

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone. We have had such a lovely first week back to school. The children have literally bounded back through the doors this week. No tears at all on Monday (not even the staff!).

Due to the lack of restriction we have also been able to return to feeling like a 'normal' school again. Simple things such as children taking messages to the office, sharing their work with me, whole school assemblies and shared reading (with Years 5 & 3, Years 6 & 2 and Years 1 & 4)).

Please see below information about our drop ins next week and volunteering in the school - we can't wait to welcome you all back in!

### Drop ins and Parent Consultations

#### Drop ins

Next week we are opening our classroom doors from the end of the school day to 4:00pm. Please feel free to drop in with your child, say hello to the class teacher and have a look around. Specific information for the classes regarding PE days, homework and reading can be found on the school website under class pages (from Monday).

#### Parent Consultation (Yrs 1-6 only)

An opportunity to meet 1:1 with your child's class teacher. 10 minute appointments will be available to book on our website from Monday. Use your eschools log in to do this. We are offering a blended approach to consultations and there are face to face and virtual options available.

*Tuesday 12th October and Thursday 14th October*

2:10-4:10pm face to face meetings

#### 4:10-5:00pm virtual meetings only

If we find there are no requests for virtual meetings we will adjust our plans accordingly. Please be patient with us as we try this new approach. Your children are welcome to attend these meetings if you wish.

If your child is on the Special Educational Needs register you will be offered a longer meeting on a different date with the class teacher and Mr Kendall. Please do not book on the website for this.

### Volunteering at the school

We are very excited to be able to invite back volunteers into the school. Volunteering can be flexible and is certainly very enjoyable and rewarding. We welcome anyone within the community (parents, grandparents, or people that just wish to help out in the school).

There is a variety of ways in which you can do this. We are looking for volunteers to;

- Read regularly with individual children—reading in the classroom with children 1:1
  - Help out in the library - scanning in books, keeping the library organised and tidy, helping the children take books out and return them
  - Become a Forest School Assistant - lighting the fire, cooking toast, making hot chocolate and supporting the children outside
- Training will be given and you will be supported by staff.

Prior to starting all volunteers must:

- Have a DBS check - if you have volunteered previously then please bring your check in for us to see
- Receive safeguarding training - **everyone** must attend safeguarding training even if you have volunteered previously. Group training will be provided and the dates available are at the back of this newsletter. Please book a space via the office.
- Receive training and information for the area that you wish to volunteer

You may already have spoken to your child's class teacher or we can find a role/class for you. If your child does not respond well to you being in their class we do reserve the right to ask you to help out elsewhere.

#### One off volunteering

If you would like to help but just can not commit to a regular volunteering role you are still able to help out. 'One off' volunteering, for example a school trip or your child's forest school session, is not subject to training and DBS checks. Look out for these opportunities over the coming months.



### General dates

20th September—24th September	Year 6 Residential
27th September 2.00—3.00pm	Safeguarding training for volunteers
6th October	Year 5 & 6 Talented Athlete (1)
7th October	Individual photos
2nd October 9.00—10.00am	Safeguarding training for volunteers
20th October	Year 3 Multi skills festival
21st & 22nd October	Year 5 day trips to Sayers Croft

### INSET days for next Academic Year

Monday 1st November 2021

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

### Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2021/22

Friday 22 October	Last day of term
Monday 25th—Friday 29th October	Half term
Tuesday 2nd November	Return to school
Friday 17th December	Last day of term
Monday 20th December—Monday 3rd January 2022	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Return to school
Friday 18th February	Last day of term
Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February	Half term
Tuesday 1st March	Return to school
Friday 8th April	Last day of term
Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April	Easter holidays
Monday 25th April	Return to school
Friday 27th May	Last day of term
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June	Half term
Tuesday 7th June	Return to school
Friday 22nd July	End of term



This week's winning  
house is.....

**Malham**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

### Acorns

#### Oak Class

Harry for Commitment and Arlo for Perseverance

#### Willow Class

Kimberly for Confidence and Ellarose for Dedication

#### Rowan Class

Zack for Commitment and Amelie for Enthusiasm

#### Sycamore Class

Harrison for Confidence and Jamie for Motivation

#### Mulberry Class

Aiden for Confidence and Annabelle for Effort

#### Chestnut Class

Roxy for Dedication, Billy for Attitude, Bella for Maturity and Halle for Commitment