowton – Monday 3rd October

Melsonby – Monday 31st October





News from Melsonby

Class 1 have enjoyed starting their new story in English, 'The Gingerbread Man' and are looking forward to making their very own Gingerbread men too!

Class 2 have been working hard on our library to create a peaceful, enjoyable space to share their love for reading. It's wonderful to see them take ownership of this space and we are excited to see how it will develop over time. Please share their love of reading too by taking the time to look at the books they bring home from the library and enjoy together.



Achievement Award Class1: **Harry** – What a fantastic attitude to every single lesson Harry! You have been motivated, excited and contributed some outstanding ideas Well done you!

Achievement Award Class 2: **Melody** – An incredible attitude to learning! Melody has moved up a book band rapidly due to her commitment and dedication to reading both, at home and school.

Values Award: **Harriet - Class 2** – Many of the younger children have been commenting on how thankful they are for Harriet's kind and compassionate manner with them. Wonderful traits Harriet, well done you!

Deadlines and Reminders

Please can we remind everyone that **Parent Pay** accounts for lunches and wrap around care must be kept in credit. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Can all children please have their reading folders in school every day and library books every Friday. Thank you

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 4th October – KS2 Cross Country
Friday 21st October - Harvest Service, 2pm in church
Friday 21st October – School closes for half term
Monday 31st October – School re-opens after half term
Monday 31st October – Flu immunisation



News from North and South Cowton

Key Stage 2 at both schools enjoyed an action-packed three days at Robinwood in Cumbria last week. It was a great opportunity for the children from across the federation to spend time together and build new friendships. They demonstrated great resilience pushing themselves to overcome their fears and showed excellent teamwork skills supporting each other and communicating well. We are very proud of all of you!

'If you are scared, just take one more step!' Maecie (Melsonby).



Class 1 have enjoyed exploring the story of The Gingerbread Man as part of their English learning. To support their instructional writing, they have even baked their own gingerbread man!

Achievement award: **Evan** for producing excellent instructions for his Stone Age game.

Values: **Matthan** for kind and thoughtful contributions during assembly.

Deadlines and Reminders

PE will continue on a Friday afternoon. Children can come to school in their PE kits on a Friday.

Please could those attending Film & Chill after school club please email permission across for their child to watch a film rated PG.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 3rd October Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 4th October KS2 Cross Country
Please provide a packed lunch. A reminder that children should not wear spikes and spectators are not allowed.
Friday 21st October Harvest Festival 10am at the village hall
Halloween Party 3.30pm – 5pm at the village hall – payment to school by 19th October please. £3.50 per ticket.
School closes for half term.