



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

Although our next Newsletter will be shared a week on Friday, I felt it is important to share some important information with you at this stage, especially as I would like to highlight the change to the start and finish times for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 after the Easter holidays. Having looked at timetabling, together with trying to minimise parking congestion, it has been decided that EYFS and Key Stage 1 will start their school day at 8.45am and will therefore finish at 3.15pm. Key Stage 2 will start at 9.00am and will finish at 3.30pm. Please note that children are not supervised on the playground until 8.35am. After School Key Stage 1 Clubs (staff-run and Mr Cairns' clubs) will be from 3.15 – 4.15pm and After School Key Stage 2 Clubs will be from 3.30 – 4.30pm. There is no change to the timings of wraparound care.

Class	School Start Time	School Finish Time
Derwent / Foss (EYFS/KS1)	8.45am	3.15pm
Ouse / Rye (KS2)	9.00am	3.30pm

Can I remind you that **Monday 25th April is now a Staff Training Day. The children return to school on Tuesday 26th April**, when these new timings will commence. As we are revisiting our school timetable, we will also be starting teaching our youngest children (pupils in EYFS and Year 1) phonics through a new recommended phonics scheme called Little Wandle. Parents of children in Derwent and Foss Class will be receiving a letter with more details about this later this week.

There will be a slight change to Celebration Assemblies. These will continue to run on a fortnightly cycle and you will be notified as usual about this via a slip from the teacher. Key Stage 2 children's Celebration Assembly will run after drop-off time, just after 9.00am until approximately 9.25am. Key Stage 1 children will now be having their Celebration Assembly still on a Friday but during the afternoon, before pick-up at 2.50pm to 3.10pm. I hope this does not cause too much inconvenience, especially for the afternoon assembly however I am doing everything I possibly can to reduce congestion outside the school gates. To this end, you may have noticed a member of staff from the NYCC Integrated Passenger Transport Team outside school. This followed a complaint issued by the bus company that provide school transport. The parking situation outside school will always remain a challenging one. However, the safety of our school

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community outside the school at these key times must remain a priority. The team are considering a change to the markings outside the school gate and our school Health & Safety Advisor also visited to assess the situation. His initial reaction was regarding the length of time some cars remained parked outside schools whilst parents were dropping children off. Whilst I fully appreciate the need to bring children on to the playground, especially the youngest members of the school, I would be extremely grateful if this could be done as swiftly as possible in order to leave a parking space free for another parent to use. This will be especially important after Easter when our youngest children will be dropped off first. Whilst remaining on the matter of parking, I spoke to John Wilson, who runs the farm which uses the lane on the corner opposite the school playground. He was very understanding about the need to park there. However, when he is expecting deliveries, he will be letting us know and we will be asking people to park elsewhere.

On a completely different note, Rye Class are going to be organising a stall to raise money which will be sent to the Ukrainian appeal. The stall is going to be held on the last week of term on Tuesday 4th April, within the school day. This is going to be organised and run by the children themselves and they will be sending out information nearer the time.

Finally, it is the Parent Forum this Friday in school at 2.15pm. Do join me for that if you are able or let us know if you would like anything in particular discussed at the meeting.

Kind regards,

Rachel Ray
Headteacher