

# AMOTHERBY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Pop in and take a look at our library** Over the Christmas holidays we have had some super work done in the library which has totally transformed it. We have created a stimulus for creative writing and an area to engage all readers. The best thing about it is the children LOVE IT!!! Please pop in when you are free and take a look, let us know what you think!

Thank you for all the positive and encouraging feedback we have received so far. Please remember the invitation is there at your convenience.

**Reading Challenge** The children have been very enthusiastic about taking part in the continued whole school reading challenge last term. Just to let you know we are continuing the challenge this term, so remember KEEP READING!!!

**Class Assemblies** All Parents, carers and friends of the school are invited to their child's class assembly. Assemblies start promptly at 2.30pm and finish at 3.10pm. The assemblies are as follows:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Year 4

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 3

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 6

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5

**Instrumental Music Lessons** Mr Coates came into Tuesday's assembly and demonstrated many of the instruments he teaches children. Along with much giggling and fun the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Congratulations go to Connie Fox who passed with merit her Grade 1 clarinet, a pupil of Mr Coates.

For further information about instrumental lessons please contact the Admin Office. Music teachers and lessons in school include:

Mr Coates – recorder, clarinet, flute and brass

Mr Conlan – violin, ukulele, keyboard and piano

Mr Wheeler - guitar

**Severe Weather Conditions** In the event of our school being closed due to bad weather conditions please listen to **Radio York 103.7FM** or **Minster Radio 104.7FM** from 7am onwards where school closures will be announced. Also please check the radio stations' websites. The safety of the children is given the highest priority. If we do stay open and have experienced snow, then please send the children in appropriate clothing as we will take advantage of the outdoor weather at playtimes.

**Absences from school** Please can I remind you that if your child is ill and absent from school please ring or email the Admin team to inform them of the absence before the start of school at 8.55am. If your child has a medical appointment, dance or instrumental exam during the day then please can you inform us in writing.

**End of Day Arrangements** Please could you write in your child's planner if your child's arrangements are different at the end of the day. If your circumstances change during the day then please phone school before 2.45pm, before the children go into assembly, so information can be passed to the relevant staff. We want to ensure all children get home safely. As a matter of safeguarding we will not release your child to an adult if we are not aware of the arrangements.

**Contact Details** If any of your contact details have changed over the holidays please inform the Admin Team as soon as possible as we may need to contact you.

**School Dinners and Fruit** This half term School Dinners will total £67.20 and Fruit will be £3.50.

**After school clubs** Junior football started Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, this will be inside due to weather conditions. Unfortunately Infant football will not be running this half term. All staff lead clubs will start week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Year 6 will be offering some breaktime clubs with teacher supervision, the children will be informed of these each week.

**Bags 2 School** There will be a collection on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**. Please leave bags in the waiting area at the top of the path.

**Amotherby Trust Fund** We are a charity who give financial assistance to persons under the age of 25 who are resident in the parishes of Appleton, Easthorpe, Amotherby, Swinton and Broughton towards their education. Meetings are held 3 or 4 times a year with the next on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Applications for assistance should be sent Mrs P Taylor, 2 Honeysuckle Cottage, Musley Bank, Malton YO17 6TD

**Members of the Governing Body from January 2017**

Ann Hall - Chair of Governors  
Chris Davies - Vice Chair of Governors  
Sally Raines - Parent Governor  
Paul Simpson - Parent Governor  
Becky Bennett - Parent Governor  
Linda Clarke - LA Governor  
Janet Castle - Non - Teacher Governor  
Matthew Baggaley - Teacher Governor  
Sue Knowles - Headteacher  
Liz Wilson - Clerk to Governors

**Dates for Diaries – we will update you as more events are confirmed**

**January**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Bags 2 School Collection**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Chinese New Year - The Rooster**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – National Story Telling Week**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – ASV Meeting 6pm**

**February**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chinese Dinner**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Bronze Ambassador meeting**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM**

**School Closes for Half term - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
**School Opens - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**School Closes for Easter Break – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

*Sue Knowles (Head)*

**School Opens – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

