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Newsletter

We have some exciting times ahead for our children and families as teachers begin to prepare children for the new school year. All children will meet their new teacher on Thursday 5th July. They will spend the morning with them getting to know their new teacher, supporting staff and classroom. The children will bring a letter home that evening confirming their new teacher.

We welcome 2 new teachers onto the staff next academic year. We are delighted that Mr Watson, current Year 3 teacher, will be continuing to work with us from September 2018 for the academic year. A new member of staff, Helena Eckles, will also take up her role as class teacher in September. We warmly welcome them both to the school and look forward to them beginning a new chapter in their careers at Mackie Hill School.

It is with great sadness that we say 'Goodbye' to our long standing school caretaker, Mrs Roberts, this Friday. Mrs Roberts started working at the school in 1999 and has worked with many children, families and staff over the years. She has been part of our lives and adventures for over 19 years. All staff in school would like to say a huge heartfelt 'Thank you' to Mrs Roberts. She leaves school to continue working in schools as a teaching assistant, a role which we know she will succeed in and bring a wealth of experience to her new school. We wish her every success in new adventure. Thank you!

PTA

I am sure you have all seen the new PTA newsletter regarding the Summer Fayre details. As always, the team are planning a wide variety of events and activities that all families can enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there!

The PTA have also agreed to purchase a school water bottle for all children in school ready for the new school year. They will be kept in school and cleaned daily and refilled with fresh water.

You will now be able to find information on upcoming PTA events in the notice-board in the playground shelter.

Finally, the PTA are arranging an end of term Disco with 'Looby Lou'. On Monday 16th July. **Foundation Stage only** 2.30—3.30pm and **Foundation Stage to Year 6** from 3.30—4.30pm. Thank you.



Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 10th July Year 4 visit to Red Hot Buffet, Leeds
- Thursday 12th July—Summer Fayre.
- Friday 13th July -Year 2 visit to Thackray Museum.
- Monday 16th July—Year 6 Visit to Lightwater Valley.
- Monday 16th July—PTA event.
- Tuesday 17th July—EYFS educational visit to Filey.
- Wednesday 18th July - Year 1 educational visit to Yorkshire Wildlife park.
- Wednesday 18th July—KS2 evening production.
- Thursday 19th July—100% attendance outdoor cinema experience.
- Friday 20th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly. 2:15pm.

Additional details will be communicated for the events in the coming weeks.

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2018-2019 School INSET Days

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Friday 15th February 2019
- Friday 24th May 2019
- Monday 22nd July 2019
- Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Election Day Thursday 2nd May
- School closed to all pupils
except Year 6



Attendance

We are proud to announce that we have a number of children who have, to date, had 100% attendance in school for the full year. A fantastic achievement and a huge effort from the children and their families. We will continue the school tradition of randomly selecting a winner from this selection who will be given a prize scooter. Those children who have 100% attendance at the end of the year will be given a runners up gift.

We will also be celebrating those children who have 100% attendance from this term by hosting a school cinema event. This will be weather dependant, but we aim to hold an outdoor cinema experience with food, snacks and refreshments. The children will receive a letter to confirm if they have reached 100% attendance during the last week of term.



School Uniform

Unfortunately we still have a few children who are either opting out of wearing school uniform or wearing partial uniform. Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school; engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school; is practical and smart and identifies the children with the school. The uniform prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class and it should make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

We will be sending letters home to celebrate the children who wear the correct uniform all the time in school and a polite reminder for those who are not. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Zumba & Sports Day

Thank you to the PTA for funding our Zumba afternoon—we had a wonderful time and it was so nice to see parents joining in the afternoon session with us.

Congratulations to all our sporting pupils who took part in our Sports Day and a massive achievement for the Green Team who were the Sports Day winners.

Reading

Mrs Pearson has been busy purchasing new reading resources. You will start to see these appearing in our school library over the coming weeks and they will be introduced to classes for shared and guided reading as soon as possible. She is also launching a Summer Reading Challenge with exciting prizes so watch this space for further details!

Childcare

We have had an overwhelming initial response from parents requesting before and after childcare.

Discussions with the Local Authority regarding this are ongoing and I shall send home a letter with additional information as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this then please contact the school office.

Staff Vacancies

In school, we currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor for 5 hours a week to start as soon as possible.

Pinderfields Hospital Pupil Referral Unit School (which will be based on Painthorpe Lane at the previous Forestwood Children's Centre) are also recruiting for 3 lunchtime servisors for 5 hours a week to start in September 2018.

Both schools are looking for someone who can promote safe and happy lunchtimes and engage with children to enhance play and relationships.

Should you require any additional information for either of these roles please contact the school office.

School Website

The school website is currently undergoing a reconstruction.

We aim to have a fully comprehensive website which is updated regularly, is informative about school policies and procedures and celebrates the achievements of all children in school. I look forward to sharing an official launch date in the near future.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs J Elliott.