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## **SEPTEMBER 2018**

September has arrived! I hope you've all enjoyed the time off school and are equally ready to come back. It's great to be back at school with so many exciting things planned for the year ahead.

Hopefully this newsletter will give you some important information about plans for the half-term and a useful dates list.

### **Contact details/medical information**

It is important we have up-to-date information about your child, including emergency contact details (more than one contact and at a different address where possible) and medical information; it is to help to ensure we can keep your children safe. This is even more important now following the publication of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2018' and the guidance this gives to school. Office staff will soon be sending home contact details for you to check.

Please also make sure we have correct mobile telephone numbers to enable you to receive text messages from school.

### **Thank you to Glaxo volunteers**

Once again, I send out a big 'thank you' to the volunteers from Glaxo and their 'Orange Day'. This year, Glaxo helped out with painting in many areas around school and with gardening in the outside areas. We hope that later in the year we can organize 'Love your School' days when we will ask for volunteers to come and help look after our school.

### **Uniform**

The children look very smart on arrival back to school. Smart uniform and pride in appearance help to set the tone for our expectations regarding learning and behaviour in school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of a few of the features of the uniform policy here at Askam Village School.

- Children should wear plain black shoes (unless there is a medical reason). If for some reason your child cannot wear their black shoes, please send in a note. If children come to school in any other footwear, they will be asked to change into their P.E. pumps during the school day, or alternatively wear a spare pair from school.
- If children have their ears pierced, earrings should be a single stud. Children should be able to take their own earrings out for P.E. (they cannot be taped over)
- Long hair needs to be tied back. Children should not have their hair shaved with patterns/pictures.
- Children should not wear nail varnish and/or make-up for school, and they will be asked to remove it if they come to school wearing either.
- PE Kit consists of burgundy shorts and t-shirt, with plimsolls and/or trainers. Occasionally, if activities are taking place outside in winter and it is very cold, pupils can wear additional clothing suited to the activity. Normally, however, they should just wear their PE Kit.

Each year we end up with an enormous pile of lost property which must cost parents hundreds of pounds.  
**Please make sure your child's uniform is labelled with their name making it much easier for us to return it.**

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



## **Can you spare some time?**

If anyone has a spare morning/afternoon they could come and volunteer in school, we would be very grateful. This might involve listening to readers, an art activity with a group, helping with computers or perhaps baking. If you are interested, please speak to a member of staff. Where volunteers work with children, we would require an enhanced DBS check (this used to be CRB).

## **Class letter**

As ever at the beginning of the term, there will be various pieces of paper coming home including the first letter from your child's teacher. This will give you valuable information about homework, timetables, rewards and sanctions, curriculum for the term and ways in which you can help your child. You will also receive a jigsaw outline of the curriculum your child will be following for the first term.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Askam Village School have registered to hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September 2018. Please put this date in your diary. Further details to follow.

## **Homework**

Children in Years 1 to 6 will all be receiving their homework on a Friday (starting Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September) and it should be returned to school by the following Wednesday allowing teachers time to mark and set new homework.

One piece of homework will be spellings which will be tested on a Friday. Children will receive a sheet with spellings to learn using the look, say, cover, write, check method which has proven to be effective. There will also be another piece of homework. Usually on week 1, children will receive spellings and maths homework and on week 2, spellings and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar).

Please also take any opportunity to read to your child or ask your child to read to you. We are continuing our Reading Stars initiative too which was very successful last year.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year. Please come and see us or make an appointment through the school office if you have a question or concern.

Best Wishes,



Mrs. Fiona Newton Headteacher

**Please note that this is the last hard copy newsletter that we will send home, unless you have specifically asked for a paper copy. All newsletters will be sent via email and are also available on our Website. If you do not receive one via email please let us know.**

See next page for dates for the first half-term



## Dates for the Autumn Term 2018

Week beginning	Special Events/ Dates
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	INSET
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Children back to school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Swimming week 1 of 10 Years 5 and 6
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PTA Meeting 7pm, All welcome.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning time tbc
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parental consultations this week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	M and M Productions – Robin Hood (R to Y6) <b>£1 donation per child please to contribute towards the cost</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest parents 2pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Community 2pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Class assembly (class tbc)

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Half-term
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School photographs
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning for prospective Nursery and Reception parents/children
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rec – Year 5 Nasal flu immunisations
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Road Safety Week
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Swimming 10 – last swimming session for Years 5 and 6
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class assembly (class tbc)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas performances this week
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Pens Wednesday
Friday 14th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas parties this week
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Finish 2pm today for Christmas, non-uniform

