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'Developing the whole child'

Newsletter Friday 6th September 2019 Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

Welcome back A very warm welcome back to a new term at school. We are welcoming 17 new children into our Reception Year, and 1 child into each of Year 4 and 5. We are delighted with how well they have already settled. Our Year 6 children are working hard to make our Reception children feel especially welcome and are supporting them in their 'buddy' role. We look forward to working with all our new families. All the children look very smart—thank you!

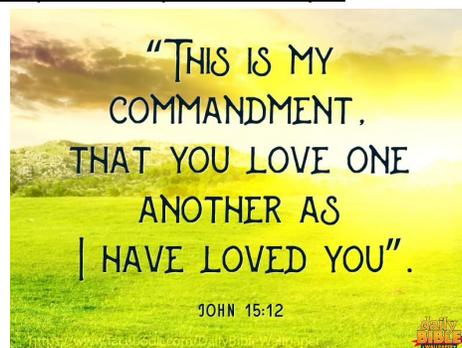
Our School Ethos and Values - 'Developing the Whole Child'

As a Church of England Aided School our Christian values are very important to our school community and underpin how we behave towards one another. This half term we are focussing on the Christian value of 'Friendship'.

Open 2 All Service St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale Sunday 8th September 3pm

Rev Yvonne invites everyone to this child friendly service, with activities for children and refreshments afterwards. We will be praying especially for our new school year. **Please bring your school bag to be blessed during the service.**

Staff in school In addition to our regular teachers and teaching assistants, Mrs Moodie and Mrs Wright continue to provide regular supply cover. Class music lessons and string and piano teaching are delivered by Mrs Jameson who is also a fully qualified primary school teacher. Mr Waters from North Yorkshire Music Service teaches flute. Mrs Thorogood is a primary school teacher and specialist sports coach who also works with us. Our clubs are run voluntarily by our school staff and by qualified sports coaches.



Mrs Butler our new school cook We welcome Jane Butler as our new school cook employed by North Yorkshire catering service. Mrs Butler comes to us as an experienced school cook and has made an excellent start getting to know all our children. **Our school menu is on our school website in the Parents section updated from the North Yorkshire catering service website.**

Special Mentions Assembly and Newsletter We have Special Mentions Assembly at 3pm every Friday and all parents/carers are welcome to join us for this in the school hall. It is an opportunity to hear more about what your child has been learning and an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and share in the success of others. Children may bring in certificates and awards achieved outside school to share with us. This newsletter is sent out every Friday and uploaded onto the school website. **If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send an email to the admin address above.**

Class letters and curriculum information All the children have class letters from their teachers telling you more about the topics they will be studying this term and about class routines. Homework, across school will go home on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. We are keen to work in partnership with parents—any queries please do ask.

Online learning As a school we are continuing to subscribe to an excellent online learning resource, ESPRESSO. Children can access this in school. To access from home:

www.espresso.co.uk/

student23945 bolton This password and login is the same for everyone as this a learning resource not a personalised learning platform.

Times Tables Rock Star children from Y1 upwards will have a login and password for this. Have fun and practice your times tables.

After School Clubs Thank you for returning your booking forms. Confirmation slips have been sent home and clubs will start on Tuesday 10th September. If your club choice was over-subscribed you will get priority next half term.

Parent pay and School lunches If your child has moved into Year 3 you will now need to pay for their lunches, either online with Parent pay or via cheque/cash to the office, £13.75 per week. The government continues to fund lunches for infant children (until end of Y2). If you want to change your lunch arrangements the kitchen/office needs a week's notice as fresh food is ordered in advance. Please speak to the office if you think your child may qualify for free school lunches. Parent pay accounts must stay in credit.

New school laptops with Friends of School Fundraising Everyone has enjoyed logging on to our new school laptops this week. Thanks to your generous support as parents we have an additional set of new laptops. Thank you to Friends of School for organising events such as our Summer Fair and Christmas raffle.



Milk and Snacks Children in Classes 1 and 2 receive free fruit each day, funded nationally. Children under 5 receive free milk. Other children in school may also have milk daily at a small cost through Cool Milk. Register online at www.coolmilk.com All children have access to water fountains; they may bring water bottles and healthy snacks for break times (fresh or dried fruit, cereal bars).

Peanut Allergies We do have children in school with peanut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with peanut butter in sandwiches or snacks.

Sports Premium Funding We value health and exercise as important to our well being and great fun too. This half term we are funding cross country and dance clubs. In lessons we have additional support to develop Reception children's fundamental skills. We aim for each child to have 2 hours of PE per week including 30 minutes of physical activity in school each day. Our children enjoy BBC Super-movers and Just Dance as ways of keeping active. Thank you to our own school staff who also teach PE and run sports clubs.

Music in school Instrumental lessons resume next week. If you are interested in your child having individual/small group lessons in either piano, violin, cello or flute please speak to Mrs Dobson. All children in class 3 will play either the cello or violin as part of their class music. School provides these instruments on loan, free of charge. Recorders continues to run as a Club on Friday morning.

Diary Dates for the term Please see the attached list of dates sent home today.

Term dates for the year can be found on our school website.

Belated thank you All the staff join me in thanking you for the very positive feedback and very kind gifts received at the end of the summer term. Last year was hugely successful for our school in so many ways. We are looking forward to another year working in partnership with you and your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Your sincerely,

Nicola Dobson