Infant Info
September 2024

Our School Values
Safety
Respect
Happiness
Teamwork
Effort

Welcome to the start of a new school year and a very warm welcome to all our new families. We hope your children enjoy their days at school with us. Information about your child's curriculum and all the exciting learning opportunities this term can be found on our school website.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd September 5.30pm-6.30pm	**Phonics Workshop** Come and find out about how we teach reading. There will be tips on how to help your child to become a fantastic reader. Aimed at our younger children, but all parents welcome. Please book your place via this link. Creche facility available if requested. Childminders and nursery workers are also very welcome– please let the school office know.
Thursday 3rd October (am) & Friday 4th October (am) *ALL (Classes 2-10)*	**2024 Flu Vaccination** As part of the national campaign, all children will be offered protection against the flu through a nasal spray. We strongly urge all parents to consider consenting to this to try to reduce the number of flu cases over the autumn and winter months. Parent consent forms will be sent home in due course.
Friday 11th October *ALL (Classes 1—10)*	**Be Bright Be Seen Day– wear bright colours** This is a non-uniform day when children are invited to come to school in bright clothing. They will learn about the importance of being seen by car drivers as the nights start to draw in.
Monday 14th October 2.30pm-3.30pm *ALL (Classes 1—10)*	**Drop-in session for advice and support** Family life can be challenging! Pop into our monthly family support drop-in where you can meet one of the team of friendly Children Centre's Family Coordinators for information, advice and guidance on all aspects of parenting. They will listen to your worries and explore your family's needs and agree your next steps. This will be held in school, so please come in via the school office. No appointment needed.
Tuesday 15th October & Thursday17th October 4pm—6.30pm *Classes 2—10*	**Parents Evening** There will be an opportunity to make an appointment with your child's class teacher to find out how they have settled in and how you can help with learning at home. Appointments can be booked from Tuesday 1st October through the new Arbor App. You will receive a notification in the App when the system has gone live. As this is a new system, please let the school office know if you have any difficulties!
Monday 21st October 2.15pm *ALL (Classes 1—10)*	**Children's Centre Workshop for Parents** We have arranged for the Children's Centre to give a talk to parents about supporting "fussy eaters". This will be the first in a series of regular workshops from Children Centre staff held in the school hall. Please come along if you are interested in this topic. Please book your place by clicking on this link.
Friday 25th October *Classes 5-10*	**University Day** Children in Key Stage 1 will be able to choose a new subject to study to experience a taste of what university or college might have to offer for them! We hope that the children enjoy their special afternoon.
Friday 25th October	School closes for half-term at 3.30pm.
Monday 4th November	School re-opens at 8.45am-8.55am after the half term closure.

Term Dates

	Opens at 8.45am-8.55am on the morning of:	Closes at 3.30pm on the afternoon of:
Autumn Term	Tuesday 3rd September 2024	Friday 25th October 2024
	Monday 4th November 2024	Friday 20th December 2024
Spring Term	Tuesday 7th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025
	Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025
Summer Term	Wednesday 23rd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025
	Monday 2nd June 2025	Friday 18th July 2025

Reminders.....
Have you remembered to:
*Label your child's clothes and belongings?
*No dogs are allowed on site, even if cute and carried!
*Ask your child to dismount from their scooter or bike on the school grounds? There is no scooter storage in Y1, so please use the scooter shed.

We are a **School Streets school** which means that it is illegal to drive along Princess Road (from the junction at Cliffe Road down to the junction by the junior school) between 8.15am and 9.15am in the morning and between 3pm and 4pm in the afternoon (unless you have a permit or a vehicle that falls under an exemption). Please do not attempt to drive down Princess Road during the restricted times, even on a "one off" occasion. Please inform all carers who do the school run with your child.

Academisation News

We are in currently still in the process of forming a new Multi Academy Trust with The Market Weighton School, Wyke Sixth Form College, Baysgarth School and Castledyke Primary School in North Lincolnshire.

Following the consultation, the application is still with the DfE. Please look out for a more detailed update which will be sent out soon.

Staff News

We welcome Mrs Lilly (kitchen assistant), Miss Hodson (midday supervisor), Mrs De Bruyn (midday supervisor) and Miss Speck (midday supervisor/Y2 SEND TA). Ms Park will also join Class 5 as a trainee teacher later this month. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

Mr Kirby has left his role as midday supervisor and Mrs Clegg and Mrs Bowers will be leaving their roles as midday supervisors in Y2. We thank them for all their hard work and commitment

Attendance Matters

IMPORTANT– CHANGES WITH HOLIDAYS. If you are planning a holiday during term-time, you will need to complete an Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances Form, giving us at least 7 days notice. Requests cannot be authorised retrospectively. Headteachers cannot authorise term time holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please be advised that **the local authority have made changes to the penalty notice system in line with nationwide changes and fines have been increased**. We have published information about this on our school website. For further information about term-time holidays, please see the "Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances Policy" and the updated "Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances– Information for Parents". Both are available on our website under "Virtual Office/Attendance".

Please do not make routine appointments (such as dentist check-ups) during school hours as this will affect your child's attendance. If your child needs to go to the doctors, it is best to bring them into school first to get their attendance mark and take them out later. If you arrive at 9.30am after an early appointment, this is recorded as an absence. Please show the office your appointment card or get the school's medical appointment card stamped whilst you are there and present this. Guidance from the local authority for parents about medical appointments and illness is available on our school website under "Virtual Office". **We are able to administer paracetamol without prescription. Individual sachets of Paracetamol Oral Suspension (not bottles) must be handed in to the office on the day required in a named envelope. You will be asked to fill in a** parent consent form. **These are available on our school website should you wish to pre-fill it. Please call in to the office at the end of the day to collect any unused sachets and to find out the last dosage time.**

Nut Free School



We have a small number of children in school who have a nut allergy. Please do not send in any home-made or shop bought food for sharing with the rest of the class. If your child has a packed lunch, please do not send any nuts or products containing nuts in their packed lunch. This includes peanut butter sandwiches and other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella. Any product containing nuts will be removed and given back to you at home-time. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

Dinner supervisor needed!

Please let the school office know if you are interested in applying for the role of dinner supervisor or see our website for further information and to apply.

Staff Training Day

On our recent training day, as well as preparing for the new term, teachers, support staff and dinner supervisors updated their child protection training.

Jobs across the holidays

Mr Bell has been busy painting the classrooms and school entrance to make sure the school environment stays looking smart and work has taken place to make improvements to the sensory room. Many thanks to Mrs Saltmer and partner for making this possible through fundraising and their handiwork. Our thanks also extend to Mr Bell, Mrs Allinson and Mrs Neal for all their hard work in completing their "big clean" of all the classrooms!

Do you need any additional support with your child's behaviour at home?

Family support practitioners work with you and your family when you need a bit of help to get back to a point where you can manage. Their role is to help you find out what works best for your family by developing a trusting relationship with you and identifying with you what support you need to make the changes you want. Please phone the Early help and Prevention Service on **(01482) 391700** for a consultation with one of the early help practitioners who will discuss your concerns and advise on the next steps you need to take. Early help practitioners are available Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm.

The Market Weighton Children's Centre hold Family Support Drop-In sessions every Monday between 9am-10am. We are also hosting a drop-in session on Monday 14th October from 2.30pm (see over-leaf). All welcome.