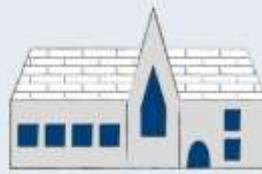
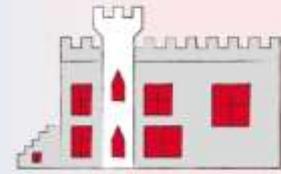




The Federation of North and South Cowton Community and Melsonby Methodist Primary Schools



Melsonby Methodist Primary School  
Live Life in all its Fullness



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

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write my first newsletter in my capacity as Interim Executive Headteacher, I can only reflect on the significant events that have taken place this last week. It has definitely been a week that we will not forget and this is the message I have shared with the children during today's assemblies.

As further information is shared by the Department for Education, I will update you accordingly. At present, it is unknown as to the arrangements for the Queen's funeral and any implications that may have. Once I know, I will let you know.

My first duty is to say 'thank you' to all of the pupils and staff across both schools. I have loved joining with them each day this week, visiting them in their classrooms, at lunch time and during assemblies. I am working very hard to learn all of their names and aim to crack this by next week! Both the pupils and staff have also taken on board my important message that I shared on my first day – the number of smiles I have received has been very impressive and something that is definitely magical.

It has been nice to meet with a number of you as parents as well and, over the next few weeks, I will see more and more of you. I do like to 'chat' so please feel free to join in with discussions.

My time as Interim Executive Head will be split between the 3 schools I oversee. I have 3 days a week allocated to the Federation and will be firming up where I am each day as we move forward. For now, I am moving between all schools each day so I can see all of the pupils in their environments and get to know the daily workings.

Please contact the office staff if you do need to speak to me and they can book the time in my diary!

Have a great weekend!

*Ian Holt*

## Federation Notices and Dates

### Year 6 Open Events at Secondary Schools

Richmond School – Thursday  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022  
Time TBC

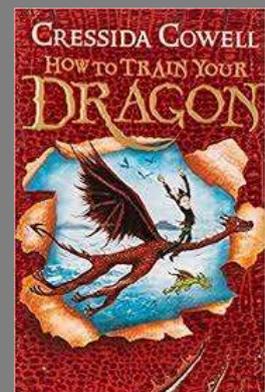
St Francis Xavier, Richmond –  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Time: Doors open at 5:30pm

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

## Book Recommendation

The first book recommendation for 22/23 is made by Mr Mottram.

He loves reading *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell





## News from Melsonby

Wow! What a fantastic first week back for everyone at Melsonby! It's as if our new starters have been here before! They have settled remarkably well and we are so proud of each and every one of them. Welcome to, **Esme, Ella, Oakley, Eliza, Hattie, Toby and Amelie**, we are excited to have you and are looking forward to watching you blossom throughout the coming year!

We have sent reading books home this week, please enjoy sharing these stories with your children. There will be a phonics and reading meeting in the next few weeks to help support you with this at home and details of this will be sent out next week.

PE is now on a Thursday, can children please come to school wearing their PE kit on this day.

Thank you to those who attended the residential meeting, if anyone requires any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Deadlines and Reminders

## Dates for your Diaries

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** - Bags2School, 9.00am  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm** – Phonics Parent Sessions for Reception pupils  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DUE TO STAFF TRAINING**  
**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – KS2 Residential  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - Harvest Service, 2pm in church



## News from North and South Cowton

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope everyone had a relaxing summer. We have welcomed six children in class one this week: Jude, Denis, Matthan, Rex and Harry have started in reception, and Oliver has joined us in year 2. Logins for Tapestry, our online learning journey, will be shared with reception parents by the end of next week so that you will be able to see your child's learning. It has been great to see the new children settling into school life and the older ones being so supportive and encouraging of our new starters.

Get Active Club

We are launching our new breakfast club, Get Active Club, held in the South Building every morning to help children to warm up their brains and bodies ready for learning. Children can arrive at school at 8.10am and participate in a P.E. based activity -such as ball games, dance, or yoga - followed by a healthy snack for a small charge of £1.50. If parents need to drop children off earlier, they can arrive from 8.00am and have breakfast before joining Get Active.

After school clubs

We are offering the following after school clubs for this half term. There will be no afterschool club on Tuesday 20th September due to whole staff training.

Robin Wood

If you require any further information following the Parent Session then please contact school.

## Deadlines and Reminders

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

## Dates for your Diaries

**13<sup>th</sup> Sept** – SFX School visit Year 6  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 3:30pm** – Phonics Parent Meeting (Reception)  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022** - No afterschool club  
**21/22/23 Sept 2022** - KS2 Residential (arrive at 8:15)  
**30<sup>th</sup> Sept** - MacMillan Coffee Morning (cake donations welcome)  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sept (am)** – Harvest Celebration