

**AMOTHERBY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**NEWSLETTER 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Welcome**

Welcome to the new academic year 2016-2017. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

It was wonderful to see the children arriving this week, all very excited to share their news and being greeted by their teachers. We have had an excellent and very settled start to the term. All Staff and Governors are looking forward to working with you this year and continuing the strong partnership established to provide the best possible standards of education and care for your children.

Welcome to: Maizie Stone, Madison Cox, Ethan Crossland, Oscar Smith, Joshua Horner, Katie Vaughan, Arthur Watson, James Piercy, Rex Mortimer, Lucy Tate, Harry Chuck, Elenor Murgatroyd, Emmie Handley, Arthur Sadler, Frederick Szkiler, Kaitlin Storrie, Oliver Channings, Freja Norendal Mason, Isla Norendal Mason, Harry Campbell –Robson, Vinnie Dawson, Reece Frank, Stefan Martin and Aiden Murray.

Hello and welcome back to Mrs Spittal and Mrs Stevenson.

I would like to send my best wishes to all Year 7s starting their new school this week.

**Class Arrangements for 2016-2017 – Autumn term**

Reception – Miss Ticehurst

Year 1 – Miss Cooper

Year 2 – Mrs Spittal

Year 3 – Mrs Aconley and Mrs Copley

Year 4 – Miss Douthwaite

Year 5 – Mr Baggaley

Year 6 – Mrs Poole and Mrs Stevenson

**Start and Finish times**

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.55am. There will be staff supervision on the playgrounds from 8.45am and school finishes at 3.20pm. Collection for all children will be from the Infant playground. If you would like your child to walk home then please send a note into their class teacher. If you walk your dog to school please leave them at the main gate as dogs are not permitted on the premises. To help alleviate parking on the main road and Cherry Tree Walk please park at the Queens Head or the Village Hall. This really does help the village run smoothly at our peak times of day. Many thanks in anticipation!

**End of day arrangements**

Please ring/send a note into school to tell the class teacher if arrangements are changing for your child at the end of the day. We will not release your child to another adult if we have not been informed by you. This is a matter of safeguarding for all children.

**Adult Volunteers**

If you would like to help on a regular or occasional basis in school then please contact Mrs Swift in the school office. There is always plenty to do, for example listening to children read, helping with group activities, baking, supporting IT work, or helping at an after school club. The staff value your help but also recognise how busy you all are. There will always be a hot drink, a biscuit and a warm welcome waiting for you!

### **Free School Meals**

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive benefits or credits and your child is in the Junior classes. All Infant children now receive free school meals. In North Yorkshire this also gives you free access to residential visits and trips. Forms are available from the AdminTeam.

### **Parent Pay**

Thank you to all Parents and Carers for supporting the school and the Admin team with our new cashless system. As you are aware we are moving to a cashless system in school and from October we will no longer be able to accept any cash payments. If you need help transferring to this system then please contact the Admin Team.

### **School Milk**

If you would like your child to have milk at lunchtime then please register with [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) children under 5 are entitled to free milk. Any queries please see the Admin Team.

### **Important changes**

It is important we can contact you in the case of an emergency. Please notify Mrs Swift, our Senior Admin Assistant, of any changes to your personal details which have or may occur during the academic year. Your details are being sent home tonight. Please amend the sheet and send back to school with your alterations.

**Walking Home** If you wish your child to walk home at the end of the school day please send a note to their class teacher. Please ensure your child knows what to do if arrangements change and you send a note into school or you are held up and your child has to wait. We want to ensure your child gets home safely.

**Biking to school** We have a few children biking to and from school with parents. If you would be interested in your child biking to and from school, please let me know as we will make a secure area for your child's bike during the day. We would ask parents to be aware of cyclists on the road at the end of the day.

### **Medication In School**

If your child needs medication during the school day please fill in a medical form to accompany the medication with all the relevant details. This form is available from the Admin Office or you can download it from the website. If your child needs lip balm or cough sweets during the school please can you send a letter to the class teacher. We have children with allergies in school and these items will need to be handed into their class teacher.

**Amotherby School Voluteer Group** Yes there back and eager to earn money for school !!!! All parents and carers are invited to come along to the first meeting of the year on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in the staffroom. If you are unable to attend but would like to help school them please contact Sally Raines.

### **Malton and Rugby Club**

Junior training Sessions are available for Year 4,5, and 6 Taster sessions are being held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am-12pm.

### **Music Lessons in School**

If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons we offer keyboard, recorder, violin, flute, cornet, ukulele and guitar. Just ask at the office for a price list and further details.

### **Cantonese Buffet**

This is in aid of Outlook Expedition's Peru Trip 2017 organised by Josh Spittal (Lady Lumley's School). The Buffet will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 from 12pm-2pm at the Queens Head, Amotherby. Tickets are available from Admin Office via Mrs Spittal (Adults £9 and children £4.50).

### **Ha Ha me Aarties!!!! – Talk like a Pirate Day!**

Year 2 are invited to come to school dressed as Pirates for the day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This day is part of their topic work related to Maps!!! Hope you find the treasure Captain Black Beard Spittal!!

### **MSA**

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor for a minimum of 2 lunchtimes a week to start as soon as possible. If you are interested or want to find out more about the job then please contact the Admin Office.

### **Dates for Diaries**

#### **School clubs will start Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **September**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Amotherby School Volunteer meeting 6pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Woodwind lessons start (Mr Coates)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Guitar lessons start (Mr Wheeler)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Swimming starts for Year 4

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Violin, ukulele and keyboard lessons start (Mr Conlan)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Football Club Reception to Year 6 children 3.30pm-4.30pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 to Sports Hall

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Talk Like A Pirate Day Year 2

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – After school based clubs start

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Bikeability all week

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Learning to Read and Number work in Reception Meeting for Parents 9.10am start.

#### **October**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Ryedale Book Festival and P Factor

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Walk in Wednesday for Reception Parents

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Super Schools Finals

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Individual and Family Photos

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – School closes for Half Term

Sue Knowles (Head)