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Newsletter Friday 15th September 2023

School Council

This week children have been learning about the importance of our school council. Elections are due to take place next week. If your child would like to stand for this prestigious role we ask that they complete and return their form and manifesto by Tuesday 19th September. Candidates will have the opportunity to deliver a speech to their class and members of each class will vote for their 2 favourite candidates. Two winning candidates from each class will then form the school council.

Staying Safe

Children have also had an assembly to consider how we look after ourselves and each other when we are in school. I was blown away with their mature and sensible approach to safety and safeguarding both in school and in the wider community.

This year – all schools have been asked to consider even more carefully ensuring that children are safe when operating in the online world. Please can we remind all parents to check their security settings and to closely monitor your children in the online world. More information to support you with this can be found on our website.

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Staying+Safe+Online&pid=137>

Childcare Voucher Payments

All childcare voucher payments have now been put onto the gateway system and should be showing on the app. If you have made a payment and cannot see it please contact the school office.

If you pay via the Government Tax Free Childcare system, please can you email the office with the child's name and reference, the exact amount and the date paid, every time you make a payment this way. Otherwise we cannot match the payments on their system.

Also, anyone who uses both before and after school clubs and pays using any kind of tax free childcare payment, please can you let me know how you would like the payments to be split. Otherwise we will use our best judgement.

Please ensure B/ASC payments for July are paid up to date. A reminder that September sessions will be due for payment by 10th October – an invoice will not be sent out.

Reminder that Before school club and After school club are separate on the app. Please check both as these are payable separately.

Uniform

Please can I remind everyone about the importance of labelling uniform, even if this is just hand written in the label. (However, this does wash out overtime). We have had many items lost and found this week. Any items found that day will be placed in the shelter for collection.

Tissues

Last year we requested that children should bring their own tissues to school in their school bag. I would once again like to reiterate this, as the cost of tissues has doubled! This greatly impacts our school budget which we cannot sustain. I therefore urge you to provide your child with their own tissues especially when your child has a cold or suffers from hayfever/allergies.

Volunteer Readers

If you enjoy reading, have a few spare hours each week and would like to support our children in their reading practice we would love to hear from you. Learning to read is one of the most important, and most enjoyable, activities children can take part in. It is proven that good early reading has a direct impact on achievement later on. Please let the school office know if you are able to help.

Reading Plus Start-up Challenge

For the children in Key Stage 2, Reading Plus have launched a start-up challenge to create a buzz and add excitement to the new academic year. Three schools in the UK with the highest number of average reading lessons on Reading Plus this half term will win prizes. 1st prize is a £200 Amazon voucher for the school, so please encourage your children to participate in Reading Plus as much as they can.

Flu Immunisation – Friday 13th October

The Hull and East Riding Immunisation Team will be offering the flu immunisation to children in Reception through to year 6 this year. This will take place in school on Friday 13th October.

Two weeks prior to their visit an E-consent link will be sent to all Parents/Guardians via the School Gateway App. Please look out for this email. A reminder will be sent closer to the date.

PTA

Bunday Monday– Year 1

On Monday, parents/carers of Year 1 children are invited to donate buns/cakes for the PTA to sell in the playground after school. These are sold for a small donation to the PTA fund.

These can be homemade or shop bought.

PLEASE BE AWARE - some of our children have food allergies, if you are making buns which are dairy/gluten for example, please could these be labelled clearly and can we request NO NUTS!

If you are putting your baked goods in a container you want back, please label it with your child's name and class. On the day, please hand to the class teacher who will keep them safe until the end of the school day.

Future dates -

Mon 25th – Reception

Mon 2nd Oct – Year 2

Mon 9th Oct – Year 3

Mon 16th Oct – Year 4

Mon 23rd Oct – Year 5 / 6

Bags2School – Thursday 21st September

This is a great opportunity to clear out your wardrobes! If you are able to fill a bag please return it to school on Thursday 21st September. If you need further bags please fill a black bin bag. **Due to storage space we are not able to accept these any sooner.** On the day please leave your bag on the grassed area near the gate adjacent to the car park. Please see the flyer below.

Diary Dates

Friday 13th October – Flu Immunisation

This year we will be offering one Parents evening in person and one via Teams. Please see the date below.

Wednesday 18th October – Parents evening – face to face

Thursday 19th October – Parents evening video call.

Monday 6th November – non-contact day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 5th December – Whole school Panto at Cast Theatre, Doncaster

Wednesday 13th March – individual school photos and Class Groups for Reception and Year 6

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 Sats Week

School Holiday

Please click on the link below to view the school holidays, these can also be found on the school app under Useful Links.

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=91>

Please can I remind parents school is not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Therefore, it is important to consult these dates before making any booking. Thank you.