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Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE
From our House Captains for 2017/18 ☺



Welcome to another school year at Willerby Carr Lane Primary School. Staff have been busy during the holidays getting prepared and, as always, I would like to say a big thank you to the Caretaking, Cleaning, Admin and ICT staff who have worked very hard to make sure that the school is in tip-top condition ready for our return. I must also say thank you to the gardening gang – including parents and children, who have popped in over the summer to look after their new planting. I hope everyone has noticed how wonderful the displays of flowers are at the front of the school adjoining the car park as well as those towards the SolarDome – these beds have all been taken over by our gardening club and the results are beautiful. A very tangible sign of how the school benefits from the support of our highly valued parent partnership. Together we make a real difference.

It is lovely to welcome all of our new starters to our EYFS setting. Our new little friends seemed extremely confident as they came in on their first day this week and they are settling in really well. There were lots of smiley faces which you can see on our Twitter page.



New Staff

This year we are very pleased to welcome several excellent new staff to our very dedicated whole school team.

- Mr Thomas Webster, Year 3 class teacher
- Miss Mia Edwardson, Year 2 class teacher
- Mrs Julia Gathercole, joining our lunch time team.
- Miss Lucy Clark, joining our cleaning team

We wish them all the best and are confident that they will help us in our continual efforts to make the school the very best it can be.

Key Messages about how you can really help your child succeed

Reading

Reading is the gateway to all other subjects at both primary school, secondary school and beyond. And, just as importantly, reading for enjoyment is a gift for life.

Of course there are different aspects to developing reading skills including: letter recognition, sounding out, blending sounds, phonics, sight reading, scanning ahead, skimming for information, reading with expression, reading with fluency and reading with comprehension.

Support from home has a **massive** impact on a child's reading ability. This continues all the way through primary school from EYFS to Year 6. From the basics of reading sentences; to becoming fluent; to developing a much richer vocabulary (rather than just skipping over unknown words!); through to actually being able to recount/ summarise/ understand what has been read and answer questions.

Maths

Children who know their 12x12 times tables at heart do better at Maths. Children who know that $7+6 = 13$ without having to use their fingers, also do significantly better at Maths. The Maths SATS at the end of Year 6 have become much harder and the children who do not learn their tables or their 'number bonds' are unlikely to reach the expected standard. These number facts start getting learnt in Year 1 (e.g. $4+3=7$) By year 2 children should know all their number bonds (e.g. $8+7=15$) to 20 and by the end of Year 4 they should know by heart all their x tables including division. Not knowing these basics automatically, gets in the way of children working out more difficult problems. We work very hard at school to teach your child these facts. You can really help your child be successful at Maths in Primary school and then on into Secondary school by learning these facts. There are lots of suggested ways on the internet to help children learn these basics but all rely on frequent short periods of practice – e.g. just 5 minutes, 3 times a week. Encouraging your child to see the importance of learning these facts will pay large benefits for many years to come. If we work together, home and school, then we can achieve great things for your child.

More information, specific to your year group, will be provided at the Welcome meetings in a couple of weeks time.

Gardening Gang keeping us healthy!!

Lisa our cook is made up with the amazing range of fresh produce that the Muddy Boots Gang (**winners of the Driffield Show 2017!**) are supplying – fresh from being picked to being eaten in under 3 hours !!!!



Great work Muddy Boots Gang!!

Have you received a text from us in September ?



Most of our communications are either emailed or sent by text. It is far more reliable and much more efficient. It is essential that we have your up to date mobile phone numbers and email addresses. **If you have not received a text from us so far this year, then please come in to the office and check we have your up to date contact details.**

We also make a lot of use of Twitter to share with you the amazing things that the children have been doing. It is a great way to celebrate and share the many wonderful achievements, funny moments, hard work and daily life of the school. Using twitter is really easy but if you want help, please come and ask. And don't forget that not only can you see what has been happening, you can add your own comments too – nothing makes the children prouder. We have different Twitter accounts for each year group as well as one overall for the school. Follow us at: [@WCLPS](#), [@WCLPSeyfs](#) [@WCLPSyear1](#), [@WCLPSyear2](#) etc

SAFETY FIRST

It is our paramount duty to ensure that children are kept safe at school; as we always say: "Safe – Happy – Learning". To this end may I express my sincere thanks for the full cooperation and understanding shown for the schools security arrangements. As always you have been amazing. THANK YOU. The following is a reminder of some key procedures:

- External school doors are **shut and locked promptly** after admitting children at **8.50am**. Once children are admitted, the staff are all busy with their school duties and are not able to stand manning the doors for late arrivals. Children are expected to already be on the school playground ready for admission prior to 8.50am. Late arrivals, even by a few minutes, will need to enter the school via the front entrance.
- Children must not arrive unaccompanied on the school premises more than 10 minutes prior to the start of the school day. We do not have any staff on duty to look after children in the morning prior to this. If you need to drop your child off earlier you will need to make use of our Breakfast club or make alternative arrangements.
- Children going home for lunch **must not return before 1.15pm** and afternoon registration. This is to ensure that we know which children are on site at all times.
- **The school car park gates are LOCKED BETWEEN 8.30am and 5.00pm.** The school car park must not be used for dropping off or picking up children. We have many staff and deliveries arriving, leaving and manoeuvring in tight spaces at different times of day. It presents a major danger and hazard. The gates are therefore locked and staff have been instructed not to open them. **Parents picking up from a club at 4.30 must not try to use the carpark.** It may seem safe for 1 parent to do so, but we often have between 30 and 60 children at after school clubs. If parents were allowed to use the car park to pick them up, then we would be bound to have a serious accident. The only exceptions to this are:
 1. Parents who have been granted a school disabled parking permit for the current academic year.
 2. Parents dropping off for Breakfast club **prior to 8.30am**
 3. Parents picking up from a club or our Out of School Club, **after 5.00pm**
 4. Parents picking up/dropping off a child for a medical appointment during the school day between 9.30am and 3.00pm

In all such cases, the parent must accompany their child through the car park.

- The Ashgate gate gets locked at 5.00pm.



Thank you all in advance for your understanding. Parent/ Carers can be confident of the absolute safety of their children whilst at school and if any Parent/Carer spots a weakness in our procedures, I will be grateful if you will please contact me.

The year ahead...

As always, I attach the provisional dates for your diary for the forthcoming school year. I realise how busy your lives can be and want to give you as much notice as possible of events through the year. The downside to providing information so far in advance is that sometimes, even with the best laid plans, things have to change. With this in mind I will re-issue the diary dates with every newsletter. Any dates that have been changed will be highlighted in Yellow.

Year group Welcome Meetings

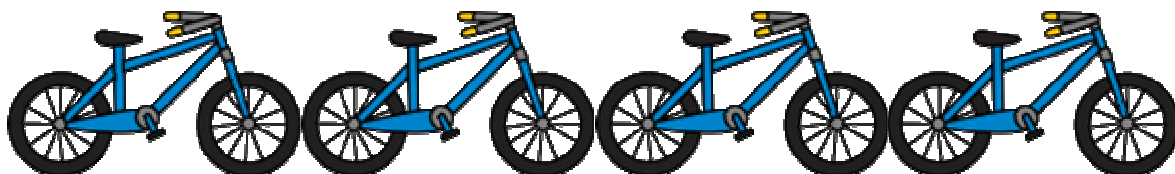
Each year group will be holding a brief welcome meeting for parents from 6pm to 7pm starting next week:

- Years 5 & 6: Tuesday 19th September
- Year 2: Wednesday 20th September
- Years 3 & 4: Thursday 21st September
- *(The EYFS and Year 1 already held theirs at the end of last Summer Term)*

Your attendance would be very valuable. It is a great opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and to find out about the key learning goals and routines for the year group and ask any questions you may have. We will also be explaining the expected standards in **Maths and English** in your child's year group.

Cycling and Scooting to school

Children in Year 6 are allowed to cycle to school unaccompanied as long as they are wearing a cycle helmet. Other pupils may cycle if accompanied by their parents. We also welcome children scooting to school – a fun and healthy way to arrive – and we provide lots of scooter racks. For everyone's safety, children are not allowed to scoot or ride on the playground in the morning or after school – the playgrounds are too congested with little children and adults. Football is also encouraged during the day, but again for everyone's safety, not before school.



Car Parking Hazards – Looking out for each other

We request that parents **DO NOT** drive down the last cul-de-sac part of Bellfield Drive.



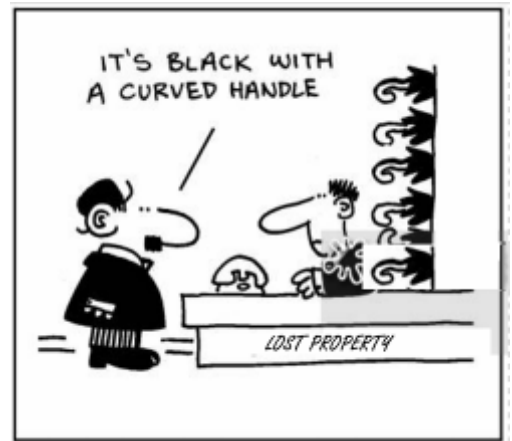
As you can see from the photograph, the road is very narrow and usually has some cars from residents parked up. When cars squeeze down the road, they often mount the kerb. This is very dangerous for our pupils who are on the pavements.



Added to which, at the bottom of the cu-de-sac, by the school gate, you can see that there is actually no pavement! Children and parents have no choice but to walk on the road. When you consider that some mums or dads will be trying to escort a 4 year old and a toddler and carry school bags and maybe even a musical instrument, it becomes obvious that any cars venturing in and out of the cul-de-sac at the start/end of the school day, are endangering children. I have to say that to do so knowingly is selfish, inconsiderate and reckless behaviour. Please act safely and considerately. Nobody wants an accident and nobody wants to be responsible for an accident.

Naming uniform

We do our best to reunite school uniform with children but it is an impossible task when the uniform is unnamed. Please do a quick check of the labelling periodically through the year – it may be that what you write on in September gets washed off. Just imagine, we have 424 children in school, so ... on any one day we have 848 sandshoes/trainers + 424 cardigans or jumpers + 424 PE shorts + 848 outdoor shoes + 424 PE tops + 424 coats + 424 book bags + 200 sandwich bags. That's potentially a lot of uniform to keep track of. Please help us by checking your labelling regularly.



(July 2017: None of these clothes had an identifiable name inside)

Holidays in Term Time



A reminder of the legal changes announced in July 2013.

I must remind parents/carers of the regulations regarding term time absence from school. Until July 2013, Carr Lane Primary School operated a slightly more flexible version of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's policy on Term Time Holidays. After then both policies changed as a result of new legislation. The school now has no option but to follow the Council's policy which meets a new statutory framework.

Basically the former procedure where Head Teachers could authorise up to ten days absence in a year has been removed. Head Teachers from 1st September 2013 have no further power to do this. It is no longer possible to authorise holiday absence for example because of employment constraints, or to visit sporting events, or to see Father Christmas in Lapland. The fact that a child has otherwise good attendance or is doing well at school is of no relevance to the policy. There are a very few minor exemptions but short of bereavement or serious medical condition it is practically impossible to secure authorisation.

The potential for fines remain based on 5 days of accumulated unauthorised absence, per child, per parent. I am legally bound to inform all parent/ carers that I am not in a position to authorise any holiday absence. Parents can however do quite a lot to avoid falling into the trap of accumulating unauthorised absence to the level of receiving a fine. If in doubt please do not hesitate to contact me **before** making a booking. In addition, please don't ask the children to keep a secret or pretend they have been ill. They just can't resist telling someone, usually the teacher, where they have really been.

Willerby Carr Lane PFA (Parents and Friends Association)

Please get involved and help to make your child's time at Primary School full of fun and memorable times.

Where can I find additional information?

- Meetings
- Notice board next to Yr3 door
- Willerbycarrlanepfa@hotmail.com
- School Office



Contact:

willerbycarrlanepfa@hotmail.com

Registered Charity Number: 1080417

Willerby Carr Lane Primary School Parents and Friends Association



Normally we meet 9-10am in the
Out of School Club.

Our next regular meeting is
Tuesday 19th September.

Please come along - we are all very
friendly!

What is the PFA?

Parents who meet to plan, organise and run events to raise additional funds to buy resources and experiences for the school community, such as each child receiving the Queens 90th Birthday Commemorative coin, the school gym equipment and a defibrillator and more.



Who can join the PFA?

Parents, grandparents, family

Why join the PFA?

Without new people joining or helping the PFA will simply not exist.

If there was no PFA, what would happen?

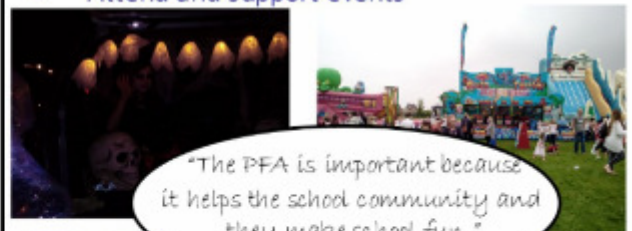
There would be no:

- Summer Fair
- Mothers Day Fair
- Fathers Day Fair
- Sports Day Refreshments
- Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Christmas Fair and more



How can I help?

- Attend meetings when you can
- Volunteer to help at events
- Volunteer to help set up events
- Donate quality unwanted gifts & bottles
- Attend and support events



"The PFA is important because
it helps the school community and
they make school fun."
Theo aged 8



Further benefits;

- Support your school
- Meet new people
- Help give your children fun opportunities

PFA - Annual General Meeting Invitation



willerbycarrlanepfa@hotmail.com

Dear Parents and Friends of Carr Lane Primary School,

Can you spare a little time to join Willerby Carr Lane's PFA?


We raise money to improve school facilities. Since our last AGM we have put on various very successful events, including the Christmas and Summer Fairs and we have paid for First Aid Courses and the Year 6 Leavers Celebrations.

We are a hardworking small team who are in need of more committee members in order to put on the events you, your children and the community enjoy.

Please come along to our AGM:

7.30pm Wednesday 13th September
at
The Star, Main Street, Willerby

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time 

They just have the heart 

from Mr Smith and the whole staff team

Don't miss out.... Please see our Twitter Accounts to find out what fun, exciting things your children have been doing in school !!

@WCLPS, @WCLPSeyfs @WCLPSyear1, @WCLPSyear2 etc



Please 'like' our tweets and add supportive comments... it means a lot to the children. It is a really great way of celebrating the children's achievements. Please do not try to use Twitter to raise issues - it is not regularly monitored and we have more appropriate methods of communication to resolve any concerns you may have.

Please see separate attachment:

Diary Dates for 2017-18 – with any changes highlighted in Yellow as the year progresses.