

"All Learning Together"

## Newsletter

### Friday 14th September 2018

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#### Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Newsletter of this academic year! It has been an absolute pleasure seeing all the children back in school and also welcoming our new pupils to Langton. The photo to the right was taken this morning during the visit from Kevin Hollinrake, MP for Malton and Thirsk, to the school. I was delighted when one of the children informed Mr Hollinrake that their favourite thing about school was their friendships. I have seen some really super examples of our children being good friends to one another, in particular, our year 6 buddies, and it's truly the ethos at Langton that we are so proud of.



This Newsletter contains a long list of dates for the term. Please make a note of them. It also highlights how busy we are going to be! Our first event, Bag Packing at Morrisons, happens tomorrow and has been organised by FoLS. My thanks to Annabelle, Hayley and the team for arranging this. At the end of last term, I mentioned that some of the FoLS committee would be stepping down from their roles this year. We have been very lucky to have had such a proactive group who have done an amazing job organising our fairs and other fundraising events. Some of the committee are staying on but we really do need some new members. On Friday 28th September, the FoLS committee are organising a Tea & Coffee session in the hall to welcome our new parents to the school. If you are a new parent (or indeed an old one that has been here for a while but just fancies a cuppa) please do join us for a cup of tea and a cake at 2.30pm before pick-up time. This Tea & Coffee afternoon will be followed, for those who can stay, by a short FoLS meeting at 3.30pm. I am organising some childcare for the duration of the meeting for those of you who would like to come to the meeting and have younger children. Please let me know if you would find this useful.

Our School Book Fair arrives on Wednesday 26th September. There will opportunity after school on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Tuesday (2nd October) to have a look at the books in the hall after school. It has become tradition when we have the Book Fair to have Grandparents (or Aunts, Uncles, family members or friends) come into school, look at the books and read with their grandchildren. This year, this session will take place on the morning of Thursday 27th September. We are going to run it in conjunction with a Macmillan Coffee Morning. We invite grandparents of children in Class 1 between 9.00 and 9.45am, Class 2 between 9.45 and 10.30am and Class 3 between 10.30 and 11.15am. There is no need to book, please just drop in and enjoy reading the books with your children and having a cup of tea and cake at the same time. There is the opportunity to buy books from the Book Fair also.

On Monday morning, Mr Conlan, who teaches the piano and singing, is coming in to our assembly and is going to be playing us some of his favourite pieces of music. If you would like your child to participate in any of our music lessons, there is more information about this in the Newsletter.

Mrs Goodwill has been doing a sterling job since we came back with all the school dinners she is making. For those of you sending in packed lunches, one of our pupils has recently been diagnosed with a serious nut allergy. Please be aware of this and please do not send any nuts into school. Many thanks for your help with this.

Finally, I have spoken to Mr Hollinrake today about the parking situation outside school. He is going to chase this up with the Council, however we still need to look at ways we can reduce the congestion at drop off and pick up times. A few suggestions have been put to me regarding solutions to the parking issue. I will write a letter next week specifically about this but if any other people have comments or suggestions, please let me know so I can take these views into account.

As always, please do contact me if you have any queries or questions. I sense it's going to be a very exciting year ahead!

Very best wishes,

Rachel Ray

#### <u>Attendance</u>

The figures for the past 2 weeks are;

| <b>Reception</b> : | 92.9% |
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| Year 1:            | 93.4% |
| Year 2:            | 97.1% |
| Year 3:            | 99.4% |
| Year 4:            | 96.9% |
| Year 5:            | 93.0% |
| Year 6:            | 89.9% |

<u>Well done to Year 3</u>

for having the best attendance!

#### FoLS Update

Attendance

First of all a huge thank you everyone who has signed up to pack bags in Morrisons tomorrow for our first fundraiser of the year. The funds raised from events like this go towards buying extra science, art and sport equipment, as well as educational school trips and events in school.

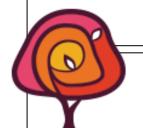
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Our first meeting of the year is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30 to 4.15pm. School have kindly volunteered to look after children during this time. Please come along if you are able, meet other parents and share your

fundraising ideas. There are a few members of the FoLS team who are having to take a step back this year so new faces and help however much or little will make a big difference.

FoLS will be running a second hand uniform stall on Friday 28th September in the school hall from 2.30 to 3.30pm, alongside the **tea/coffee/social afternoon**. If you have any uniform you wish to donate, please drop it off at school during the week commencing 24th September.



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#### <u>Ryedale Book Festival</u>

On Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd September the Ryedale Book Festival returns to Malton with plenty of entertainment for children and adults.

Langton's Key Stage 1 children will be enjoying The Story Orchestra on the morning of Friday 21st, whilst Key Stage 2 are attending a workshop with Cressida Cowell during the afternoon. On Friday from 4.30 Cressida Cowell will be signing books before a

showing of the film "How to Train Your Dragon" at 5pm in the Milton Rooms; and on Saturday there are a number of wizard and dragon themed events aimed at primary and pre-school children.



On Friday evening for adults there is an evening of music and conversation with Former Home Secretary Alan Johnson as he discusses his latest memoir, and there are several adult author events throughout the day on Saturday.

Please go to <u>https://</u> ryedalebookfestival.com/events/ for

more information and to book tickets.





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#### Staff Training Days:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Monday 7th January 2019 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 Monday 29th April 2019 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

| HOLIDAY DATES 2018-2019 |   |  |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| HOLIDAY                 | Last Day At School                      | First Day Back                         |  |
| Summer 2018             | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018       | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 |  |
| Autumn half-term        | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018    | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018   |  |
| Christmas 2018          | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018   | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019   |  |
| Spring half-term        | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2019 | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019      |  |
| Easter 2019             | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019      | Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019    |  |
| May Day                 | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019         | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019       |  |
| Summer half-term        | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019        | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019       |  |
| Summer 2019             | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019       |  |  |

#### \*\*\* IMPORTANT PARENTPAY UPDATE \*\*\*

ParentPav A very big thank you to all our new parents who have activated their ParentPay accounts. The accounts are important in that we use them to charge for meals, clubs and trips, but as from this September, they are even

more important in that we are now using them to get consent from you for children's attendance on trips. Our existing parents will have noticed that the recent trip letters did not have reply slips attached. Using ParentPay this way alleviates the need for as many pieces of paper going backwards and forwards and we will be able to do this for free trips as well as paid for ones. We do need consent for all children to attend the Ryedale Book Festival trips on Friday 21st September, so if you have not yet done so, please do log on and give your consent as soon as possible, as we cannot take children on the trip without it.

Dinner money should be paid for in advance of dinners being taken so that there is always a balance on the account to debit dinners against. Next week, after school sports clubs will also be added to your account so please watch out for those. If you have any gueries or issues, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Sam.

#### Flu Immunisation

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This year, all children in Reception to Year 5 inclusive are being offered the opportunity to have the Flu Immunisation in school, administered by the School Nurses. Parents received an email at the start of term containing a link to the online consent form. If you would like your child to receive the immunisation (the School Nurses will be here on Monday 10th December) , please complete the consent via this link, <u>www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent</u> as soon as possible as the portal for consent will be closing at the end of



#### Thank you for the music!

Calling all budding Guitarists! Dan Hardcastle runs guitar lessons in school on Fridays. If you're interested in your child joining (age 6 and over), or would like further information about costs, contact Mr Hardcastle by email daniel.hardcastle@hotmail.co.uk or call 07921 845692.

Pupils also have access to both piano and violin lessons. Mr Nick Thompson teaches both violin and piano on Wednesdays (contact him on 01653 693730, email thompson896@btinternet.com) for further information. Mr Ian Conlan also comes into school on Mondays to teach piano. He can be contacted on 07977425422 or via ianconlan1@gmail.com.

#### West Buckrose Junior Choir

The West Buckrose Parish of Anglican churches in our area are launching a Junior Choir at 6.30pm-7.30pm on Tuesdays term time starting straight away at Langton church, with the aim of having fun together, whilst gaining confidence singing and offering our talents in worship at services in local churches including Leavening, Langton, Settrington and surrounding villages. We are actively encouraging parents to join in and sing alongside the children for a fun family sing. Our existing experienced all age choir joins us at 7pm for



part singing and to give us that extra boost that comes from singing in a bigger choir. By rehearsing in one central location we hope to bring together children from all the primary schools in the area. We have an award scheme with medals that children can work towards to reward them for commitment whilst teaching valuable musical, vocal, and other skills such as teamwork and performing skills. In Langton on the 2nd Sunday of each month, and Leavening church on the 4th Sunday of each month, there are regular child friendly and modern services which we hope to contribute to, and other churches on a rotational basis including Christmas services. You can just turn up and try, or contact Ian Conlan the Choir Director at <u>ianconlan@gmail.com</u> or telephone 01653-690831 or 07977-425422 for more information.



#### North Yorkshire Year 6 parents—Application for County Council Secondary School places

All Year 6 parents were this week, emailed a copy of a letter from North Yorkshire County Council regarding applications for Secondary school places for start in September 2019 (a copy of which can be found on the Langton School website under News & Events / Letters). Please be aware that the deadline for applications is Wednesday 31st October. As outlined in the letter, all the information on how to apply is available at <u>www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions</u>. Applications can be submitted online as from 12th September 2018.

#### Anybody got a garage?!

A toy one, that is! Class 1 would be very grateful to anyone that might have a toy garage, in tip condition, that they no longer



need. A very good home is waiting for it in the Class 1 play area. Thank you very much!



#### Secondary School Open Evenings

Both Malton School and Norton College are holding Open Evenings for parents (especially those of Year 5 and 6 pupils) during September. The application window for Year 7 places for next year is now open so both events provide a 11-19 School & Sixth Form Centre great opportunity for parents and pupils to have a look a round prospective schools.



Norton College are holding their Opening Evening on Wednesday 26th September, starting at 6.30-8.30pm. Malton School are holding their Open Evening on Thursday 27th September, from 6.30—9.00pm.

#### School Dinners

The children are all tucking into their delicious school lunches with gusto. Please http://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/northyorks/primary-schools/about-us/ see menu/ for details of this term's menu. Please note that pasta or jacket potatoes are available as an alternative to the menu, but please give Mrs Goodwill as much



notice as possible, of any changes, and at least 24 hours, as we are not able to substitute a meal on the day.

School dinners for the first half of the Autumn term are £91.65. This must be paid in advance, either weekly, half termly or termly through your ParentPay account. A reminder for all those bringing in packed lunches that we have a nut free policy at Langton and ask that you please do not send nuts to school. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

#### Dates for your diary

FoLS Bag Packing at Morrison's KS2 Football @ Malton Sport Centre KS1 Book Festival trip—The Story Orchestra KS2 Book Festival trip—Cressida Cowell Tag Rugby at Weaverthorpe (Yrs 2, 3 & 4) Travelling Book Fair arrives in School Norton College Open Evening Grandparents Reading Session Malton School Opening Evening (Yr 5/6 parents) New Parents Tea & Coffee afternoon Short FoLS Meeting Harvest Festival @St Andrew's Church The P Factor Sponsored Welly Walk Parent's Evening s

End of Half Term Back to School STEM Fair @ Malton School (Year 5) Prospective Parents open Afternoon School Photos (individual & siblings) Remembrance Service on Langton Village Green Flu immunisations (Rec—Year 5) KS1 Nativity Play Class 2 @Hope Central Christmas Experience Christmas Carol Service @St Andrew's Church End of Term

Saturday 15th September Wednesday 19th September, 1.00-3.00pm Friday 21st September, 10.00am-Noon Friday 21st September, 1.00-2.30pm Monday 24th September, 3.30pm Wednesday 26th Sept — Tuesday 2nd Oct Wednesday 26th September, 6.30pm Thursday 27th September Thursday 27th September, 6.30-9.00pm Friday 28th September, 2.30pm Friday 28th September, 3.30pm Monday 8th October, 9.15am Friday 19th October Tuesday 23rd October (afternoon) Wednesday 24th October, 3.30-6.00pm Thursday 25th October, 4.00-7.00pm Friday 26th October Monday 5th November Wednesday 7th November Wednesday 7th November, 1.15-3.00pm Friday 9th November Friday 9th November, 10.50am Monday 10th December Wednesday 12th December, 2.00 & 6.00pm Thursday 13th December (morning) Thursday 20th December, 9.15am Friday 21st December

#### Staff Training

| Mrs Conroy (Sam!)       | Admin Conference                        | Tuesday 25th September       |
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| Miss Boyle              | Forest Schools training @West Heslerton | Friday 28th September (pm)   |
| Mrs Ray                 | Headteacher Meeting                     | Wednesday 3rd October        |
| Staff Twilight Training | Session — Compass Buzz                  | Wednesday 3rd October        |
| Mrs Laverack            | Primary English Leaders Network         | Friday 5th October           |
| Mrs Ray                 | Primary Leadership Network              | Tuesday 9th October          |
| Mr Walker               | Primary Maths Leadership Network        | Tuesday 6th November         |
| Staff Twilight Training | — White Rose Maths                      | Monday 12th November         |
| Mrs Ray                 | Esk Valley Alliance Partner Meeting     | Wednesday 14th November (pm) |
| Mrs Tetlow              | Mastery of Maths for EYFS               | Tuesday 27th November        |
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#### <u> Governing Board Meetings — Autumn Term 2018</u>

| Full Governing Board | Thursday 20th September, 6.30pm |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Finance Committee    | Tuesday 2nd October, 8.30am     |
| Full Governing Board | Thursday 6th December, 3.30pm   |

# MALTON CASTLE GARDEN

PENMORNING

Saturday September 15th

10 an - 1pm

Children's activities, various stalls, refreshments available Come and enjoy Malton's Sec et Garden'

Free entrance from Castlegate or Orchard Field