

# Newsletter - 6th September 2013

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back from all of us for the new school term.

It's lovely to see the children back and they're telling us tales of wonderful holidays, days out and places visited. They've had wonderful summers and hopefully, you've managed to have some relaxation too.

Gazing out of the window at the miserable rain, it looks like summer is definitely over, but worry not - we've plenty of fabulous things lined up for the children.

It's great to welcome Miss Burn to the family and thank you so much for making her feel so welcome. It's lovely to have her with us.

And the Reception children! Gosh – it may be a sign of age but they really seem to get smaller every year. They're a delight to watch and I'm so pleased that they've settled in so quickly. It's wonderful to see them find their feet, start exploring, start to develop new friendships and ultimately, start to stride around the school as if they own the place.

So it's sad to see the old faces go, but it's always great to see these new faces come.

Okay then, time for jumpers and raincoats on and to greet the chill winds of Autumn with a cheery smile! Have a lovely weekend.

Mr. Brown.

#### Uniform

Could we please remind parents to put children's names into their uniform. This helps us to give the correct items of clothing back at the end of the day. Thank you.

#### Snack

All classes are now taking part in our afternoon snacks, they are proving very popular. If you would like your child to have snack it costs 20p per day, payable weekiy (£1) or every half term.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club will be held each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.00 a.m. to 8.50 at a cost of 75p per day. Children will have breakfast together and then play games and do activities. We offer a selection of food and drinks, including muffins, pancakes, waffles, cereal, juice and milk shake. All children welcome

#### **Dinner Money**

As of 4th September, dinner money is now £1.80 a day, which is £9 per child per week. Please send it in with your child each Monday.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Monday 9th September Teesdale Mercury to photograph reception children.

Friday 13th September Alistair Eldrid, guitar teacher to visit class 2.

Friday 27th September Macmillan coffee morning 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 15th October Tanzanian guests to visit school.

Monday 21st October Parents Afternoon, more details to follow.

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Friday 25th October Break up for Half Term.

Monday 4th November Back to school.

## **School Holiday Dates 2013/14**

Friday 25th October Break up for half term.

Monday 4th November Back to school.

Friday 20th December Break up for Christmas Holidays.

Monday 6th January Back to school.

Friday 14th February Break up for half term.

Monday 24th February Back to school.

Friday 4th April Break up for Easter Holidays.

Tuesday 22nd April Back to school.

Monday 5th May May Day Bank Holiday.

Friday 23rd May Break up for Whit Holidays

Monday 2nd June Back to school.

Friday 18th July Break up for Summer Holidays

#### **Book Savings Scheme**

We regularly offer children the opportunity to buy books from school and to help them save we have a savings scheme. If you would like your child to save please send money in on a Wednesday. Many of the books on sale are only £2.50.

#### **Baby Boy**

Just to let you know that Mrs. Gascoigne had a little boy on 31st July, she has called him Alasdair and he weighed 8lb 5oz. We wish them well.