



Ingleton Primary School North Yorkshire County Council

SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome back

We hope you had a good summer and that your children are ready for school routines and activities again. We welcome new pupils and are looking forwards to being with new colleagues too.

The Beginning of the School Day

Ideally, children should arrive at school just before nine o'clock and no earlier than ten to nine, please. Pupils play outside (unless it is poor weather) and staff supervise them coming into the building. Doors are secured at nine o'clock. We appreciate parents ensuring that children arrive promptly since lateness does cause them unnecessary challenges.

For insurance purposes please request our permission to use the car park before or after school.

Parents' Information Meetings – KS 1 & 2

You are invited to meet with teachers and find out about routines and expectations for this year on **Wednesday 13th September**.

- Year 3 @ 9 a.m. with Mrs Clements
- Years 1 & 2 @ 3.30 p.m. with Mrs Pugh and Mrs Wheatley
- Year 4 @ 4 p.m. with Mrs Bromley
- Year 5 @ 5 p.m. (including Bewerley Park info.) with Ms Gill
- Year 6 @ 5.30 p.m. (including Edinburgh and SATs info.) with Mr Prince

Early in Spring we will have Parents' Evenings and the school year is rounded off with Open Evening in July. Please remember that teachers are always willing to discuss any concerns with you at other times during the year if you arrange a mutually convenient time. Likewise, teachers may also contact you to arrange a meeting if they want to discuss your child's progress at any time during the year.

Helpers

Can you spare any time to join us in school to support pupils with their reading from 9 a.m. until 9.30? Your support and time would be beneficial and greatly appreciated – please talk with your class teacher if you can assist.

Homework / 'Homehelp'

Each class teacher establishes a familiar routine and they will be sharing information in a leaflet and at the Information Meetings. Our priority is for daily reading sessions at home please – individually, shared, reading out loud, listening to literature being read to them. Parents being involved with reading really does make a huge difference in all curriculum areas throughout school and beyond.

Uniform

We believe that pupils should take pride in their appearance and their work. Please remind them that trainers are for outdoor PE only and we appreciate sensible shoes. Pupils require wellies and suitable outdoor clothing daily – we like to have fresh air and exercise in all weathers!

Jewellery should not be brought to school. Earrings must be either removed or taped over on PE days to avoid any accidents.

Our P.E. kit comprises of a white t shirt, black/navy shorts, plain, dark coloured tracksuit top and bottoms, as well as trainers and pumps for indoors.

All kit needs naming please. **It is essential that children have PE kit in school every day.** Thank you.

Dinnertime

Free meals are continuing for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2. There has been a letter explaining Parent Pay for those in Y3 who need to start paying for school dinners now. Please remind your child to check the lunch noticeboard and sign up daily for the baked potato option if required. The menu for this term was emailed home before the summer. Zoe

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does adapt some menus so the children really enjoy their lunch since she appreciates their eating habits and wants to ensure they have enough. There is always plenty of bread and fruit too. If you have any special dietary requirements, please talk with Zoe in the kitchen.

Healthy snacks – fruit or bread

We do notice how ready our Key Stage 2 children are for their lunch and how they can start to flag after 11am! If you don't already send your child with fruit to eat at playtime, please could we encourage you to do so? If you think they would appreciate a chunk of bread then this would be welcome too. Dried fruit is also a great energy provider. We want them to be firing on all cylinders!

Children in Key Stage One and the Foundation Stage all receive free school fruit/veg.

Key Stage 3 School Visits

All parents are welcome to visit local secondary schools. Settle College Open Evening is on Thursday 28th September. Q.E.S. has an Information Evening on Thursday 21st September at 6.30 for Y6 parents. We advise that you take the opportunities to look around both schools.

Macmillan Coffee AFTERNOON

On Friday 29th September we are holding our annual Coffee Event in aid of Macmillan. Everyone is invited to come along at 2pm and the raffle will be drawn at 3pm. Year 6 children will be sending home further information.

Nursery and Reception new starters

This week Nursery home visits and Reception parent meetings are taking place before all children begin their phased entry into school next Monday. We know from experience that our children really do benefit from a 2 week 'gentle start' in a smaller group, getting to know new faces and routines. On Monday 25th September Reception will begin full time and Nursery will attend every morning.

Book Amnesty

We are declaring a Book Amnesty so no questions will be asked, no eyebrows raised and no fines imposed! Have you got any of our reading scheme books at home?

Book Bags

It is a good idea for all pupils to own book bags for transporting their reading books, diaries and letters. They are available from the school office, priced £4.00.

Assemblies

Our theme for this half term is "Truthfulness". On Fridays our eldest pupils will be involved in preparing and presenting the assemblies for the rest of school.

Bikeability

Advance notice for Y5 pupils – "Bikeability" will take place on 9th and 10th October. Please ensure that bikes are in good working order and everyone has a helmet.

PE and Sports

Specialist PE lessons

This term Danny Harper will be teaching one of the PE sessions for Classes 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Cross Country

We are hosting an event after school on Wednesday 20th September. All children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are encouraged to attend. More information will follow.

After School Activities

There will be a letter when we have finalised our after school clubs. In the meantime, you may like to know that Judo Club will continue on Tuesdays and Shine (Y 2 & 3) will commence on Thursday 28th September. Blue Moose Dance (Contemporary, Creative and Urban Dance Styles) will run in term time on Tuesdays from 12th Sept. until 19th Dec. Juniors (Y3-6) 3:40-4:40pm and Infants (Rec. - Y2) 4:45 - 5:30pm. The 14 week term costs £35.00 and advance booking is essential! Please contact Zanna:07896133716

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Sue Brash is running Badminton at the Community Centre again for 8+ years on Wednesdays after school beginning on 13th September at 4.00pm, own racket not necessary.

Our records

Have you changed your mobile phone number? Please remember to keep us up to date. If your child's medical needs vary then we need an update too, please. Anyone who suffers from asthma should have a spare inhaler (named) here permanently.

Individual and Family Photos

Photographs will be taken during the morning of Monday 25th September. Please come at 8.30am if you would like your child to be photographed with siblings **who do not attend our school**. We do get siblings together during the morning for group photos. You do not have to purchase the photos but they do make popular Christmas presents. If you do not want your child to have their photograph taken please send a written note to the office. Nursery pupils who aren't attending that day are welcome to call in to see the photographer with their parents.

Photographs

We appreciate the joy of treasuring precious school memories through photos. However, we can only continue to allow photos to be taken for your own personal family use so long as they never appear on any social networks.

Musical Instrument Lessons

There are places for KS2 children wishing to learn accordion, brass, keyboard, woodwind, and violin, as well as guitar. We are excited that this year all Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils will be having ukulele lessons with Mr Joplin on Friday afternoons. Until February half term Class 6 will do ukulele and then Class 5 will enjoy lessons with Mr Joplin. Accordion lessons commence this Friday and Harry has kindly offered to do a demonstration in assembly for all the children.

Holidays

Half term holidays start on Monday 23rd October. Holiday dates are published on our website and we expect all family holidays to be taken out of term time. Term time absence is detrimental to pupil progress and wellbeing. Good attendance ensures that all pupils have the chance to do their best, be happy in school and make good progress.

PTA News

Did you know that as a parent / carer of a child at the school you are automatically part of the PTA? Our main aim is to raise funds for the school to fund transport for school trips and buy equipment that everyone can benefit from. We are a friendly bunch and always on the look for new members, new ideas and help.

We are holding our annual AGM on Thursday 14th September at 3.30 in the KS2 shared area. Everyone is welcome and children can remain at school (either play on computers or play together). Just turn up, you will be made very welcome.

Don't forget to like our Facebook page for regular updates regarding events, find us as **Ingleton**

Primary PTA.

Family Fun Day & Campout

Being held at Meadow Falls Campsite 1pm to 8pm
ONLY £10 per family

Activities to look forward to:

- + Bouncy Castle
- + Fire Engine and Crew
- + Singing and dancing with Hatrick
- + Sports
- + Den building
- + Treasure Hunt
- + BBQ / Bar / Tuck Shop
- + Making S'mores
- + Jill Eccleston will be doing a fun bike session
- + Big Family Fun Raffle including family pass for Windermere Lake Cruises, family membership to Stacksteads, Family Pass for White Scar Caves and more...

Bring your camping chairs / picnic blankets and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere on the campsite.

Accommodation

If you want to stay overnight on site, we still have plenty of room for tents, campervans and some spaces for caravans from ONLY £20. Pick up a booking form from the office or ask your class PTA representative. If you are camping, turn up from 9.30am Saturday morning to set up or come on Friday night, get the best pitch and enjoy a relaxed night before the fun starts on Saturday.

A great community event to start the school year, look out on Facebook for more info.

Happy New School Year!