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AUTUMN 2018 - Newsletter 1



## ***Sicklinghall Superstars!***



***Congratulations to everyone who has received a Special Mention Certificate this week:***

***Brogan***

***Miley***

***Remi***

***Taja-Rose***

***Martha***

***Woody***

***Hannah S***

***Nick***

***Alfie***

***Evelyn***



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Welcome to a brand new school year! School is once again buzzing with happy chatter and our classrooms filled with busy and purposeful learning.

We warmly welcome new starters and their families to Sicklinghall this week. We have been so impressed with how well everyone has done during their first week. Thank you for all of the preparation you have done at home to help their transition into school to go so smoothly.

Next week, you will receive a 'guide to Sicklinghall School' which we hope will contain all of the day to day information that you will require to effectively support your child's learning and progress during their time at our school. If you would like any specific information including in this publication (e.g. explanation of lunchtime routines, homework expectations) please click on the following link to submit your request. The guide will include the following information:

1. Uniform expectations
2. Importance of reading at home
3. Drop off and pick up expectations
4. School food, including snacks
5. Change in approach to teaching mathematics
6. Importance of regular punctual attendance
7. Federation- how does it work?
8. Homework
9. Planners
10. Medicines in school
11. Before and After School clubs

Click [here](#) to access the link to submit your request.

Furthermore, if you have any questions about any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to catch your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. Alternatively I am available every Monday, Thursday and alternate Wednesdays in Sicklinghall School or, via telephone at Goldsborough School Tel. number: 01423 862 617; or via the above e-mail address: Replace 'admin' with 'headteacher' for my direct e-mail contact.

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### EVENTS FOR 2018/2019- SAVE THE DATES!

Please see below dates of some of the key events taking place this academic year.

**Pupil Photographs** - Adventure Photography will be in school on **Monday 17 September 2018** to take individual pupil photographs and on **Thursday 6 June 2019** to take class & year group photographs. Please note that unless we receive your consent (respond to letter sent via ParentMail), your child will **not** have their photograph taken.

**Harvest Service** - Friday 5 October 2018 at St Peter's Church, Sicklinghall, 2.30pm. Further details to follow.

**Class Assemblies (an opportunity to see your child's class share some of the learning that has taken place across the curriculum that term)**

**Willow Class- Wednesday 21 November 2018 and Monday 18 March 2019, 3pm**

**Silver Birch Class- Thursday 22 November 2018 and Monday 25 March 2019, 3pm**

**Cherry Blossom Class- Friday 23 November 2018 and Thursday 21 March 2019, 3pm**

### Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Monday 22 October 2018: 6.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 24 October 2018: 3.45-5.30pm

Monday 11 February 2019: 3.45-5.30pm

Thursday 14 February 2019: 6.00-8.00pm

### Information Evening for Parents and Carers- Thursday 27 September 2018, 6.30-7.30pm in classrooms

This meeting, led by each class teacher in their own classroom, focuses on aspects of learning, classroom organisation and ways in which you can support your child to make great progress at home. We encourage all parents/carers to attend this meeting which will give you an insight into the resources used to support your child's progress, the level at which s/he is working and strategies that can be used for getting the most from homework activities.



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**Children's Christmas party @ Village Hall - date tbc**

**Church Christmas Service - Thursday 13 December 2018, 1.30-2.30pm, followed by the German Christmas Market in the school hall - 2.30-3.30pm.**

**Carols around the Tree - Friday 21 December 2018, 2pm. School closes at 2.30pm. No Chill Out Zone provision on this day.**

### Residentials

**Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park: Wed 3-Fri 5 April 2019**

**Year 6 Residential to Fellside, Cumbria: Mon 17-Fri 21 June 2019 - & see below.**

**Swimming lessons for all classes - see dates section below.**

### Other Events

**Yr6 SATS: w/c 13 May 2019**

**Sports Day: Thursday 13 June 2019 (Reserve date Wed 26 June 2019)**

**Summer Production: July 2019: Dates TBC**

**Whole School Picnic Lunch: Friday 19 July 2019 (no school meal provision this day)**

**Leavers' Assembly: Friday 21 July 2019, 1.30pm**

Further details of each of the new events will be published in future newsletters.

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### A Big Thank You from all of the Staff

The staff team would like to say a really big **Thank You** to all of the children, parents and families for their very kind words, wishes and gifts given at the end of the Summer Term. It means a lot to us all and we are very grateful, thank you.

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### Sicklinghall School- a Nut Free Environment

As you will be aware, we strive to make sure that our school is a nut free environment. This is due to a number of pupils living with a severe allergy to nuts or nut products. We kindly ask all parents and carers to be extra vigilant in ensuring:

1. No nuts, nut bars or products that contain nuts are brought into school by any child, either as part of his/her lunch or as a snack. (this could include flapjacks, chocolate biscuits, cereal/muesli bars, fruit bags, pesto in salad).
2. Parents/carers ensure that, if cakes are brought in for a child's birthday, no nuts or nut products are used in baking.
3. Families are vigilant in ensuring that any creative homework activity that involves junk modelling or use of packaging does not include packaging from a nut based product (e.g. Crunchy Nut Cornflake box).
4. Pupils are reminded not to share their snacks or items in their lunch box with their friends.

We thank you for your co-operation as we continue to aspire to fully meet every pupil's needs whilst in school.

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### Attendance

Regular attendance is vital if pupils are to achieve well in school. Pupils with high attendance are more likely to meet the high expectations of the national curriculum and less likely to develop 'gaps' in their learning. The North Yorkshire average for primary school attendance is 96.3% and our school attendance target is 97%.

Of course, there are times when your child needs to be kept off school due to illness (for example, due to a sickness bug) but please be assured that if your child is feeling a little 'off colour' first thing in a morning, staff would call home if s/he was not well enough to be in school.

Each week, we celebrate good attendance on this newsletter by publishing each year group's attendance figure. The year group with the highest attendance wins a point and the year group with the most points at the end of the half term is given a prize in assembly. The list below puts attendance figures into context for your information:

**100%-** attended every day

**95%-** average of one day off per month (10 school days missed in the school year)



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**90%** average of one day off per fortnight (20 school days missed in the year)

**Below 90%**- classed as 'persistent absentee'. Families who have a child with attendance below 90% may receive a visit from North Yorkshire County Council's Education Welfare team to look at what support can be put in place to raise attendance.

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### Medicines in School

Some pupils require prescribed medication to be kept in school to be administered when needed. We ask that parents/carers ensure that all medication kept in school is regularly checked to ensure that it is in date and there is a plentiful supply. Medicines are kept in first aid cabinets in your child's classroom.

Similarly, if there is a change in your child's condition, please inform us immediately by completing an updated medication form. This enables us to ensure that we know exactly what dosage to give and when should your child require it.

Please note, school staff are unable to administer non-prescribed medicine (e.g. Calpol) and 'off the shelf' products (e.g. throat sweets) should not be brought to school.

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## LETTERS HOME - **IMPORTANT**

Please find inside your Friday Folders today the following:

### 1. To All Pupils, YrR - Yr6 - Pupil Premium/Free School Meal Eligibility - **NEW: Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility**

Following recent changes to the free school meal criteria, please find attached a letter detailing changes to free school meal eligibility under Universal Credit along with application form/s.

Please see separate letter in Friday Folders. Please could application forms be completed if applicable **and returned** by **next Friday, 14 September 2018**.

### 2. To Pupils in Yr1-Yr6 Pupils - Rolling Consent Forms.

Please read, sign and return to the school office by **next Friday, 14 September 2018**.

### 3. To Pupils in Yr3 only - KS2 Home-School Internet User Agreement. Please read with your child, sign and return to the school office by **next Friday, 14 September 2018**.

### 4. Information Check

Please see separate letter being sent via ParentMail today regarding important contact information and consents. Please submit all replies by **next Friday, 14 September 2018**.

### TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS - PLEASE NOTE:

#### Home-School Agreement Documents

Home School Agreements previously signed and returned to school remain in place during your child's time in school. Should parents/carers wish to change their response to any statements contained within the

agreement, we ask that you please notify the school office before **next Friday, 14 September 2018**.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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### Residential Visits- 2018/2019

Residential school visits play a major part in a primary pupil's development- confidence grows, new skills are discovered, existing skills are developed and friendships strengthened. At Sicklinghall, we are committed to providing a progression of such visits that enables children to build on their previous experience. This academic year, the following experiences are planned:

**Year 4-** A joint two night, three day residential to Bewerley Park with Goldsborough's Y4 pupils. The dates have been booked for **Wednesday 3-Friday 5 April 2019**. We anticipate the cost to be in the region of £190.00

**Year 6-** A joint fournight, five day residential to Fellside Centre, Cumbria, with Goldsborough Y6s. The



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dates have been provisionally booked for **Monday 17-Friday 21 June 2019**. Provisional costs for this visit will be advised in due course.

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### **Willow Class SWIMMING LESSONS - SEPT 2018**

As previously advised, Autumn term swimming lessons begin **next Monday, 10 September 2018**, up to and including **Monday 17 December 2018**. Please remember your swimming kits every Monday!

The ParentPay payment service for these lessons is now available for your payments. Thank you.

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### **Medium Term Plans**

Please find the medium term plans attached for each class.

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### **Fruit Snacks for Years 3-6 (KS2)**

As advised in previous newsletters, children may, if they wish, bring healthy fruit/vegetable snacks into school from home to eat at playtimes throughout the day.

Children in Cherry Blossom class and Year 2 have fruit/vegetable snacks provided in school via government's School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS).

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### **Class PE Lessons**

All children will take part in swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon as follows:

**Willow**-Autumn Term,  
**Silver Birch**-Spring Term &  
**Cherry Blossom**-Summer Term.

In addition to Monday afternoon swimming lessons, children will take part in Wednesday afternoon PE/sports coaching sessions provided by Mr Whitford (Sporting Influence coach). To reduce the amount of time taken changing for PE (meaning more time spent being active) we ask that pupils come to school in their

outdoor PE kits each Wednesday. They may remain in their PE kit for the school day and uniform is not required on this day.

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### **A Note To All Current Year 6 Parents/Carers:**

#### **Yr6 Pupils Transferring from Primary to Secondary School in September 2019 - ACTION REQUIRED**

Please see attached NYCC letter outlining what action is required in order to apply for your child's Secondary School place for September 2019. This letter is also available on our website under the 'Parents' tab/Forms & Letters Sent Home.

Families living outside North Yorkshire will need to contact their home Authority to obtain information regarding the application process. If this applies to you and you wish your child to attend a NYCC school, you need to make the application to your home Authority & information will be shared between other LA's as part of the LA's co-ordinated admissions scheme.

Applications for a Secondary School place for September 2019 should be **submitted no later than 31 October 2018**. Applications received after this date will be considered late and are looked at after all other parental preferences have been met. Parents will be notified of the secondary school place allocated on National Offer Day which is **Friday 1 March 2019**.

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### **Tax-Free Childcare**

Tax-Free Childcare is a new government scheme to help working parents with the cost of childcare. Please use the link below for further details on eligibility and how to register:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/tax-free-childcare>

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### **ParentPay**

Thank you for payments already received for various services.

Please ensure that your **child's lunch account** is in credit before lunches are taken and that your child's



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**Breakfast Club & Chill Out Zone accounts** are also in credit before places are booked.

Please may we ask that you check your child's balances for the various trips, clubs, water bottles and services taken to ensure that and any outstanding balances are paid accordingly.

Payment services are available for:

**NEW - Willow Swimming Lessons for Sept 2018**

**NEW - Swimming Lessons for SB & CB classes**

**Breakfast Club**

**Chill Out Zone**

Please make payments accordingly if applicable for your child. Thank you.

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### Music Lessons

**Mrs Hanson** (Music In Schools York) will be in school starting **Monday, 10 September** for music lessons from 9am.

**Mrs Edwards** (NYCC Music) will be in school to teach piano/keyboard starting **Monday, 11 September**, from 10.30am.

**Mr Morgan** will be in school next **Thursday afternoon, 13 September**, to teach guitar lessons.

Please remember your instruments next week!

**All Parents/Carers - please note:**

**North Yorkshire County Council-Music Service Tuition**

Anyone interested in music lessons provided by NYCC Music Hub please see the following website:

[www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk). If your child is interested you will be able to apply for lessons using the online form. Alternatively please telephone 01609 532 783.

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### Lost Property

As a small school, we believe that, with a little encouragement, training and support of our pupils, we are able to ensure that belongings are quickly reunited with their owners rather than being taken straight to a lost property basket. Staff will encourage and gently remind pupils to work together in looking after their equipment and clothing in school. We ask parents and

carers to ensure that **all clothing is labelled with your child's name or initials** so that, if lost, it can be easily identified. We have placed a 'Sharpie' pen by the parent/carer noticeboard inside the pupil entrance should you wish to label any items in the coming days.

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### NYCC Prevention Service

A programme of 'What's On' for September-December 2018 for Harrogate & Knaresborough areas is available on the noticeboard.

### Open Events - Secondary Schools

If we receive any High School information leaflets regarding their Open Events we will make copies available for you to collect - please check the cloakroom blue wall document holders from time to time if applicable.

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### Friday Folders

Please could you ensure that your Friday Folders are returned to the school **on Mondays of each week**. Please ask your child to hand it to their class teacher. Thank you.

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### Spotted

This week, Mr Shillito has spotted the following children in and around school this week:

**Cherry Blossom**- our fantastic new starters for such a brilliant first week in school!

**Silver Birch**- Taja-Rose for her fantastic times tables work.

**Willow**- Katie-Mae for being helpful and responsible.

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### Attendance Aces

Each Thursday, we award an attendance point to the year group with the highest attendance figure in the school.

**WOW! Congratulations to Years R,1,2,3,4&6 with 100%**

**A brilliant start! Well done!**



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Year Group	This Week (%)	Half Term Points
Reception	100	1
Year 1	100	1
Year 2	100	1
Year 3	100	1
Year 4	100	1
Year 5	99.1	
Year 6	100	1

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### SCHOOL DIARY DATES TO KEEP - 2018-2019

Swimming Lessons for Willow Class every Monday: 10 Sept-17 Dec 2018

Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2 - Wednesdays-w/c  
Mon 03 Sept: 3.30-4.30pm

Forest School After School Club-Autumn Term 1  
Thursdays 3.30-5.00pm on 13/20/27 Sept & 04/11/18 Oct

#### Autumn Term 1

Mon 10 Sept-Mon 17 Dec: Willow Swimming lessons  
Mon 10 Sept: Mrs Hanson & Mrs Edwards music lessons begin  
Mon 17 Sept: 8.30-8.45am Adventure Photography-sibling photos  
Mon 17 Sept: 9.00am Adventure Photography-individual pupil photos  
Tues 25 Sept: SB Class visit to Jorvik Centre, York  
Thur 27 Sept: 6.30-7.30pm Parent/Carer Information Evening  
Fri 5 Oct: 2.30pm Harvest service at St Peter's Church  
Mon 22 Oct: 6.00-8.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening  
Wed 24 Oct: 3.45-5.30pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening  
Fri 26 Oct: School closes for half term

#### Autumn Term 2

Mon 05 Nov: Staff Training Day-school closed  
Tue 06 Nov: School reopens to pupils  
Tue 6 Nov-Tue 13 Nov: Travelling Book Fair in school-tbc  
Wed 21 Nov: 3pm Willow class assembly  
Thur 22 Nov: 3pm Silver Birch class assembly  
Fri 23 Nov: 3pm Cherry Blossom class assembly  
Thur 13 Dec: 1.30-2.30pm Christmas Church Service & 2.30-3.30pm German Market, school hall  
Fri 21 Dec: 2pm Carols around the Christmas Tree  
Fri 21 Dec: **2.30pm** School closes for Christmas holiday (NO COZ provision)

#### Spring Term 1

Swimming for Silver Birch class every Monday: 14 Jan-08 April 2019

Mon 7 Jan: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils  
Tues 8 Jan: School re-opens  
Mon 11 Feb: 3.45-5.30pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening  
Thur 14 Feb: 6.00-8.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening

Fri 22 Feb: School closes for half term

#### Spring Term 2

Mon 04 Mar: School re-opens  
Mon 18 Mar: 3pm Willow class assembly  
Thur 21 Mar: 3pm Cherry Blossom class assembly  
Mon 25 Mar: 3pm Silver Birch class assembly  
Fri 12 Apr: School closes for Easter holiday

#### Summer Term 1

Swimming for Cherry Blossom class every Monday: 13 May-08 Jul 2019

Mon 29 Apr: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils  
Tue 30 Apr: School re-opens  
w/c 13 May: Yr6 SATs week  
Fri 24 May: School closes for half term

#### Summer Term 2

Mon 3 Jun: School re-opens  
Thur 6 Jun: Adventure Photography-class/year group photos  
Thur 13 Jun: 2pm Sports Day (reserve date Wed 26 Jun)  
Mon 17-Fri 21 Jun: Yr6 Residential-Fellside  
Wed 26 Jun: 2pm RESERVE date-Sports Day  
Fri 19 Jul: 12pm Whole School Picnic lunch (NO school lunch provision today)  
Fri 19 Jul: 1.30pm Leavers assembly  
Fri 19 Jul: **2.30pm** School closes for Summer holiday (NO COZ provision)

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#### Mr Shillito's weekly diary for Sept 2018:

w/c	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
w/c 10.09.18	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B
w/c 17.09.18	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B
w/c 24.09.18	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B
w/c 01.10.18	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B

Please note this may be subject to change