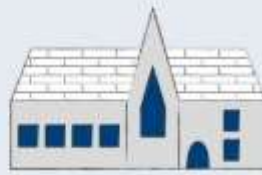
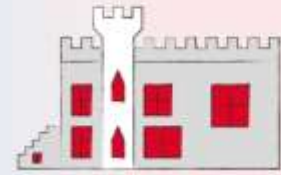




The Federation of North and South Cowton Community and Melsonby Methodist Primary Schools



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Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, following my note last week, the horrible weather has definitely arrived - what a wet and miserable week! Thankfully, there has been plenty of cheer and happiness inside both schools and the children have had a very busy, productive and settled week. With a cold spell set to arrive over the weekend, it is important that children are well prepared for the conditions each day.

Today sees Mrs Goodman depart her role at Melsonby. As I have said previously, she will be missed by all of us and want to thank her for the excellent role she has played during her time at the school. She starts a new role next week in a school much closer to her home and we know they are lucky to be getting her.

We are currently looking at the arrangements regarding a replacement for Mrs Goodman and will communicate this once we have finalised the details. Also, please remember to share the advert for the MSA/Admin role at North & South Cowton. We would like to have someone in post to help support us in the daily provision.

Next week will see me working with a web designer to look at overhauling the Federation sites and to make them more accessible. This is an exciting development and I am looking forward to combining the two current sites into one dedicated platform that celebrates the wonderful things taking place across the Federation.

Have a great weekend!

Federation Notices and Dates

Inter school Football – 17th Jan
Small School Pentathlon – 31st Jan

Safer Internet Day – 7th Feb 23
February half term – Monday 13th Feb to Friday 17th Feb

Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting
We are making arrangements for a Parent Information session for parents with a pupil in Year 6. The date will be shared next week and will be a session to talk about SATs, SATs week and how you can help to support your child over the coming months.

Home Learning Policy

We are currently updating our approach to Home Learning and will be sharing the updated guidance with you shortly.

Home Learning is an activity that a child is asked to complete outside of the school day, either on their own or with an adult. Home learning can range from reading a book aloud to completing a research project about a specific subject.

We recognise that a child's home is a powerful learning environment therefore we encourage the children to collaborate with their families in order to complete these activities.



News from Class 1 at Melsonby

This week we have been looking at setting in English. We have been thinking carefully about adjectives and nouns to create expanded noun phrases. ***“The glowing Sunset beamed down on the African village.”***

In Maths, we have been challenging our mathematical thinking by reasoning our answers. ***I know this because.... I can prove this by....*** We know this deepens our understanding and helps us become ‘Mathematicians!’

What will we be learning next week?

We are looking forward to comparing an extremely hot country like Kenya with our weather in the UK. We are also exploring the ***French Artist ‘Henri Matisse’*** in our Art lesson and are looking forward to creating some collages using pattern and colour.



Pupil Recognition

Achievement award – **Lily** for showing a real passion about our world and sharing her knowledge and ideas about animals, plants and their habitats. Lily always speaks with such enthusiasm when it comes to our precious world. Well Done Lily.

Reminders

Please can I ask parents to not send toys, money or any forms of technology into school. It can disrupt the day and we don't want precious belongings getting lost.

Can ALL children have their reading books everyday please. We listen to children read daily and we change books each Friday.

Upcoming events

All children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit each Monday and Thursday starting next week as dance has moved to a Monday afternoon.

We have had some queries regarding the start of Forest Schools. We will keep you updated once we know when this is starting again. Thank you.



News from Class 1 at North and South Cowton

This week we have learning all about the human body in Science, drawing around our and labelling the different parts of our bodies! We have started our new class text Iris and Isaac, and begun exploring the life of Grace Darling in History.

What will we be learning next week?

We will be looking further at the changing seasons in Geography and linking this to life in the arctic for Iris and Isaac. The boys are looking forward to dance on Friday afternoon!

Pupil Recognition

Achievement award - **Harry** for making some fantastic contributions in lessons and group activities, confidently sharing his thoughts and ideas with his peers.

Reminders

Upcoming events



News from Class 2 at Melsonby

This week we have been learning about the chronology of Ancient Egypt. Did you know the Egyptians were building pyramids when Britain was still in the Stone Age?

What will we be learning next week?

We will be exploring the work of Andy Warhol and creating our very own art prints.



Pupil Recognition

Achievement award – **Emily** for joining Class 2 in History and giving great effort in this new learning.

Values award – **Maisie** for great effort and constant perseverance in Maths.

Reminders

Please can pupils from Class 2 bring a can in from home (e.g soup/beans/etc., for Monday 23rd January. Thank you.

Upcoming events

Tuesday 17th January – Year 6 Football

All children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit each Monday and Thursday starting next week as dance has moved to a Monday afternoon.



News from Class 2 at North and South Cowton

This week in English we finished our common exception word spellings. Personalised lists will be coming home soon so that you can see which words your child needs to learn.

In Maths Year 4 have continued their work on multiplication and division. Year 5 and 6 have extended their knowledge on fractions and have made further links with their times table facts. All children have improved what they can do with the times table grid I have introduced and are eager to complete them! They have brought one home to complete. They may ask you to time them!

In our foundation subjects we have looked at longitude and latitude in Geography, Rocks in Science and the children enjoyed their first music lesson of the term.

What will we be learning next week?

Year 6 will be moving on to Converting Units while Year 4 will continue to work on multiplication and division. Year 5 will continue to develop their understanding of adding and subtracting fractions.

Pupil Recognition

Achievement award – **Erin** for her vocabulary choices in her diary entry.

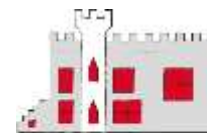
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We are hiring...

Established Post

Commencing February 2023

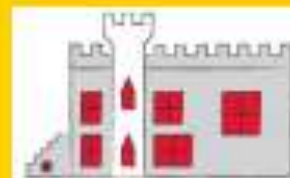
A) School Administrator (Band B)

B) Midday Supervisor, Meal Transporter & Meal Server (Band B Term Time Only)

Role A - Established, Variable hours 8 to 12.5 hours per week, Initially 12.5 hours (8:45am-11:15am)

Role B - Established, 10 hours per week, collection of and serve daily lunches, provide Midday Supervision (11:15am - 1:15pm)

Requirements :



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Community Primary School

- ✓ Knowledge and experience of providing admin support to Headteacher and school
- ✓ Suitable knowledge of working alongside staff securing a caring & safe environment during lunchtimes

We require a suitable candidate with the relevant skill set to carry out these dual roles within the Federation based at North & South Cowton CP School. Both roles are established.

Previous applicants welcomed.

Access to own vehicle and driving licence are essential.

Closing Date: 9am on Monday 16th January 2023

Interviews: Wednesday 18th January 2023



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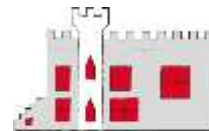


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TO APPLY OR FOR INFORMATION
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3rd January 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Back to school advice amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

I am writing to outline some guidance on returning to school this term following the increase in infectious diseases circulating in our communities.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) issued a press release on Monday 2nd January with [‘back to school’ advice for education settings, including nurseries, in response to the continued high circulation of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever](#). This guidance has been issued in addition to the letters sent on behalf of UKHSA in the last week of term regarding scarlet fever.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High case numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus bacteria, also [continue to be reported](#).

I would like to emphasise the key messages in the UKHSA guidance to prevent transmission of such infections in school and the wider community:

- *If your child is unwell, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better. This is particularly important if your child has a high temperature.*
- *Practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and then put the tissue in the bin to help stop illness from spreading.*
- *Adults should try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering.*
- *Take up opportunities for vaccinations when offered.*

Ventilation in the home is also important when someone in your household has a respiratory infection, or when you have visitors to your household. Bringing fresh air into a room by opening a door or a window, even for a few minutes at a time, helps remove older stale air that could contain virus particles and reduces the chance of spreading infections.

The flu vaccination programme is being rolled out across schools nationally. Your school will notify you of the date that vaccinations are taking place and give you details for the online consent form to complete (further information, including frequently asked questions, can be found on the [School Age Immunisation Service website](#)). If you can't complete the consent form online, your school should provide you with a paper copy.

Flu vaccine roll out for Years 7-9 in North Yorkshire are commencing this week. If you have a primary aged child that has missed their vaccine please contact your GP practice.

Uptake of nasal spray flu vaccine among children aged 2-3yrs is lower than in previous years - hospital admissions for flu in under-5s remain high so parents are encouraged to get infants vaccinated through their GP practice if they have not yet been vaccinated this winter.

For more information on flu vaccines for children visit [Child flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#).

Kind regards,

Louise Wallace
Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire