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## Newsletter



### Amalgamation Updates

We are still awaiting a formal notification from Lord Agnew regarding the school's future and the Wakefield approved amalgamation. The school was told that this notification would have been communicated over the summer break. This has clearly not happened and we have asked Wakefield Local Authority to express our concerns regarding this to officials at the Department for Education (DfE). As and when we get a definite decision we will, of course, update everyone. In the meantime, the children and staff have made a successful start to the school year and had become thoroughly immersed into engaging and exciting curriculum topics. It is always a pleasure to visit school and see happy children who are achieving well and enjoying school. *Tudor Griffiths*

### Before and After School Club

The new before and after school club was launched on Tuesday 4th September. Parents can book places for children via the school office and complete the necessary paperwork. We aim to provide engaging, fun and reliable childcare for families of our school.

**The Before School Club** is from 7:30am—8:45am

**After School Club** is from 3:15pm—6pm

### Reminder for Educational Visits

For children going on a school visit no lunch is required to be ordered. Children in key stage one who receive a universal free school lunch will receive a packed lunch provided by the school kitchen. Key stage two children will be required to take a packed lunch when they go on a school visit. For those children entitled to free school meals a packed lunch is provided by school.

### School Photographs

We are pleased to welcome *Tempest Photography* back to school to take individual and sibling photographs on **Wednesday 24th October**.

All children will have an individual photograph taken and sent home for you to see before making a purchase.

Younger (pre-school and Pre-Nursery) siblings are welcome to come to school for a family photograph this year. If you would like a family photograph please come to the School Hall at 8:30am with all your children and we shall photograph them as quickly as possible. Older siblings can then go to class for registration and have an individual photograph later in the day.

If you would like a family photograph please complete the slip below and return to school. All siblings of school age (inclusive of Nursery) will have a sibling photograph as well as an individual photograph.

I would like my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_  
who currently attend school to have a family photograph with their younger sibling(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
and I shall bring them into school together at 8:30am.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print \_\_\_\_\_

### Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 16th October**—Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings. 3:30—6:30pm. You should have already received a time for your appointment. If you haven't, please contact your child's class teacher.
  - **Wednesday 17th October**—AGM for the PTA. All welcome to attend.
  - **Thursday 18th October**—Y2 educational visit Thackray Museum
  - **Friday 19th October**—9am Year 2 Class Assembly
  - **Wednesday 24th October** —Individual and family photographs
  - **Wednesday 24th October** —Halloween Disco 3:30pm. Tickets are available from the school office.
  - **Thursday 25th October**—School Art Exhibition. Additional letter will be send home today with timings for your child(rens) class.
  - **Friday 26th October** —School closes for half term
  - **Tuesday 6th November**—Year 1 educational visit to Eureka
  - **Friday 9th November** - 9am Year 1 Class Assembly
  - **Friday 16th November**— 9am foundation Stage Class Assembly
  - **Friday 16th November**— Children In Need **Information to follow.**
  - **Thursday 29th November**— PTA Christmas Fayre
  - **Tuesday 4th December 2:30pm** — Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
  - **Thursday 6th December 2pm and 6pm**—Key Stage 2 Christmas Production
- \*Ticket information for the productions will be sent out in the coming weeks\****
- **Tuesday 11th December 1:30pm** - Key Stage 1 Christmas Carol Concert and Nativity at St James Church
  - **Wednesday 12th December 10am**— Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert and Nativity at St James Church
  - **Thursday 13th December 1:30pm**—Pocket Panto production for all children
  - **Monday 17th December**—Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
  - **Tuesday 18th December**—Early Years Christmas Party
  - **Wednesday 19th December**—Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
  - **Thursday 20th December**—Christmas Dinner! Please book your childs lunch on [www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk](http://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk)
  - **Friday 21st December**—School closes for the end of Autumn Term

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



Last week, I was delighted that our school was chosen to assist Wakefield Council in creating leaflets and posters for a new road safety campaign. Our children were exceptionally well behaved (as always) and enjoyed modelling and acting for the photographers. I shall share the completed products with you all once published. Well done!

Mrs J Elliott