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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Warmsworth Primary School! It has been so lovely to see all the children (and their parents and carers) back at school. We have been so impressed by how all children have settled into school, particularly our new starters in Foundation One and Foundation Two.

School Spider App



Please could I remind all parents that all communication from school is provided through the School Spider App.

We will be moving to **electronic communication only** from next week, so it is important everyone has the app, otherwise important notifications may be missed.

In order for you to receive these communications, we need your current email address. If you change your email address or wish to check which one you have provided, please see one of our office members so they can change it or check it for you. You may provide more than one email address so all parents / carers receive our communications via the app.

If you are new to our school, or haven't already downloaded the School Spider App, please do so as it is directly linked to our school website - this will make sure you have all the latest updates and information. The School Spider App is available on both Apple and Android devices.

Staffing Update

This September, we have welcomed several new members of staff to the team: Mr Anderson has eagerly taken up his post as Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for our Key Stage Two pupils, the curriculum and as a year 6 teacher. Mrs White has returned to school in her new post as year 4 teacher and Miss Adams has started in her new role as year 5 teacher. We have also welcomed Mrs Sari, Mrs Lee and Mrs Terepko onto the school support team and Miss Rush has joined our inclusion team.

Keeping in touch

You will soon be receiving your child's emergency contact form to complete or check - these letters will be handed directly to your child and may be found in their book bags or school bags. Please make sure the emergency contact is completed and returned to school, as soon as possible.

Safeguarding guidance recommends that schools hold up to **3 emergency phone numbers for different adults**. The guidance also recommends that schools should take immediate action when contact cannot be made with a parent on the first day of a child's absence, so please help us by phoning in as soon as possible to inform us of your child's absence.

Please ensure you add an email address to the contact form, if we do not currently have one. If you would like other adults to receive notifications etc, please add their email addresses to the form too. This will enable us to go paperless and keep you fully informed.

We appreciate that some of you may not be able to speak to the class teachers at the start of the day. Should you need to speak to the class teacher, please contact school and they will ring you back as soon as possible. Should you need to speak to anyone further, please contact Mrs Sharp (Foundation Stage One and Two) or Miss Nithsdale (Key Stage One) and Mr Anderson (Key Stage Two). Please note that the school office is only open from 8.30am and 4.30pm (8.30am to 4pm on a Friday), and we are unable to take calls outside of these hours, but you may leave a message on the answering machine at any time.

Parents Progress Meetings

We will be inviting all parents/carers to come and speak with the teacher at Progress Meetings about your child on Monday 10th October and Tuesday 11th October. This will give you the opportunity to formally discuss how your child has settled into school etc.

School Improvements over the summer holidays

Over the summer holidays, we have continued to improve our school building and environment for our children. The lighting in the Foundation Stage and year 1 building has been upgraded, the flooring has been replaced in F1 (Nursery) and the outside area has been improved, the children's toilets in FS2 (Reception) and year 1 have been refurbished and we have developed an all-weather seating area outside our woodland area for all classes to use. We are very proud of our school environment and the care our children show towards it.

School Improvement Priorities

School priorities are determined with regard to the following: outcomes of the school's rigorous self-evaluation systems, government/LA initiatives, data analysis, consulting with children and parents, both formally and informally and embedding successful school initiatives which warrant further development.

Our key priorities identified for improvement over this coming school year are:

Quality of Education

- To further improve writing fluency to ensure all children can achieve end of key stage outcomes.
- To further improve number fluency to ensure all children can rapidly recall number facts to support their learning.
- To ensure that children benefit from structured metacognition strategies across sequences of learning in order to ensure sustained progress.

Behaviour and Attitudes

- To ensure identified children attend school regularly to maximise their progress and attainment.

Personal Development

- To further develop children's aspirations to motivate them to become life-long learners

Leadership and Management

- To further increase the proportion of outstanding learning and teaching in our school

Early Years Education

- To ensure all children across the foundation stage make good or better progress from their starting points
- To further improve provision to develop independent writing skills.

Healthy Learning Healthy Lives

Please could we remind everyone that as part of our commitment to our 'Healthy Learning, Healthy Lives' accreditation, we do not hand out sweet treats or gifts brought into school by children when it is their birthday etc. However, if parents and their children wish to hand out these gifts to parents and their children at the end of the school day, then you may do so.

School Council Elections

Elections are currently taking place for our school councils: Sports Council, Enterprise Council, Eco Council and Reading Ambassadors. I will share the names of those who are successfully elected in my next newsletter.

Uniform

Thank you for sending the children back to school in the correct uniform - especially **black** footwear; they all look so smart. Children may come to school wearing a watch and one pair of stud earrings (although these must not be worn on PE days) but must not wear make-up, nail varnish or other jewellery items.

Attendance & Punctuality

This year we are continuing to aim for our target of 97% and this is reflecting in attendance being one of our target priorities.

Please read the attached letter - regarding unauthorised leave and irregular attendance at school. Headteachers cannot grant leave of absence during term-time, unless there are exceptional circumstances, which are listed on the absence from school letter. **Please note being self-employed is not regarded as 'exceptional circumstances'.**

As a Local Authority maintained school, we follow Doncaster LA Attendance policies and guidelines. As part of these processes, we are required to send a letter to parents if their child's attendance falls below **95%**.

If your child is absent for **10%** or more of school sessions, and their attendance falls below **90%**, they are defined by the government as a '**Persistent Absentee**' and information regarding your child's attendance is reported to the Local Education Authority and Department for Education. The school office will also request sight of appointment cards for medical or dental appointments in order to authorise any absence in the school day. Also, please note that **children in all year groups are assessed during May/June** and therefore any absences should be avoided during this month. In addition to the end of Key Stage assessments (Years 2 & 6), there is a compulsory phonics assessment for every child in **Year 1** and a multiplication tables test for every child in **Year 4** which will both take place during **June 2023**.

Payments to School

Payments to school for dinner money, trips and extended school clubs continue to be paid using the ParentPay website, or at a PayPoint. If you have not set up an account with ParentPay, or have lost your login details, please speak to staff in the school office. Login details for new children in F2 will be issued by the office within the next few days.

Lost Property

Please remember to label your child's clothing and other belongings, particularly water bottles and lunch boxes.

Parking

We understand that parking is limited due to the school being situated on a very busy main road, but the safety of all is our primary concern. Please show consideration when parking and refrain from parking across residents' driveways or on the grass verges on Mill Lane.

We are really looking forward to a wonderful autumn term - thank you for all your continued support!

Mrs Train
Headteacher

September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Good attendance at school is the single most important factor in ensuring that your child will maximise their learning opportunities. By attending school every day your child takes an important step in reaching their full potential. Research completed by the Department for Education found that every day missed was associated with a lower attainment outcome at both KS2 and KS4. The more time your child spends around other children, the more chance they have of making friends and feeling included, boosting their social skills, confidence and self-esteem. Promoting positive school attendance is therefore everyone's responsibility.

You may be aware that school absence in Doncaster is one of the highest in England and schools have been working with Doncaster Council to look at how we can ensure all children attend school as much as possible. The school wants your child to have the education and skills they need to live a happy and fulfilling life. With this in mind Doncaster Council has made two major changes in how it will respond to requests from schools when schools are considering enforcing poor attendance.

Unauthorised Leave (Holidays in term time)

You will be aware that no leave of absence from school for a holiday in term time can be taken without the authorisation of the Headteacher and should you take your child out of school for a holiday you may be issued with a Penalty Notice. Doncaster Council will continue to issue Education Penalty Notices to each parent for each child they take out of school for a holiday.

Irregular Attendance at School

The school may write to you to advise there are concerns with your child's irregular attendance at school. It is very important that you work closely with the school to ensure your child is able to attend school every day wherever possible. If your child's attendance is not at the expected level the school will offer support to you and your child to ensure an improvement in attendance is made. However, should the support not have the required improvement in attendance we may send you a penalty notice warning letter. If there are any further unauthorised absences in the following 15 school days the school may request Doncaster Council to issue you with an Education Penalty Notice.

The penalty notice is a fine of £120 but reduced to £60 if you pay it within 21 days. Doncaster Council will decide if a penalty notices can be issued but may decide to prosecute you instead. Where Doncaster Council decide a prosecution should take place, they will write to you offering you to attend a meeting with an Enforcement Court Officer. Following this meeting the Enforcement Court Officer will decide if a prosecution will take place and a summons will be requested from Doncaster Magistrates Court.

If you are experiencing any difficulty with your child's attendance, please contact us immediately so we can work together to ensure improvements are made.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Train
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon	12 Sept	9:00am-10:00am	Year 6	Parent Session
Wed	16 Sept	9:00am-10:00am	Year 5	Parent Session
Mon	19 Sept	All Day	All Years	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wed	21 Sept	9:00am-10:00am	Year 3	Parent Session
Thurs	14 Sept	9:30am-11:00am	Year 2	Parent Session & Local Area Study
Tues	27 Sept	9:15am-10:00am	F2	Phonics Launch Parents Session
Tues	27 Sept	3:30pm- 4:30pm	Year 6	Kingswood Parents Meeting
Wed	28 Sept	9:00am-10:00am	Year 1	Parent Session
Thurs	29 Sept	9:30am-11:00am	Year 5	Parent Session & Local Area Study
Fri	30 Sept	9:30am-12:30am	Years 3&4	Mini Golden Boot
Wed	5 Oct	9:00am-10:00am	Year 2	Parent Session
Thur	6 Oct	9:00am-10:00am	Year 4	Parent Session
Thur	6 Oct	9:30am-10:30am	F2	NHS Dental Hygiene Session
Mon	10 Oct	3:45pm	All Years	Parents Evening
Tues	11 Oct	3:45pm	All Years	Parents Evening
Tues	11 Oct	tbc	Year 3	Doncaster Town Visit
Fri	14 Oct	9:30am-12:30pm	Years 5&6	Tag Rugby
Wed - Fri	19 Oct - 21 Oct	All Day	Year 6	Kingswood Residential
Fri	21 Oct	11:25am- 11:45am	F1	Parent Stay And Read Session
Fri	21 Oct	3:10pm-3:30pm	F1	Parent Stay And Read Session
Fri	21 Oct	3:30pm	All Years	School Closes
Mon	31 Oct	8:50am	All Years	School Opens
Wed	2 Nov	tbc	Year 3	Stone Age Workshop
Wed	2 Nov	tbc	Year 6	Leeds Museum
Thurs	3 Nov	tbc	F2	Fire Engine Visit
Mon	7 Nov	9:00am-10:00am	Year 6	Parent Enterprise Session
Tues	8 Nov	9:00am-10:00am	Year 5	Parent Enterprise Session
Fri	11 Nov	09:15am	F2	Parent KUW Session
Fri	11 Nov	9:30am-12:30pm	Year 5	Netball
Tues	15 Nov	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Year 3	Parent Enterprise Session
Thurs	17 Nov	08:30am	All Years	School Photos (Individuals)
Thurs	17 Nov	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Years 5&6	Dodgeball
Fri	18 Nov	9:00am-10:00am	Year 2	Parent Session
Weds	23 Nov	2:30pm - 3:30pm	KS2	General Music Concert and choir
Thurs	24 Nov	9:00am-10:00am	Year 4	Parent Enterprise Session
Fri	25 Nov	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Year 3	Dance
Thurs	1 Dec	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Years 5&6	Athletics
Mon	5 Dec	All Day	F2-Year 6	Flu Vaccinations
Mon	5 Dec	2:30pm-3:30pm	KS2	Guitar Concert
Tues-Thurs	6 Dec - 8 Dec	2:45pm-3:30pm	Years 4&6	Enterprise Event
Tues	6 Dec	11:00am	F1AM	Nativity
Tues	6 Dec	2:50pm	F1PM	Nativity
Weds	7 Dec	TBC	Year 2	Nativity
Thurs	8 Dec	TBC	F2	Nativity

Thurs	8 Dec	TBC	Year 1	Nativity
Fri	9 Dec	All Day	All Years	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri	9 Dec	12:00pm - 1:15pm	All Years	Christmas Dinner
Mon	12 Dec	1:15pm - 3:30pm	F2	Christmas Party
Mon	12 Dec	1:15pm - 3:30pm	Year 4	Christmas Party
Tues	13Dec	1:15pm - 3:30pm	Year 2	Christmas Party
Tues	13 Dec	1:15pm - 3:30pm	Year 3	Christmas Party
Wed	14 Dec	9:00am - 10:00am	F2 - Y6	Flu Catch Up
Wed	14 Dec	10:00am - 12:45pm	F1AM	Christmas Party
Wed	14 Dec	1:15pm - 3:30pm	F1PM	Christmas Party
Wed	14 Dec	1:15pm - 3:30pm	Year 5	Christmas Party
Wed	14 Dec	9:00am - 10:00am	Year 1	Parent Enterprise Session
Thurs	15 Dec	1:15pm - 3:30pm	Year 1	Christmas Party
Thurs	15 Dec	1:15pm - 3:30pm	Year 6	Christmas Party
Thurs	15 Dec	9:00am - 10:00pm	Year 3	Parent Enterprise Event
Fri	16 Dec	3:30pm	All Years	School Closes
Tues	3 Jan	All Day	All Years	Training Day - School Closed
Wed	4 Jan	8:50am	All Years	School Opens