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Newsletter

17th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school and to the start of this academic year. I trust you have all had some time to rest and relax. For some it is the start of your journey with us and for some it will be the final year before you move onto pastures new. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parents and their families and we look forward to getting to know you over the coming year. It has been a very busy and tiring week for our new Reception children but they have settled in really well and are already part of our school. Year Six have enjoyed getting to know their Reception Buddy. Year One, who sadly missed out on this opportunity last year, have been paired with a year Five 'friend', and have enjoyed spending time getting to know each other.

It has been fantastic to be able to meet together in the hall and share our Collective Worship . This is one of the areas that I have missed and the sound of us all singing was a memorable moment.

We also welcome three new members of staff to the team. Mrs Wakley will be working as a teaching assistant mainly in Class 1 Robins. Some of you will have already had contact with our new school administrators Mrs Rushworth and Mrs Bains and we extend a warm welcome to them. Mrs. Wilkinson has started her new role as Pastoral and Welfare Assistant and has already spent some time with individual children in school. Our staff team is growing and we feel very lucky to have the team we have.

I would also like to thank all of our school community for pulling together over the last 18 months. I am hopeful that we will not need to revert to the outbreak management plan that was circulated to you all last week.

It has been a pleasure to see all the children's smiling faces and we could not be more proud to have them all back in school once again!

The staff and governors would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome back to school and we look forward to the exciting and busy term ahead.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Tim Whitehead

Headteacher

Dates for your diaries...

Flapjack Friday - Every Friday morning until half term in Church

22.09.21 - Car Free Day (see below for more details)

22.09.21 - School Walking bus begins

24.09.21 - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - (see below for more details)

30.09.21 - Cross Country event at South Craven for KS2 (letter to be sent shortly)

01.10.21 - Harvest Festival in Church - TBC

04.10.21 - Reception trip to Nell Bank

08.10.21 - World Mental Health Day

21.10.21 - Mixed Football event at South Craven - KS2

21.10.21 - Year 1 & 2 trip to Nell Bank

21.10.21 - End of first half term

01.11.21 - Teacher training Day / Parent Consultation afternoon

06.11.21 - Open morning for prospective new children in September 2021

09.11.21 - Diversity Day

11.11.21 - Open afternoon for prospective new children in September 22

12.11.21 - Children in Need

15.11.21 - Anti Bullying Week

15.11.21 - Road Safety Week

19.11.21 - World Toilet Day

26.11.21 - Non uniform day - donations for Christmas Fair

03.12.21 - Christmas Fair in school

07.12.21 - Nativity performance in Church - 2pm & 6pm

09.12.21 - Carol Service in Church - 6pm

16.12.21 - Christmas dinner and party afternoon

17.12.21 - End of autumn term



Learning to Live

Governing Body update

The Governing Body met Wednesday 8th September; laying the foundations for the academic year.

John Perry (LA Governor) was elected as Chair, with a two year term of office.. Alex Swinton (Foundation Governor) continues as Vice-chair. Committee structures and 'link governor' responsibilities were also agreed.

The governors would like to thank Geraldine Sands for her tireless work as Chair over the last three years; Geraldine will continue as a Foundation Governor providing important continuity for the Governing Body and support for the school over the academic year.

There is currently one Parent Governor vacancy with another position available from November this year. School will shortly be organising the nomination and voting process.

Whilst any interested parent can put themselves forward for the position we would particularly welcome nominations of parents who would either like to champion the engagement of parental views for the governing body or who are interested in developing the Health and Safety brief, another important area of work for the governors.

Wednesday's meeting also 'signed off':

- The School Strategic Development Plan - which sets out the broad priorities for the current academic year, linked to the school vision statement 'Learning to Live, living to love, loving to learn', alongside success-criteria and associated governing body monitoring arrangements;
- The Annual Safeguarding report, 2020-2021 - a key document which helps ensure the school and governing body meets its safeguarding responsibilities
- The latest Walking to and from school alone policy - a short policy document framing good practice for primary aged children
- The NYCC Whistleblowing policy - an important safeguard, which provides reassurance for school employees, and contractors, and avenues for them to raise concerns

The next planned governors meeting is a curriculum meeting in early October, at school.

Further information on the work of the governing body can be seen on the school website - www.kildwickceschool.org.uk

School policies and the strategic development plan can also be seen through the website.

Learning to Live



Nut Aware School

Just to remind you that we have children in school with nut allergies and we are a 'nut aware' school. Please be mindful of this and make sure that all contents of packed lunches do not contain nuts.

Dogs on the playground

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. We have children in school who are allergic to dogs.



Car Free Day – Wednesday 22nd September

As a school we would like to support car free day by encouraging you all to walk all or part of your journey to school. I have no doubt that you understand the benefits to the environment when we reduce the amount we use our cars and the benefit to our health and well-being.



Walking Bus

Linked to the above the school walking bus will resume on Wednesday September 22nd.

Please meet at the Coop car park in Cross Hills at 8.20am and book via Parent Pay. (there is no charge)

NB - for the following weeks the walking bus will then be held each Thursday am.

If any parents would like to volunteer to assist please let the office know.



Learning to Live

International Day of Democracy

We have decided to change the way we operate our school council this year.

There will be three 'Vision Leaders' from Year 6. They will be voted for by the whole school for each section of our vision statement - Learning to Live, living to Love, Loving to Learn.

Mrs Fordham has received nominations and the children have presented their manifestoes to each class. Voting took place on Wednesday and the winners will be announced next week.

Each class will then select (via a democratic voting system) three children to work alongside the year 6 vision leader.

They will be providing regular updates on activities / campaigns they are involved in via collective worship and the Newsletter - watch this space!



Learning to Live

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a great choice of clubs on offer this half term and places are filling fast. There are spaces still available for some clubs, please contact the office via email if you would like to book onto any.

* Children attending choir will be given priority to go to Young Voices, Mrs Sharples will be booking this soon.

*Kanga sport clubs for KS1 & 2 are booked via the link already emailed to parents and from next week will finish at 4.30pm.

Monday

Spanish - KS1

Choir KS2

Kanga Sports - KS2

Tuesday

Art - KS1 & 2

Running Club - KS2

Kanga - KS1

Wednesday

Dance - KS2

Cookery Club - KS1

Thursday

Bell Ringers tbc



Here is Violet from Class 1 enjoying the yummy apple crumble that she made at Cookery Club this week!

Living to Love

Church graveyard

The graveyard area next to school is in need of some care and attention. We are looking for volunteers to come and trim this area. If you know of anyone that can assist, then please do get in touch.

Thank you.



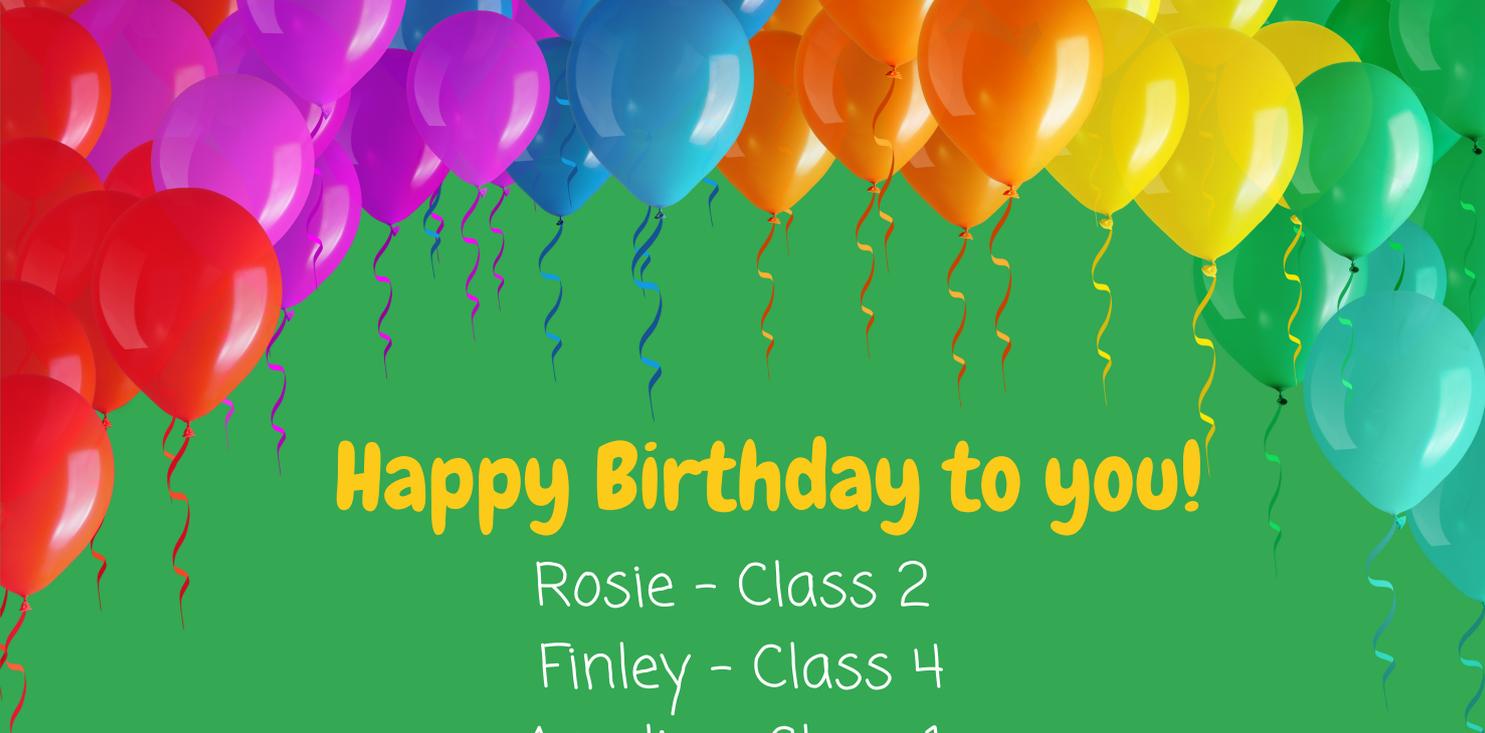
Flapjack Friday

Flapjack Fridays have returned and the Ladies at church will be ready to welcome you each Friday for a coffee and a piece of flapjack after school drop off.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – Friday 24th September – 3.00pm

We will be holding our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon next Friday 24th September in the school hall. for parents, carers and the wider community. This will be held between 3.00 and 4.00pm - although if parents want to collect children as normal and come in the hall at 3.30 they can. This will be a good opportunity for new parents to be welcomed into school. I am sure we all know people that have been affected by Cancer and what a great opportunity to raise funds to support the valuable work, that specialist Macmillan Nurses do, especially in the wake of the Pandemic. The flapjack Friday Ladies will be supporting our event on this day.

Donations of cakes and biscuits will be welcomed, please bring these into school on Thursday at the end of the school day or Friday morning.



Happy Birthday to you!

Rosie - Class 2
Finley - Class 4
Amelia - Class 1
Chloe - Class 4
Isla - Class 1



Birthdays

Children are invited to come in non-uniform on their birthday.

If this falls on a weekend or during a holiday, they can come in non-uniform on the Monday or Friday before their birthday.



Loving to Learn

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all new families joining our school community. The Reception children are certainly settling in and the Year 6 children are enjoying getting to know them.



Little Wandle

This week the Reception children started learning phonics and the Year One and Two children continued to build on their existing knowledge. We are now using a new phonic scheme in school called 'Little Wandle'. All staff across the school are currently going through the training modules for this and we are looking forward to developing our phonic teaching through this scheme.

Children will now be taught in year groups rather than ability groups, those children who need some extra support will have an extra phonic lesson each day with Mrs Manthorp and Miss Meegan.

For some parents phonics can be a little daunting so please don't worry. We will be sending out information about a phonics information session for parents in school soon. In the meantime here is a really useful link to help parents support phonic learning at home. - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Miss Spence is our Phonics Leader and Miss Akrigg and Mrs Carpenter are available for any questions, so please ask!



Loving to Learn

Parent Consultation - Monday 1st November

We will be holding our parent consultation event on Monday 1st November. This year we will be operating a mixture of online and in person appointments.

Further details to follow.



PE Days

Just a reminder that pupils should come to school in PE kits ready for P.E on the applicable day -

Class 1 - Friday

Class 2 - Friday

Class 3 - Monday

Class 4 - Monday

Class 5 - Wednesday (may also have P.E on a Friday but Mrs Fordham will let you know via Marvellous Me if that is the case.)



Forest Schools

Classes 1 to 4 (Robins, Swallows, Kingfishers & Owls) will have a forest school session every Wednesday.

Robins and Swallows will have their sessions together as will Kingfishers and Owls.

Please ensure that your child has wellies and a waterproof coat in school for their Forest School session.



Loving to Learn

IDL

We have decided that this year we will only use the IDL programme for Key Stage Two children.

If your child has access to IDL please make sure you have login details. Children can do sessions on this at home and even spending as little as ten minutes a day doing this will have a big impact.

We would also like those children to be in school at 8:45am each morning. This will give them time to do some IDL work before registration.

Please make every effort to make this happen.

SENDCO

A reminder that Miss Akrigg is our SENDCO in school. She will be arranging meetings with parents and carers of children with additional needs in the coming weeks. If you have any concerns or queries you would like to discuss with Miss Akrigg please contact her at d.akrigg@kildwickce.uk



Google Classroom

We will continue to use Google Classroom for homework and spellings and for communication with the children and with parents (in EYFS & KS1). Please ensure you / your children have access to this platform.

Loving to Learn

Virtual Library - Exciting News!

We are delighted to let you know that we are launching our own school virtual library! We are very proud of the library and hope that all children will use it to develop an enjoyment of reading. We really encourage reading for pleasure in school and hope that this helps children to spend time reading and relaxing. Great for mental health! This is now available on our school website - link below.. This is a fantastic resource full of stories that children can read with or without parents. Remember children are never too old to be read to! We have placed books under categories. Please let us know what you think!

<https://www.kildwickceschool.org.uk/learning/virtual-library>

Reading Scheme in school

We have had to remove a number of damaged books from our school reading scheme. Also during the lockdown periods a lot of books were not returned. We will be replacing these. If you think you may have misplaced a book or one may have got damaged in your possession, please consider contributing. We would also welcome any voluntary contributions to continue to develop our range of books in school. It is very important to us that our children have good quality books which reflect our approach to reading. This will be added to parent pay, thank you in anticipation of any donations.



Class Awards – 10/09/2021

Class 1 – Robins

LIVE LOVE LEARN

ARIA ELLA DEXTER.F AMELIA AUBREY IBRAHIM



Class 2 – Swallows

LIVE LOVE LEARN

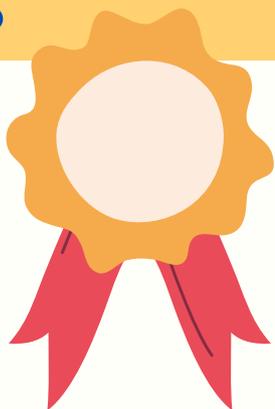
ARCHIE.C MEGAN HARVEY



Class 3 – Kingfishers

LIVE LOVE LEARN

OLIVIA.R AMELIA SAM



Class 4 – Owls

LIVE LOVE LEARN

SETH AMELIA SAM

Class 5 – Eagles

LIVE LOVE LEARN

ISAAC NOAH GABRIEL



Class Awards – 17/09/2021

Class 1 – Robins

LIVE LOVE LEARN

MILES DEXTER.J CONNIE ANNA FREYJA DAISY



Class 2 – Swallows

LIVE LOVE LEARN

GABRIELLE ERNIE JACOB ELLIOT



Class 3 – Kingfishers

LIVE LOVE LEARN

BILLY SYDNEY JACK



Class 4 – Owls

LIVE LOVE LEARN

IMOGEN.B HARRY.R ARCHIE

Class 5 – Eagles

LIVE LOVE LEARN

ORLA HARRY ZACH

