



Headteacher Mr M Shillito

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SPRING 2019 - Newsletter 5



Sicklinghall Superstars!



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

Peter

Oscar H

Miley

Martha

Alexis

Jon

Daisy

Isabelle

Gabriella

Callum



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What a lovely time we had at Cherry Blossom Class' Reading Café this week! Pupils made brilliant versions of Rainbow Fish with help from lots of adults. Thank you for supporting the event and for helping to fire a love of reading in Cherry Blossom Class!



School Heating

We are delighted to let you know that we now have a fully installed brand new boiler! Heating will fully return on Monday morning, meaning that Breakfast Club and Chill Out Zone will return to the hall. Thank you for your patience.

Parent and Carer Forum Meeting

Many thanks to parents and carers able to attend this week's Parent/Carer forum, which focused on our maths provision. A brief outline of what was discussed is below:

Power Maths

- More difficult for younger pupils
- Comprehension of questions difficult, particularly for younger pupils
- Needs to include lots of opportunity for practical learning
- Pupils would benefit from explanation of why we are teaching maths this way.

Spelling

- Discussion around amount of spellings given
- Discussion around the merits of letting children know how many spellings they got right

Lunch

- How do we encourage children to try the different choices and not have the same (e.g. pasta) every day?

We very much appreciate your input. The above topics will be discussed with the staff team so that your views are known and to ensure that developments made to provision take into account these views.

School Council

School Council met this week but there was so much to get through that we need another meeting! We shall provide an update of what was discussed in next week's newsletter.

Please find enclosed in your Friday Folder today your World Book Day token. Tokens are valid on any dates between **Thursday 28 February-Sunday 31 March 2019**. For full details, and to find your local participating bookshop, visit:

www.worldbookday.com where you will find information about the tokens and how to use them, as well as a whole host of activities, games, ideas, events and resources to join in World Book Day Fest!

World Book Day - Potato Competition!



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Make your favourite character using a potato! This year we will be running a potato competition in conjunction with Veritas Education and other local schools.

There will be one winner from each school and the chosen winner will win a £10 book voucher! Each winner will then be put into a grand prize draw and the person who wins overall, wins their school £100 book vouchers!

Entries can be brought into school from week commencing **Monday 4 March**, the last entry date being **Thursday 7 March**. Judging will take place on Thursday 7 March and winners will be announced by Veritas Education soon afterwards.

Parents Evening Bookings - via ParentMail

Thank you to parents/carers for appointments already made. A reminder that consultation evening dates take place **next week** as below:

Monday 11 February 2019 from 3.50-5.30pm

Thursday 14 February 2019 from 6-8pm

Appointments can be made via ParentMail. You will have received an email from ParentMail notifying you that the appointments system is available.

- The Parents Evening Manager on ParentMail allows you to book your parents' evening appointments from your smartphone, tablet or computer.
- You will be alerted that you can book appointments and will then be able to select the times that are convenient to you. It's all very straight-forward, but if you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site: www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/
- Please note, you will need to be registered on ParentMail to be able to book appointments. The booking window will close 3 days before each of the Parents Evening scheduled dates.

Yr6 Fellside Residential

May we remind all Yr6 parents/carers that the £75.00 non-refundable deposit is due by **TODAY, Friday, 8**

February 2019. The final balance of £265.32 is due by **Wednesday 17 April 2019**. Please make all payments via your child's ParentPay account.

Breakfast Club & Chill Out Zone Booking Forms for Spring Term 2, 2019

Please note that booking forms for the next half term, Spring Term 2, are now available **for you to collect** from the plastic wallets in the cloakroom corridor wall holder. (they are also available for you to print from our website).

If not already done so, please complete and return **before NEXT Friday, 15 February 2019** in order for Mrs Johnson Ware, Miss Redmond & Miss Hobbs to make provisions for bookings on our return after the half term holiday, on **Monday 4 March 2019**.

Please note that two weeks' notice is required for cancellation of any bookings otherwise payment will be due.

For bookings or alterations to bookings please use **Tel no: 07342 164 297**. Thank you.

NEW - After School Garden Club, Yrs2 to Yr4

We are currently arranging a new after school Garden Club which will begin after the half term holiday. If any of our parents/carers are able to donate either of the items below we would be very grateful - please speak to either Mrs Keetley or Mrs King in school if you can help:

1. Hosepipe
2. Garden shed/storage boxes suitable for storing trugs, spades and other gardening equipment

A letter outlining the Garden Club details will be sent out over the next fortnight.

Chicken Duty - Helpers Required!

If anyone is able to help out with the chickens at weekends on the Spring term rota, please see Miss



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Bartlett. All volunteers will be greatly appreciated! They only need one visit a day for food and water topping up.

Thank you
Miss Bartlett

Egg Shop

Now that the school chickens are laying, we will begin a list of people who would like to support the chicken project, by purchasing some eggs. The eggs will cost £1.00 for half a dozen. If you are interested, Miss Bartlett will be putting a sign up sheet on the door next to the playground. As and when we fill a box, she will let the person who is next on the list know that they can come and collect their eggs.

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!

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- Clara for giving great answers to questions.

Silver Birch- Agnes for her excellent attitude to learning.

Willow- Alfie for being helpful and responsible.

Attendance Aces

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

Congratulations to Yr2 with 100% - Well done!

Year Group	This Week (%)	Half Term Points
Reception	97.3	2
Year 1	99.1	2
Year 2	100	4
Year 3	95.5	
Year 4	96.4	
Year 5	95.5	
Year 6	97.3	2

Fruit Snacks

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.

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.

Bad Weather Arrangements

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



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- 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 - Spring Term 1
 Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm: 4 sessions: 24 & 31 Jan & 14 & 21 Feb (please note the club is NOT running on 7 Feb)

Spring Term 1

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

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 & trip to Wetherby Cinema
 Mon 18 Mar: 3pm Willow class assembly
 Thur 21 Mar: 3pm Cherry Blossom class assembly
 Mon 25 Mar: 3pm Silver Birch class assembly
 Thur 28 Mar: 9.00-3.15pm Yr6 Bikeability @ GB School
 Fri 29 Mar: 9.00-3.15pm Yr6 Bikeability @ GB School
 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 Feb/Mar 2019:

w/c	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
w/c 11.02.19	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B
w/c 18.02.19	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B
w/c 04.03.19	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B
w/c 11.03.19	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B

Please note this may be subject to change