



Headteacher Mr M Shillito

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SPRING 2019 - Newsletter 1



Sicklinghall Superstars!



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

Ailsa

Verity

Oscar E

Agnes

Toby

Regan

Nick

Katie Mae

Helena



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Happy New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed a fun and festive break full of family time, relaxation and, perhaps, a lovely gift or two. We look forward to a happy and successful 2019 with plenty of achievement to celebrate.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks for the generous donations that you provided to our 'reverse advent calendar', a new initiative this school year. The gifts were donated to a cause in Harrogate that supports families in crisis and meant that children who may have had little to look forward to over Christmas had a lovely selection of gifts to open. Your generosity has made a difference to a number of children's experiences this Christmas and for this, we are truly grateful.

Allergies in School- Update

As parents and carers will be aware, we have a number of pupils in school with allergies, some of which are severe and require careful management.

In addition to the nut allergies we have in school that have been communicated via the newsletter previously, we have a pupil in Reception with a severe allergy to chocolate and products containing chocolate. This requires us to manage food in school carefully to ensure the ongoing safety of this pupil. Please be aware of this allergy when bringing in foods as a 'birthday treat' and for events such as PTFA Fairs. Staff will closely monitor food in school and take the appropriate action on days when food other than school meals is involved. If you have any questions about allergies in school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Shillito.



A VERY BIG Thank You

All of the staff would like to say a very big Thank You to the children and parents/carers for the lovely cards, kind messages, wishes and very generous gifts that were given to us. They were all very much appreciated.
Sicklinghall Staff Team

Thank You - Children's Christmas Party

What a great time the children had at their Christmas party! Thank you so much to all of the PTFA and parents/carers for their generous contributions of party food and for all of the help and support given. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and your hard work is greatly appreciated by us all.

Reminder: Parent/Carers of Yr6 Pupils Fellside Information Meeting

A reminder that there will be a joint information meeting for parents/carers of Yr6 pupils from Sicklinghall & Goldsborough schools **next Thursday 17 January 2019, 6.30-7.30pm**, in the school hall at Sicklinghall School.

World Book Day- 7th March 2019

We would like to provide advance notice of our plans to invite pupils to dress up as a favourite, famous or inspirational book character for World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. Further details on this national celebration of reading can be found at www.worldbookday.com

Please don't feel the need to spend lots of money to dress up for World Book Day. There are lots of free / cheap ways to create the outfit of a memorable book character. In the lead up to World Book Day, class teachers will be discussing characters and sharing ideas for who pupils may choose to come to school dressed as. Exciting!

Yr 4 Bewerley Park Residential - April 2019

May we remind parents/carers of Yr4 pupils that the **final balance payment of £164.39** for this residential is due in full by **Friday 1st February 2019**. Please make payments via your child's ParentPay account, thank you.

There will be a joint information meeting for parents/carers of Yr4 pupils from Sicklinghall & Goldsborough schools on **Tuesday 19 February 2019, 6.30-7.30pm**, at **Goldsborough School**.



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Topic Plans-Spring Term 1

Please find each class' topic plans for this half term attached along with today's newsletter.

Young Voices Concert - next Monday, 14 January 2019

Parent concert tickets can be collected from the school office. A signature will be required on collection - we will not be sending the tickets home with your child. Thank you.

REMINDER:

Silver Birch Class Swimming Lessons

Silver Birch class swimming lessons begin **next Monday, 14 January 2019**, up to and including **Monday 08 April 2019** (12 weeks).

The ParentPay payment service for these lessons is now available for your payments. Please remember to bring swimming kit, towel (and goggles if required) every Monday morning.

NYCC Healthy Choices Programme

The Healthy Choices Programme is a free, family-focused healthy lifestyle service for 4-19 year olds in North Yorkshire that fall above a healthy weight. Delivered over a period of up to 12 weeks, Healthy Choices provides families with the knowledge and tools to support them to make positive food choices and other lifestyle behaviour changes, using fun and engaging activities.

In order to engage in the programme, children must meet the following inclusion criteria:

- Above a healthy weight (this can be checked on the NHS Healthy Weight calculator on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator/> if height and weight is known, or by calling the Healthy Choices team on 01609 798081 for advice)

- Age 4 - 19 years (children age 4 years must be in Reception year at school)
- Resident of North Yorkshire

Families are able to self-refer via the Healthy Choices website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/healthy-choices or by ringing the Healthy Choices team on 01609 798081.

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 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:

Yr4 Bewerley Park Residential

Yr6 Fellside Residential

Swimming Lessons for W, SB & CB classes

Pupil Lunches (KS2 pupils)

Breakfast Club

Chill Out Zone

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

Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Boots!

In anticipation of the colder weather descending upon us, please can we remind all parents/carers that children need warm coats, hats, gloves and suitable wet weather footwear (wellies/boots) which should be worn for outdoor playtimes every day. Thank you.

Spotted

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

Cherry Blossom- Georgia for her daily smile and positive attitude.

Silver Birch. Freddie for his conscientious approach.



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Willow- Evelyn for her attitude to learning.

Attendance Aces

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

Congratulations to Yrs R, 1,2,4 & 6 with 100% - Well done!

Year Group	This Week (%)	Half Term Points
Reception	100	1
Year 1	100	1
Year 2	100	1
Year 3	99.1	
Year 4	100	
Year 5	98.2	
Year 6	100	1

Training Course

If interested, please see NYCC flyer on noticeboards for details of 'Preparing to Work in Schools' course.

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.

Important reminder: Please inform us of any changes to parent/carer emergency contact details; mobile or landline telephone numbers; medical conditions or medications, etc as they arise throughout the year. Thank you.

Bad Weather Arrangements

We would like to advise/remind everyone of our bad weather and winter arrangements which are outlined below:

- School will endeavour to remain open where possible during the winter months.
 - The school would need to close before the school day starts only if staff are not able to make the journey into school, meaning that there would not be enough adults to provide adequate and safe supervision of pupils.
 - The school would need to close during the school day only if conditions worsen to such an extent that journeys home for families and for staff would become dangerous.
 - Families' journeys to school are diverse, with some walking, some driving from local villages and some driving from further afield. For this reason, we ask that parents/carers take their own decision as to whether it is safe to drive to school on snowy days. If you decide not to make the journey, please inform school via a phone call or email.
 - Should school need to close, a text message will be sent to all parents/carers as early as possible. This message will also be posted on the front page of our website (sicklinghallprimary.co.uk) and broadcast on Stray FM (97.2FM).
 - Should school remain open but there is a thick blanket of snow on the ground, the playground entrance will remain closed. Pupils are therefore asked to come into school via the car park entrance, which will be supervised by a member of staff.
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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. **Please note** that this does NOT run on the last week of each full term, - ie.the last week of the Autumn, Spring & Summer term.

Forest School After School Club-SpringTerm 1 - Dates to follow from Miss Brown asap

Spring Term 1

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

Mon 14 Jan: Young Voices Concert-Sheffield Arena
 Tue 15 Jan: Deadline for YrReception applications for Sept 2019 places
 Thur 17 Jan: 6.30-7.30pm Joint Fellside Meeting for Yr6 parents/carers @ SCPS
 Fri 01 Feb: Final balance payments due - Yr4 Bewerley Park
 Fri 08 Feb: Deadline for deposit payments-Yr6 Fellside trip
 Mon 11 Feb: 3.50-5.30pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening
 Thur 14 Feb: 6.00-8.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening
 Tue 19 Feb: 6.30pm Yr4 Bewerley Park Information Evening for parents/carers at Goldsborough School
 Fri 22 Feb: School closes for half term

Spring Term 2

Mon 04 Mar: School re-opens
 Thur 07 Mar: World Book Day
 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
 Wed 17 Apr: Final balance payments due for Yr6 Fellside trip

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)

Mr Shillito's weekly diary for Jan/Feb 2019:

w/c	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
w/c 14.01.19	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B
w/c 21.01.19	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B
w/c 28.01.19	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B
w/c 04.02.19	SCPS	G'B	G'B	Offsite meeting	G'B

Please note this may be subject to change