



**'At the heart of the Community,
with the Community at its heart'**

**Newsletter 1- 8th
September 2023**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year! I hope you enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer. The newsletter comes out every fortnight via Class Dojo but if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or your child's class teacher via Dojo.

The new children to our school have all settled so well! If you are new to our school, then a very warm welcome – we are glad you are joining us and we hope you and your child/children will be very happy here! It is also great to welcome back familiar faces, many of whom seem to have grown enormously over the summer! It has been so lovely to see that the children have settled brilliantly back into the school routine-a focused and enthusiastic start to the school year. Our new EYFS children have been amazing and their Y6 buddies have been very supportive during playtimes and lunchtimes too. They really have been showing our school values!

We are really looking forward to the year ahead. In a few days, we will be taking Oak Class on a residential visit to Castleton. Other classes are planning visitors and trips throughout the year.

Just a reminder about the new timings for the school day-The doors now open at 8:45am and they close at 3:55pm. EYFS, Y1 and Y2 children enter school through the Main entrance (near the office), Y3/4 enter through the Pupil entrance (middle entrance) and our Y5/6 children enter school through the big blue door in Oak classroom. Children need to be collected at 3:25pm as usual.

School uniform

This is very important to us. On PE days, children can come dressed in their PE clothes-be aware of the changing weather as children will need to be in these clothes all day, whatever the weather. Black shoes should be worn with school uniform-not trainers. Please remember that all hair that is long enough to be tied back should be tied back. Please also remember coats for rainy days.

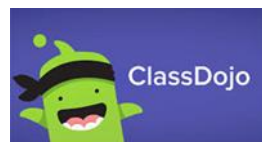
A final reminder to put names on everything so that if something is lost, it can be returned to the correct owner!

Communication

Communication is a really important aspect of school life and it is something that we are constantly working hard to make as effective as possible so that you are kept up to date about the children's learning, as well as clubs and events.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is an app-based communication tool which is used by a significant numbers of schools in the UK. It is our main communication channel with parents. It includes **School Story** where we will post letters and information; **Class Story** where there may be any class specific information as well as posts from your child's class teacher about learning in your child's class - these posts will only be visible to parents of children in that class; You will also be able to **Message** your child's class teacher, myself or the school office privately. If for any reason you do not wish your child's photo to appear on the Class or School story, or you would like further information, please contact the school.



Please remember that all messages that may be urgent (i.e. stuck in traffic, or other unexpected circumstances) should either be sent to the School Office account or left as a voicemail by calling 01522 730244.

Please do not send an urgent message via Class Dojo (i.e things that are urgent for that day, such as changes to end of day pick up arrangements). Class teachers will be teaching during the school day and will not have access to Dojo during lesson times, and the school office staff are part-time and messages could be missed. Thank you in advance for your support.

ParentPay

We operate a cashless system and so all payments for trips, visitors or other events will be made through ParentPay. Those of you who are already on this system will not need to do anything, all children have been moved up to their new year group. New parents will be contacted separately with instructions on how to register.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th-Friday 15th September	Y5/6 (Oak class) residential to Castleton
Friday 29th September	Messy Church
Tuesday 3rd October	Y5/6 (Oak) class assembly 2:45pm
Friday 20th October	Finish for Half term and Harvest Celebration in school
Tuesday 31st October	Term 2 begins
Friday 3rd November	Messy Church
Thursday 14th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas play 2pm, 6pm
Wednesday 20th December	Break up for Xmas holidays

As always, please catch me at the school gate or make an appointment to see me if you have any questions or queries.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Mrs Hutchinson

Headteacher