



## **6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Newsletter**

**Welcome back to a new school year. Hope you had a fun-filled, action packed summer holidays and are ready to embrace the new school year with open arms!**

### **New starters**

Welcome to our new starters in Reception, Sophie, Callum, William and Evie and to Lloyd who joins us in Year 2. As you are aware, Reception children attend morning sessions only for the first two weeks therefore they will need to be collected at 1.50pm. Please collect children from the back door.

### **Wild About Adventure**

The after school club will start on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 3.05-4.15pm. **A permission letter will be sent out early next week so please check your child's book bag and return the slip as soon as possible to your child's teacher.**

Paul and the children will focus on Navigation in the Autumn term, First Aid in the Spring term and Outdoor classrooms in the Summer term.

There will be a whole school adventure day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Children will need to dress in old, practical clothes and bring waterproof shoes and coat.

### **Lunch money**

#### **Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> -6.9.16-21.10.16**

**The cost is £2 per day therefore £68 for the first half of the term.**

Please send all monies to the school office in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, class and the amount enclosed.

### **Swimming**

Due to ever increasing bus travel costs, the amount for each swimming session is as follows:

7 sessions =£21.00 (£3 per session)

\*We will swim during Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> half term and Spring 1<sup>st</sup> half term (not summer term)

### **Holidays and Term dates**

**Enclosed in pack**

### **Letter check**

It is vital that you check your child's book bag every day to ensure any messages, letters or permission slips are dealt with as soon as possible. It makes the organisation of activities and events so much easier for the teachers and Mrs Rowcroft.

**Please find enclosed with this letter, the following...**

Swimming permission (return to Office)

Website permission (return to Office)

Going Home Arrangements (return to Office)

Local visits and trips permission (return to Office)

Holiday dates

### **Parent Governor**

A vacancy has arisen on the Governing Body for the appointment of a Parent Governor. Parent Governors must be elected by the parents or carers of pupils at the school and must have children at the school. The period of office is 4 years.

Please find further information on the letter sent out today.

### **Reading volunteers**

We would love to invite anyone (parent, relative, friend) with half an hour or more to spare to come into school to listen to children from Class 1 and 2 read. If you are interested, please see your child's class teacher.

### **Reading Talk**

Mrs Blythe would like to invite you to a Reading Talk on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am in Class 1. Although usually aimed at parents with new starters, the invitation is open to all parents. The session should last no longer than half an hour.

### **Summer reading challenge**



**Well done to all those children who completed the Big Friendly Read.**

### **Attendance**

Many children had very good attendance and hit the target of 97% or above last year. However, a worrying number of children had well below this expected target.

**It states in the Hexham Partnership of School Policy for Leave of Absence during term time leaflet, "If your child's attendance falls below 93% it is of great concern to us and we have to discuss the issue with our Education Welfare Office."**

Please ensure your child is in school every day unless unwell. Parents must contact the school office or leave a message on the answer machine giving a reason for absence.

### **Routines**

**Please remember to arrive promptly to school in the morning. The bell is rung for school to start at 8.50am.**

Parents should leave their children in the playground where they will be escorted into school by Mrs Phillips.

**Late book**-we are going to trial a Late Book from the beginning of term to monitor punctuality. If children arrive after the back doors are locked, they are required to be dropped off at the front door. A member of staff will fill in the late book and escort your child to their classroom.

**Please also ensure you arrive on time at 3.05pm to pick your child up at the end of the day.**

### **PE this term**

We will be doing PE outside in the autumn term on a Friday, so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit and sandshoes with velcro fastening or trainers that he/she can fasten independently.

**SWIMMING WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016.**

### **Other dates for your diary.**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** Outdoor Adventure Day

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September:** 9.00am Reading Talk

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September:** Outdoor Adventure Club starts

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September:** Soup day and Harvest Festival (Soup at 1.30pm and Harvest Festival at 2.15pm)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** Baker Be

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October/Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Parent Consultations

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Break up for half term

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Teacher Day

Kind regards,

Jude Long (Acting Headteacher)

