

Flookburgh C of E School Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020



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Headteacher Message:

Firstly, a message of thanks to all parents and families for your kind words of support that you have shared with myself and teachers, particularly at the start and the end of the school day. We have very much appreciated the positivity and steadfast resolution you have shown throughout this period and we would like to share our heartfelt thanks – it makes a great deal of difference to us all.

The last couple of weeks have flown by! The children are happy, eager and enthusiastic; it's lovely to hear laughter again throughout school. Many of you have shared the positive changes you saw in your children when they were able to return to school before Summer, albeit for a very short period of time. We hope that you continue to see this grow and flourish over the coming weeks and months.

As you will see from the types of learning experiences we have worked hard to develop and implement this year, we are very mindful of the wellbeing and mental health of all of our children. We are very much aware that our generation of children are experiencing something quite unprecedented and we would like to reassure you that we are here to support all of our children and families in whatever way we can.

As always, the confidential school contact email address remains open and you can contact me at anytime alternatively, the school admin team will pass on any messages and I'll get back to you as quickly as I can.

We are all looking forward to a happy Autumn term together in the knowledge that we have a great parent and family community we can rely on to support us.

Please find on the second page, links for the most up -to-date information for your information.

Take and stay safe,

Gill Pett (Headteacher)

THIS WEEK'S PHOTO GALLERY!



CLASS WINNERS!

HUGE Congratulations to this week's Class Champions:

Class 1: Jacob Dixon for helping people settle in and being very helpful.

Class 2: Henry Wood for just being a superstar!

Class 3: Freya Barton for trying so hard in her learning this week.

Class 4: Joseph Grimshaw for helping the younger children in KS2 enjoy their break times.



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Next Thursday, we will be starting something very exciting within School grounds!

Outdoor Learning and Forest Schools

We're working with Vanessa Bear, or 'Nes' for short, on Forest School type activities and Wellbeing in schools. There is a lot of information about the types of learning that we will be taking part in which can be found on her website: wildandwellbeing.com So, watch this space next week when we'll be sharing with you what the children have been up to!

WANTED

Please could we ask if anyone could kindly donate any trowels and garden forks for 'Wild Wednesday' and stairgates x 3 for us to use in school, to ensure we can keep the doors open onto our inner-quad area. This will help us to increase the ventilation throughout and around school (donations of the stairgates can be temporary as it is only during this time that we need them). Thank you!

Wild Wednesdays

The children thoroughly enjoyed their first Wild Wednesday this week, where they enjoyed gardening and setting out trays in our woodland area to find and identify woodland creatures. There was lots of excitement as to what footprints they might find over the week! Take a look at our photos to see what we got up to...

PE Kit

Just an important reminder that all children need to have their school PE kit, waterproof clothing, wellies (and a plastic bag to keep them in!) and a change of PE trainers each week, as Karate and Yoga sessions cannot allow bare feet at this time, due to the current climate. Thank you.



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the HARVEST FESTIVAL



Unfortunately, under the present circumstances we are unable to hold our usual Harvest Festival, however, we have come up with an idea to help support those most in need through the work of Barrow Foodbank.

If you would like to donate non-perishable items of foodstuffs, Mrs Janet Mardon, one of our school governors, has kindly offered to be available at St John the Baptist Church next Thursday 17th September between 9am – 10.00am for you to drop off your donations. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept donations delivered to school at the present time.

Thank you for your support and here's hoping for another fabulous display at church!

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 **Opening hours:** Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Latest Government Guidance and Information for parents can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Public Health England launches Every Mind Matters campaign

Most families have experienced upheaval in their daily lives during the pandemic. With children and young people now back at school or college, the new Public Health England (PHE) Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people's mental wellbeing, and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them.

The new advice available on the Every Mind Matters website has been developed in partnership with leading children and young people's mental health charities, including Young Minds, The Mix, Place2Be and The Anna Freud Centre. It is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and support them, and also provides advice that can help maintain good mental wellbeing. The site also provides tools to help young people build resilience and equips them to look after their mental wellbeing.

Breakfast club

with Mrs Shaw and Mrs Pett.
8.00am – 8.45am.

Payment via ParentPay.



AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday: Mrs Robinson's Mindfulness Club: 15.20 – 16.15

Wednesday: Miss Horne's Wild Wednesday Club: 15.20 – 16.15

Thursday: Miss Dawson's Technology Club: 15.20 – 16.15

FILM CLUB: All of our clubs are followed by Film Club: 16.15 – 17.00, which also provides each child with a drink of juice and popcorn to enjoy!

Remember to let Class Teachers know if you would like your child/ren to join a club.

Payment via ParentPay.

Attendance Week Ending: Friday 2nd September 2020

Class 1	100%
Class 2	97.62%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	98.33%

Whole School: 98.82%

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