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September Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

Welcome to the new academic year. It is lovely to see everyone back at school and I hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday. The children have come back from holiday refreshed and ready to learn and we have had an excellent start to the year. A very warm welcome to our new children and their families who have just joined the school, whether that is in nursery, reception or higher up the school. We hope that your child soon settles happily into school life and we look forward to getting to know you a lot better over the year ahead.

Over the Summer we have had some building and maintenance work going on which has included a refurbishment of the girls toilets, a new fence at the side of the school and a new kitchen roof. All the work is now complete apart from a few minor details and we are pleased with the improvements.

This is my first September at the school and I am really excited about the year ahead. We have made strong links with Doncaster Rovers Football club (Club Doncaster) who will be coming into school to lead games and coaching lessons and provide some excellent after school clubs. Please sign up for these if you haven't done already. I am anticipating that they will be very popular and the numbers are restricted to 16 on a *first come, first served* basis. We are also working in partnership with North Yorkshire Music services to teach music lessons and also lead the new orchestra.

This week we also welcomed Rev. Terry Dyer to our school. We all enjoyed the worship on Wednesday led by Rev.Terry Dyer



Parent and Carer Support

It is very much our policy to welcome parents and carers into school to help in the classroom or on the times when we take the children out of school on visits. Your help is hugely valuable and I would encourage you to become as fully involved in school life as possible. If you would like to help in any way this year, or maybe know of a grandparent or someone else in the village community who may be willing to come in, please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the school office.

At the start of a new year it is good to remember our school mission statement:

Christian values are central to the life and ethos of our school and we aim to provide a curriculum that is fun, creative, enriched and challenging.

We encourage all members of our school community to develop the skills and confidence to reach their full potential in every aspect of life. We strive to provide high standards of teaching and excellent learning opportunities in a safe, friendly and supportive environment.

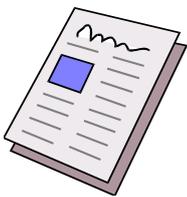
*We believe that a strong partnership between school, home, parish and community is essential to our children's development. **At Cawood, everyone matters.***

If you have any concerns, then please do come into school to share them with us as we believe that by working together we can act upon things quickly. If there is an important issue that you need to speak with the class teacher about, please contact the school to arrange a mutually convenient time when you will be able to meet. After school is by far the best time to do this as the beginning of the school day is when teachers are busy preparing lessons for the day ahead, welcoming children into class and making sure that the day gets off to a good start.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to see your child's teacher or leave a message at the school office. You are always welcome in school and we will always do our best to answer any questions or concerns to support your child's education.

Your support at home is also vital to help your child make as much progress as possible. Regular support at home with phonics and reading, spellings learning tables with regular practise and keeping your child's mental maths really sharp and on the ball all help to support the work that is done in school. Our homework policy stresses the importance of all of the above as the mainstay of the homework children complete.

Thank you to parents in Key Stage 2 for leaving your children at the outside door in the morning. It is very helpful for us and the children, for them to come in by themselves and then independently get ready for the first lesson at the start of the day.



Newsletters are sent each month and we will try to keep other letters home to a minimum. You will receive a text message to say that a newsletter has been sent and past newsletters are listed on the school website. We try to send the majority of letters out on a **WEDNESDAY** so that is the day to check book bags or the inbox.

As before, we have the facility in school to text and email you. This continues to be a useful method of getting information to you quickly, particularly when there are changes to arrangements at short notice. Please ensure that the school office has your up to date mobile numbers so that we can contact you if necessary.



Journeys to School – Cycling and Scooting

The children are welcome to continue to cycle or 'scoot' to school. Please can I remind you and your child of the simple rules of cycling to school:

1. A helmet should be worn when riding to school. **This is a requirement not an option.** Helmets can be brought into school and stored.
2. When arriving at the school gate, everyone should dismount their bike or scooter and push it around the back of school for storage. To minimise the risks of any accidents, there should be no cycling or scooting on the playground.



If you drive to school the please drive extremely carefully and park with consideration for our neighbours, particularly those on Broad Lane and Wolsey Grange.

Collective Worship



We had an excellent training day on Monday 4.11.17 learning about the new RE resource known as Understanding Christianity. We will be using this as our basis for collective worship over the year. This term we will be focusing on *a new start* in the Autumn, creation and harvest and after half term we will be continuing with the theme of creation leading into advent and then Christmas.

We very much enjoy and value class worship when parents and carers come and join us. As is our usual practice, all families are invited to share in worship both for our key festivals and when your child's class are leading the worship for the rest of the school. Collective Worship is not a performance; it is prepared by the class and their teacher rather than practised at length.

If you would like to join us you would be very welcome. There will be chairs out for you in the hall and the worship starts by 9.10am and it is usually finished by 9.30am. We vary the day of the class worship to give maximum chance for parents to attend over the year, especially if parents work on certain days. The dates for this term are on a **Wednesday** and are:

Friday	6 th October	Harvest at All Saint's Church 2pm start.
Wednesday	11 th October	Class 4 – Mrs Rawes and Mrs Tomsett
Wednesday	1 st November	Class 3– Mrs Coulthard
Wednesday	15 th November	Class 2 – Mrs Ramsdale
Wednesday	22 nd November	Class 1 – Mrs Mudge
Wednesday	6 th December	Class 5 – Mrs Walker



Our worship also picks out references to the Christian Values our Christian values of hope, friendship and thankfulness which underpin the life and ethos of the school.

The clubs start this week 11/9/17

In the case of poor weather, outdoor clubs may need to be cancelled at short notice. Please ring school to check and ensure that your child knows what to do about getting home if this happens. We will text you if a club is cancelled. We try very hard to let you know with some notice if a club is cancelled so that you can make alternative arrangements but regrettably there are times when a short notice cancellation is unavoidable.

Please return the consent form as soon as possible, indicating which clubs you are interested in for your child. Clubs are on a '*first come, first served*' basis as some do have a maximum number of places available. You will receive back a confirmation note stating the clubs your child will be attending.

Consent for School Trips

We are re-issuing our 'blanket' consent form for visits off site. You will be aware that we have to gain your consent to take the children off site, be it for a visit in the village or a trip further afield.

The 'blanket' consent will cover the following visits:

- All walks within Cawood as part of curriculum work e.g. geography, science or local history
- Visits to church for worship and as part of any RE work
- Visits to local secondary schools in Selby for STEM/Arts days
- All sports fixtures within the local Selby area (if applicable)
- Cluster school council meetings at other Selby schools (if applicable)
- Swimming lessons for children in year 4
- Bikeability when a child is in Year 6

We will continue to ask for individual consent for day visits which are further afield and the residential visit to Robinwood.

You will still be informed by the classteachers of a trip covered by the 'blanket' consent. We will tell you what it is, where and when it is happening and ask for parental help on occasions. The difference will be that we use your 'blanket' consent to give your permission rather than asking for it by means of another individual permission.

There is a form at the end of the newsletter to complete and return as the new 'blanket' consent.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding our usual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September in the school hall from 9.00 - 11.00am. All are welcome. If you could help by baking some cakes to sell (if possible with Fair Trade ingredients to help promote our Fair Trade School status) that would be very much appreciated. Any donations of cakes and biscuits can be delivered to the hall before school on Friday 29th September.

We would also welcome any volunteers to help serve and support the Year 6 children who help to host this event. Please speak with the school office if you are able to help.

General Arrangements at the start of the New School Year

<p>Water</p> 	<p>It is really important that children keep themselves well hydrated during the school day. To this end we provide water for all children at lunchtime and encourage everyone to bring a water bottle into school to keep in their classroom so that it can be accessed throughout the day. This should be taken home each night to be washed and brought back refilled for the next day.</p>
<p>Nut Allergies</p> 	<p>We have a number children in school who have very severe nut allergies – it is a life threatening condition if they eat, or possibly even touch them. It is therefore very important that nuts are not brought into school and food containing nuts is avoided in packed lunches.</p>
<p>Absence from School</p> 	<p>If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please inform us by telephone as early as possible on the <u>first day</u> of absence. You must inform the school of the reason for absence – all unexplained absences are deemed unauthorised and reported as such. You are aware of the changes to the law with regards to holidays during term time. If you have to take your child out of school during term time, please collect one of the 'Application for Pupil Leave of Absence' forms from the school office.</p>
<p>Uniform</p>  	<p>Children should not wear jewellery in school (including those children in nursery), although small studs may be worn if ears are pierced. However in the interests of everyone's safety, all children must remove earrings before indoor PE, outdoor games and swimming and <u>longer hair for boys and girls should be tied back.</u></p> <p>Nail varnish should not be worn in school.</p> <p>The correct uniform for boys and girls is as follows:</p> <p>GIRLS Grey or navy skirt or pinafore dress or grey tailored trousers White or blue blouse Navy or grey V-neck jumper or cardigan White, grey or navy socks or navy or grey tights Dark shoes NOT boots or trainers Summer dress: short sleeved, light blue and white check</p> <p>BOYS Grey trousers or shorts White or blue shirt Navy or grey V-neck jumper Dark socks Dark shoes NOT boots or trainers</p> <p>Nursery sweatshirts are available to buy. These are for nursery only and should be changed for school jumpers when a child joins Reception. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are also permitted to wear polo shirts in place of school shirts. School shirts should be worn from Year 3 upwards.</p>

<i>Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding</i>	With the changes to free school meal entitlement, it is important that anyone who would be entitled to be registered for free school meals on economic grounds still registers. This entitlement would mean that your child receives an additional funding and a reduction in the cost of, or free, residential visits. If there is anyone who thinks they may be eligible for this additional funding or you require any further details or assistance with this, then please call in or ring the school office.
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If you have anything you wish to discuss with me, please do come in and see me if I am available or make an appointment through the office.

I have enclosed below a list of term dates. As and when other activities and dates are confirmed, I will endeavour to let you know with plenty of notice.

With best wishes for a successful year ahead,

Yours sincerely,

N. B. Payling

Mr Nick Payling
Headteacher

Transition Meetings – Reminder from the Summer and up to date information

We are extending our usual practice and holding transition meetings for each class at the beginning of term. These will take place this week (11.9.17) and on different nights to try and avoid clashes for parents with children in more than one class. The purpose of these meetings is to inform you of what differs and what is similar in each class; how expectations may have changed; to update you on the maths; offer the chance for questions you may have and, most importantly, to indicate how you can continue to best support your child in their learning in the year ahead.

The meetings are as follows:

- Monday 11th September** – 3.30pm All parents of Y1 and Y2 children meet in Mrs Ramsdale’s classroom. This will be followed by KS1 Maths meeting.
- Tuesday 12th September** – 3.30pm Class 4 meeting – Mrs Rawes/Miss Tomsett
- Wednesday 13th September** – 3.30pm Reading and phonics meeting for Reception parents.
- Wednesday 13th September** – 3.30pm Class 3 meeting – Mrs Coulthard.
- Thursday 14th September** – 3.30pm Class 5 meeting – Mrs Walker
(Reception and nursery have already held their transition meetings last term)
- If you are unable to attend the meeting, please speak with the classteacher and they will be able to pass on the information which was shared at the meeting.

Holidays and Training Days 2017 - 2018

	School closes	School re-opens	Training Days
Autumn		Tue 5 Sep 2017	Friday 1 Sept 2017 Mon 4 Sep 2017
Autumn Half term	Fri 20 Oct 2017	Mon 30 Oct 2017	
Christmas	Fri 22 Dec 2017	Tue 9 Jan 2018	Mon 8 Jan 2018
Spring half-term	Fri 09 Feb 2018	Mon 19 Feb 2018	
Easter	Thur 29 Mar 2018	Tue 17 Apr 2018	Mon 16 Apr 2018
May Day	Mon 7 May 2018		
Summer Half-term	Fri 25 May 2018	Mon 4 Jun 2018	
Summer	Fri 20 Jul 2018		Mon 23 Jul 2018

Parent Helpers 2017 - 2018

I can help with:	Please tick	Regularly	Occasionally	
<i>Classroom activities</i>				
<i>Educational visits</i>				
<i>Reading with children</i>				
<i>Activities at home e.g. preparation of resources /collating vouchers, etc</i>				

Signed: _____

Parent/Carer of: _____

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If you are able to help with transport to and from selected sporting events this term, please complete the form and return to the school office. On return of the completed form, you will be asked to complete a Validation of Voluntary Vehicle Use, and a copy of your current vehicle insurance documents and driving license will be taken. We thank you for your ongoing support.

I am able to help with transport

Parent/Carer name _____

Signature _____

AFTER SCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME CLUBS - Autumn Term 2017

Day	Club	Key stage and classes	cost	Max. Number
Monday lunchtime	GARDENING CLUB Mrs Sykes and Mrs Kershaw	YR1, YR2, YR3	Free	-
Monday evening	ART Key Stage 1 Mrs Hodgson	Class 1,2 and 3	Free	8
Monday evening	Netball Mrs Hornsby	KS2	Free	14
Wednesday Lunchtime	Choir Key stage 2 Mrs Rawes	All KS 2 classes	Free	20
Wednesday Lunch time	Strings (String ensemble) Mr. Payling	All classes	Free	5
Wednesday evening	Full orchestra NYCC Music service	KS 1/KS 2	£12 for 6 weeks	20
Wednesday evening	Girls /Boys Football club Key stage 2 Club Doncaster Foundations Schools Programme	KS 2	£12 for 6 weeks	16
Wednesday evening	Multi Sport Club Doncaster Foundations Schools Programme	KS1/KS 2	£12 for 6 weeks	16
Thursday evening	Girls /Boys Rugby club Club Doncaster Foundations Schools Programme	KS 2	£12 for 6 weeks	16
Thursday evening	Girls /Boys Football club Key stage 1 Club Doncaster Foundations Schools Programme	KS 1	£12 for 6 weeks	16
Thursday evening	Recorders Mrs Walker	KS 2	Free	16

Name

Class

Please indicate which clubs you are interested in. After school clubs are indicated in bold type.

I agree to my child participating in the activities described. For after school clubs:

My child will walk home
(Please tick)

My child will be collected
(Please tick)

Signed

Blanket Parental Consent for an Off Site Visit

Consent for Participation on a Visit

Name of Pupil: _____

I agree to my child (named above) taking part in:

- All walks within in Cawood as part of curriculum work e.g. geography, science or local history
- Visits to church for worship and as part of any RE work
- Visits to local secondary schools in Selby for STEM/Arts days
- All sports fixtures within the local Selby area (if applicable)
- Cluster school council meetings at other Selby schools (if applicable)
- Swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2
- Bikeability when a child is in Year 6

I acknowledge the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on his/her part. I understand that there is some level of risk in every activity but that this visit will be managed to minimise the risks involved.

If there are any activities in which your child cannot participate, please give details below:

Emergency Contact Numbers

We will use the contact details and medical information held on your child in school unless you state otherwise by letting us know in writing. Please ensure that these contact numbers are kept up to date.

Declarations and Consent

I undertake to inform the school in writing as soon as possible of any change in the medical or other circumstances which may affect my child on a visit covered by this 'blanket' consent.

Signed: Name: (Parent/Carer)

Date:

Date	Event
	<i>Week beginning 11th September</i>
11 Sept	After school clubs start this week
11 Sept	3.30pm transition meeting – Y1 and Y2 meet in Mrs Ransdale’s room followed by KS 1 Maths meeting.
12 Sept	3.30pm - Class 4 transition meeting – Mrs Rawes and Mrs Tomsett. Meet in Class 4
13 Sept	3.30pm Reading and phonics meeting for Reception parents. Meet in class 1
13 Sept	3.30pm Class 3 transition meeting – Mrs Coulthard and Mr Payling. Meet in class 3 This will be followed by a key stage 2 maths meeting.
14 Sept	3.30pm Class 5 Transition meeting – Mrs Walker. Meet in class 5
15 Sept	Final Robin Wood residential payment
20 -22 Sept	Y6 Residential to Robin Wood – The Old School - Todmorden
22 Sept	Book fair 8.30am – 9am
25 -26 Sept	Book fair 3.30pm – 4pm (25 th and 26 th)
26 Sept	Year 2 and Year 3 Stockbridge 1pm – 3pm
29 Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
06 Oct	2pm Harvest Festival Celebration – All Saints Church
06 Oct	1.30pm – 3pm Quicksticks Hockey, Y3/Y4 squad of 6 (selected pupils) At Selby High School
11 Oct	Class worship Class 4
18 Oct	3.40pm – 6pm Parents Evening
19 Oct	4pm – 6.30pm Parent Evenings
19 Oct	1pm – 3pm Girls Football Competition, Y5/Y6 (selected pupils) Venue to be confirmed
23 – 27 Oct	Autumn half term holiday
1 Nov	Class worship – Class 3
7 Nov	1.15pm – 2.45pm Cross Country, Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6, (selected pupils), Brayton High School
15 Nov	Class worship – Class 2
22 Nov	Class worship – Class 1
27 Nov	1.30pm – 3pm, Sportshall Athletics, Y5/Y6, Max. no. 30 includes 15 boys and 15 girls Selby High
Dec.6	Class worship – Class 5
	Future confirmed dates
22 Dec	The last day of the Autumn term
22 Dec - 5 Jan	Christmas holiday
8 Jan 2018	School development training day
9 Jan 2018	School opens for the start of the Spring term
22 Jan	1pm – 3pm Swimming/Multi skills KS2 4 Boys and 4 girls (selected pupils) Selby leisure centre

Midday supervisor vacancy

There is a vacancy for a midday supervisor. Please let the office know if you are able to come in and support us in taking on this important role in school. We really need someone to come in and supervise the children on a Thursday and Friday lunchtime for roughly an hour a day. This is also a good way to get to know more about the school and would be great experience for anyone interested in working in school or with children in the future.

Telephone: **01757 268368**