



Newsletter

Friday 1st July 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10th July
Thursday 14th July
Friday 15th July
Monday 18th July
Tuesday 19th July
Thursday 21st July
Friday 22nd July
Friday 22nd July
Monday 25th July-
Friday 5th August

Friends Summer Fair
Open afternoon for parents 2pm
re-arranged sports afternoon 1.30pm
Harlow & Helmsley Performance 6pm
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Christ Church Leavers Service
Y6 Leavers Party 1.30pm – 2.30pm
School closes for summer holidays 2.30pm
Summer holiday club 9am – 3pm

You can view the school calendar on the homepage of our website and next year's term and holiday dates can be found in the parents section of the website as well.

➤ **Star of the Week Awards**

Congratulations to the following children for excellent effort and attitude in class:

Bertie
Amelia P
Jessie
Blake

➤ **Hot Chocolate Award**

Congratulations to the following children for their exemplary behavior and for living out our school values of kindness, courage and respect:

Henry T
Sophie H
Ella
Gracie L

➤ **Sports Afternoon**

You are invited to our re-arranged sports afternoon on Friday 15th July from 1.30-3.00pm.

➤ **Open Afternoon**

We will be having an informal open afternoon on **Thursday 14th July** where you can wander round and have a look at the children's work **from 2pm** onwards. You will also be able to join us for our celebration assembly at 2.45pm where singing club will be performing a couple of songs that they have been learning.

➤ **Shakespeare Rocks!**

Harlow and Helmsley classes will be presenting a performance of 'Shakespeare Rocks' on 18th and 19th July. Booking details will be released shortly.

➤ **Christ Church Leavers Service**

On **Thursday 21st July**, there will be a leavers service for Year 6 at Christ Church. This will take place at 1.30pm and is for Year 5 and 6 pupils and **families of Year 6**.

➤ **Parking**

Could we please remind everyone not to park on the zig zag lines outside school.

➤ **P.E. Uniform**

The children should wear navy/black joggers or leggings, a white t-shirt or polo shirt and a school sweatshirt or school hoodie. It is not non-uniform so could all parents please ensure the children have the correct kit.

➤ **Holidays during Term Time**

Taking a child on holiday during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt the educational progress. Before deciding to take holidays during term time, parent/carers are

asked to consider the effect on their child's continuity of education. Mrs Thirlaway is only able to authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.

Parents who take a child on leave in term time without the permission of the Academy risk being issued with a penalty notice fine for unauthorised absences.

➤ **Free School Meals**

Families can save around £450 a year with free school meals

As families across the county are feeling the pinch due to the rising cost of living, one way in which many people could save money, is by taking advantage of the free school meals, which may be available to them. This could save £450 a year. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for a free meal with no means testing required. Children in Year 3 onwards can also benefit if their parents are eligible for certain income support and allowances, support under the immigration and Asylum Act, child tax credit, working tax credit or universal credit. Help us to make sure as many families as possible are taking up the chance for a free meal by telling friends, family and the people we work with in our communities. Anyone can check eligibility and apply online: www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

At the end of this newsletter there is a form which gives details. If anyone would like a paper copy, please call in at the school office.

➤ Summer at Thorp Perrow

Please see the poster below, which gives details of a variety of summer holiday activities at Thorp Perrow.



➤ Aldborough and Boroughbridge Show

The Aldborough and Boroughbridge show is back for 2022 after 2 years of absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will take place on Sunday 24th July at Newby Hall.

There are a range of competitions to get involved with including children's classes, adults handicrafts, baking and floral art and many more. It would be great to see a range of entries, all schedules are available on our website using the link below.

If you have any further questions or queries please let me know and I'll help as best as I can.

<https://www.boroughbridgeshow.co.uk/#OurStory>

Lizzy Elgie

Hon Secretary

Aldborough & Boroughbridge Show

Sunday 24th July 2022, Newby Hall, HG4 5AE

www.boroughbridgeshow.co.uk

➤ Football Coaching

Please see the flyer below for more information on Football Lessons



➤ Summer Reading Challenge

Please find details below of this year's Summer Reading Challenge.



Get inventive with the Summer Reading Challenge 2022!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Gadgeteers and is all about getting creative with science and inventions. The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Gadgeteers medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 16th July until Sat 10th Sept. There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – flyers with more details will be sent to school for children to bring home.

➤ School Start times

Please note the following start times for each class:

- Preschool - 9am
- Reception, Yr1 and Y2 - 8.50am
- Y3-Y6 - 8.40am

The register begins 10 minutes before the start times and you should ensure that your child is in the school building by then so that they can be ready to start lessons at their allocated time. Late arrivals are noted.

➤ Harrogate Borough Council

Please see the information below from Harrogate Borough Council giving information on household waste.



➤ Collecting Children from School

This is a reminder that if someone different is collecting your child from school, you need to inform either the school office or a member of classroom staff so that we can ensure permission has been given before your child is handed over at the end of the day. If you are informing classroom staff, please ensure that they have acknowledged an email or Dojo message as they are not able to access these during the teaching day.

If you need your child to walk home or to meet you in your car parked in the village, you will need to complete a walk to school form which is attached to this newsletter.

➤ **Wildcats**

Weetabix Wildcats is non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. Most importantly, Weetabix Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends. Our Wildcats session run at St John Fishers Catholic High School at 5:30-6:30pm and the age ranges from 5-11 years old. To sign up click the link below to find our Wildcats centre:

<https://find.EnglandFootball.com/>

➤ **Futsal**

Futsal is a fast indoor sport which is very fun and exciting to play. On average futsal players touch the ball 3 times more than playing football. We have two age groups, u9's and u11's. Both sessions are delivered at Harrogate High School every Monday, u9's 5-6pm, u11's 6-7pm. 'Matthew really enjoys the sessions, he is always playing with a ball at his, his development has really improved' – Parent.

To find more information please contact: tomblackburn@harrogatetownafc.com

To sign up: <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/harrogatetownafc/harrogate-town-afc-courses.html>

➤ **Absence reminder**

If your child is unwell, could we please ask that you ring the school by 9.15am to let us know rather than send an email.

➤ **BAFTA**

For any queries about before and after school club please email:

s.snowden@mcgprimaryschool.org

Morning BAFTA sessions are in Newby class and after school will be in the school hall.

➤ **Music Tuition in school**

For children who are interested in applying for music tuition in school, you can find out more information here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/info/information-about-lessons-available-schools>

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

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Sunday 10th July Friends Summer Fair to be held at school.

As you can imagine these events both take a lot of organisation, help, support, volunteers, prizes, donations to name but a few.

I will also need volunteers to help run our summer fair on the day. This event happened for the first time in 2019 (the previous one was a while before this) it was such a wonderful time and the children loved it. We raised nearly £1000 from the day. Anyone that may be able to help in anyway please get in touch. We will be having stall holders & various activities going on, ice-cream van, pizzas etc.

Thank you for all continued support as always.

Susan (Chair of Friends)

Easy fundraising

Please don't forget that Marton-cum-Grafton Primary School is registered with easyfundraising. So, although we're unable to get together and hold fundraising events in person at present, we can continue to raise free funds, at no extra cost to you for the school.

When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Booking.com, Amazon and many more, you will raise FREE donations for the school.

If you're not already registered, please visit our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/martoncumgrastonps/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e3

This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support and thank you to the people who are currently registered on the site and continue to create donations it is very much appreciated.

“Aspire, Believe and Achieve in a Caring Christian Community”

Our children will flourish, be safe and valued, in a nurturing Christian community. They will aspire to be the best that they can be; believe in their abilities and gain the courage and confidence to achieve their goals.

Our Christian Vision is lived out through the values of **Kindness, Courage and Respect** and illustrated through the parable of **The Seed and The Sower**

The seed planted in the good earth represents those who hear the Word, embrace it, and produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams” Mark 4:20

MAKE SAVINGS by claiming your FREE SCHOOL MEAL



As you probably know, Free School Meal awareness has been increased recently across the media.

Save time and money by claiming your free school meal allowance today. You can get free school meals if your child attends a local authority maintained school and you receive one of the listed benefits.

DO YOU
RECEIVE ANY
OF THESE?

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Universal Free School Meals (UFSM)

Pupils in Reception and KS1 all receive a free hot meal or sandwich, fruit or yoghurt each day and don't need to apply. All you need to do is inform your school that you wish your child to have a daily hot meal.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Pupils may be entitled to a Free School Meal. However, with FSM you will need to apply. The link on this sheet is for your local authority and there is also a link to the Government website about FSM. Your child's school will also have an application form, if you wish to complete the application by hand.

Whether taking advantage of UFSM or FSM, a hot meal (2 choices of main course) or a sandwich, along with a dessert of the day, or fresh fruit or yoghurt and a drink will be the daily choice.

The menus are displayed on the school website and if your child has a food allergy or intolerance, our Catering Manager will discuss the options for your child and accommodate the allergen requirements.

- Child Tax Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income Support
- State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finished, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

NEED MORE INFO?

Visit...
www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

OR ASK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR
AN FSM APPLICATION FORM

WWW.MELLORSCATERING.CO.UK

Fill this in, cut it out and hand it to the school reception to start claiming your child's UFSM!

Child's full name:.....

Child's Class:.....

Date you wish to
start the UFSM:.....

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