



GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL **Federation**

Half Term Newsletter: Autumn 1 **Sicklinghall Community Primary School**



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It's the end of another fantastic week at Sicklinghall. We have been starting to think about the Harvest Service and how it is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate this week's Ethos Theme of Kindness in action.



We hope to see you there – I have requested that Harvest Samba (my personal favourite!) is a song on the programme... fingers crossed!



The children are wonderful and have continued to collect Headteacher stickers as they have been so engaged with their learning this week. I also popped a few Headteacher Postcards in the post-box today...I'm hoping that everyone will receive at least one of these this year as I notice their effort and great

attitude. Watch this space!



Reminder: Information Evening for Parents and Carers- Monday 7 October 2019, 6.30-7.30pm

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 good progress in their learning at home. Teachers will run through the reasoning behind the importance of KIRFs (sometimes these can appear too easy) and the reasoning challenges for children. They will also explain the strategies that can be used at home to help children learn spelling patterns, recap the information sent home a few weeks ago about reading fluency and discuss supporting your children with reading. Our Early Years and Year 1 classes will also discuss the use of Tapestry.

We encourage all parents/carers to attend this meeting which will give you an insight into the ways in which you can support your child's progress, and strategies that can be used for getting the most from homework activities.

Parents' Evening Appointments:

As previously advised, our Autumn term parent/carer consultation evening dates have been set as:
Monday 21 October 2019 from 5.00-7.30pm
Wednesday 23 October 2019 from 3.50-5.30pm

Appointments can be made via ParentMail **from 6.00pm on Monday 7 October 2019**. You will receive 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 once 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 be open for 7 days to enable you to make an appointment (from Monday 7 to Monday 14 October).



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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.

We ask that parents/carers of children requiring medication to be administered in school arrange a time to come in to check the medication & care plans for the following:

- condition - are you happy that the medication is still in sufficiently good condition?
- expiry dates- are all of your child's medicines still in date or have they/will they soon expire?
- quantity - is there sufficient medicine remaining in school or should more be provided?
- Care Plans – are these up-to-date/still valid?

Please arrange your visit with Mrs King in the school office or your child's class teacher to make these checks on behalf of your child.

Important reminder: Contact Details



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

Polite Request about the end of the day routine:

This week, Mrs Wilcox from Sporting Influence was trying to do her after school club, but due to smaller children using the space on the playground, and picking the equipment up, it wasn't safe for her to do what was planned and the children in her club were upset that they couldn't play their usual games.



Please could I request that small children are always supervised on the playground for their safety, and that all school children are supervised and reminded to not climb the trees or stand on and jump between the table tennis tables. On evenings where there is a club outside, for safeguarding purposes, please could any conversations continue outside of the school gate so that the paid afterschool clubs (eg. Chill Out Zone), can run smoothly. The children's experiences and safety are of upmost importance to us, so I know that you will understand my request.



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Next week our Ethos Statement will be:

These weekly statements are having such a positive impact on the children. Ask your child about the messages they are learning about



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Weekly Ethos Statement



'Be the change you wish
to see in the world'.
Mahatma Gandhi



Finally, I need your help...! Do you have any of the following peculiar items lurking in your garage or loft that you could donate to school?

- An old-fashioned dial phone or novelty phone? I need 5 of these!



- Square Lego Base Plates? I need 16 of these!



- Unwanted Lego characters and Lego bricks? I need enough of these items for this secret project I am planning for the children!

If you can help with these items, please can they be sent to school no later than the 11th October.

Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks,

Miss Pickard