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A family, growing and learning in God's love

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to school to all our families and I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and the children are rested and ready to work hard in school once again. Whole school newsletters will be sent home every fortnight by paper and email and each class will send a curriculum newsletter out in the same format, once per term. Please feel welcome to visit the school office at any time where Mrs Briggs and Mrs Marwood will be happy to deal with any queries or provide any forms that you require, or alternatively catch them on the playground on a morning if you see them out and about.

School Dinners

As winter approaches and the weather cools down, please consider supporting our school meals service by choosing a school dinner for your child/ren. As we are a small school, this will help greatly to keep the kitchen sustainable; even if children who normally bring packed lunches could have one or two school dinners a week, this would be of considerable help. Children can sit with their friends, regardless of whether they have a packed lunch or a school dinner. Thank you for your support.

School Taster Dinner

On Thursday, 3rd October, Miss Godfrey-Davies, our School Cook, will be hosting a taster dinner of a hot dog in a bun, curly fries, coleslaw and mixed salad with fruit jelly for pudding. Please contact the school office if your child would like to have this meal which will replace the planned menu of chicken, rice and vegetables and the pudding of a raspberry bun and cheese.

Credit Union School Bank

We are very grateful to have Mrs Habron to run our Credit Union School Bank. She will be here from 8.30am until the start of school, every Wednesday morning in the school hall to take payments from you to credit your, or your child's, Credit Union Bank Account. There are various types of savings schemes that Mrs Habron can advise upon, including a Christmas savings scheme. Please drop in and see her if you would like to know more about what your Credit Union School Bank can offer.

School Library

Mia and Elenor's Mum, Miss Hudson, will continue to give her time to look after the School Library every Wednesday afternoon. Please encourage your child to remember to bring their library book back to school, ready to be changed on a Wednesday.



Reception New Starter Photographs

On Wednesday, 11th September the Selby Times photographer will be in school to take a group photograph of all of our new Reception children. The photograph will appear in the local press along with the photographs of the new starters from other schools in the area, in a special feature. If your child is a new Reception starter and you DO NOT want them to be photographed for this feature, please let us know in the school office.

Child Record Forms

Thank you to everyone who has returned their form to the office. A further copy will be sent home if we have not yet received your form, however if you have one secreted at home and the dog hasn't eaten it, please complete and return it to the school office.

Election of Parent Governor

We are currently electing 2 Parent Governors for the new federated governing body of the Barlow, Burton Salmon and Chapel Haddlesey Federation. The governing body, when it is complete, will be made up of 10 governors of which 2 will be elected by the parents. There are currently 2 parent governor places to be filled.

The term "parent" includes anyone who has custody of a child registered at the school, as well as "natural" parents. Parents can stand for election and vote in secret in the election, if a ballot is needed. Each form must be signed by the candidate and returned to the school office by Friday 20th September at 9:00am.

Medical Appointments

As we start a new school year and term, please may we ask that medical appointments, wherever possible, are booked for out of school time to avoid disruptions. Not only does this disrupt the child's learning time, it also impacts on the rest of the class as the child prepares to leave. We understand that some hospital and clinic appointments are scheduled for you and this is unavoidable. For such appointments the office staff will need to see confirmation of the appointment by way of a card, letter or text. Thank you for your cooperation.

Application for Pupil Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstances

If you need to apply for the above for any reason, please note that forms are available from the school office and should be completed and returned as far in advance as possible and at least **6 weeks** before the first date of the period of leave requested. The forms clearly explain the term 'exceptional' and Headteachers are not expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional unless it fits within the exceptional criteria which is as follows:-

- Service personnel returning from active deployment
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation/company.
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided.
- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis.

This is not an exhaustive list and Headteachers will consider each case when making a decision whether or not to authorise the leave. By law schools have to make the Local Authority aware of any unauthorised absences of 10 sessions or more and the Local Authority (not the school) who make the decision on each individual case, whether to issue a fixed penalty or not.



Tapestry – Online Learning Journal

Please note that all children in Reception are subscribed to Tapestry which is an online learning journal for parents to access and join in with their child's learning journey. If your child has moved up from Reception into Year 1 please note that you have 90 days to be able to download your child's journal before it will be deleted.

For parents and carers who have children who have just joined us in Reception, your Tapestry login details will be sent home to you next week, so that you can join us together for your child's learning journey.

Safeguarding/Safety Matters

To ensure the safety of our children, please can parents and carers close the pedestrian gate (until it locks shut) when leaving the playground on a morning after 9.00am, thank you.

JRSOs

We are pleased to welcome Elizabeth and Leighton in Class 2 as our Junior Road Safety Officers under the direction of Mrs Collins. Look out in the next newsletter for further details of how they are settling into their new role and what new ideas and inspiration they have to inspire our school community into adopting better road safety practices.

Uniform Sales

Due to restricted space for storing uniform stock, we have made the decision to signpost parents and carers to our local stockist, Classroom Clothing in Finkle Street, Selby. The ladies at Classroom Clothing are very accommodating and will be able to order any of our school uniform sweatshirts, cardigans, jumpers, book bags and PE bags on a collect and pay basis. Please call in at the shop or telephone 01757 700577. Alternatively, visit the website <http://www.classroomclothing.co.uk/>

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday, 27th September we would like to invite parents and carers to join us from 9.00am in the school hall to raise money for this worthwhile cause. We will be selling cakes, buns and biscuits to go with the 'cuppas', so any donations of homemade bakes or otherwise will be gratefully received.

Friday Iced Bun Sales

Following on from the success of 'Ice Lolly Friday', Scarlett's and Lacey's Mums shall be selling an iced bun, after school every Friday for the next half-term. These will be available to purchase at a cost of £3.50 for the half-term on ParentPay, or at 50 pence each (cash) per week. As the weather is interchangeable, buns will be sold from the school hall.

Breakfast Club

Ms Hargreaves is running Breakfast Club daily from 8.00am at a cost of £3.50 per day for the oldest child and £2.00 per sibling. Ms Hargreaves has been working hard to provide an exciting new menu ensuring good value for money, along with a varied selection of healthy breakfast choices. Please see the new menu attached to this letter for menu choices. All choices of menu are priced as above with the exception of Fuel Up Friday which costs £4.00 per person for a cooked breakfast. The standard breakfast of cereals and toast is provided as standard but ALL other daily breakfast choices need to be booked 1 week in advance by emailing the office.

Non-Uniform Days

On the last Friday of every half-term we will be holding a non-uniform event in school to raise money towards our chosen charities which will be chosen either by the School Council or the school. The theme of each event will be advised before each date and the cost will be £1 per child and £2 per adult. Please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter with the dates.



After School Clubs

Please see below our after school clubs for the coming half-term. Please note that your child cannot attend the club unless a signed Club Returns form has been returned or an email has been sent to school requesting a place. Where payment is required, your child will only be allocated a place on the club once payment has been made, and any outstanding after-school club debts have been paid, on a first come first served basis.

Mrs J Smith would like to recruit a volunteer to help her with Cooking Club on a Monday after school. Please contact the school office if you are available.

		Finish time	Year group	Cost	Additional info
Monday	Cooking Club	4.30pm	Years 2 to 6	£3.50 per week	Mrs J Smith - £24.50 for the half-term on ParentPay, maximum 12 places.
Tuesday	Board Games Club	4.30pm	Years 1 to 6	£1 per week	Mrs S Smith - £7 for the half-term on ParentPay,
Thursday	Writing Club	4.30pm	Years 3 to Year 6	£1 per week	Mrs Hugill - £5 for the term on ParentPay. Starts on 25th September due to staff training.

After-School Clubs Barlow – please return by Monday 9th September or email in your requests

Signed:

Date:

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Monday	Cooking Club	4.30pm	Years 2 to 6	£24.50	
Tuesday	Board Games Club	4.30pm	Years 1 to 6	£7	
Thursday	Writing Club	4.30pm	Years 3 to Year 6	£5	

Signed parent/carer Print name..... Date.....

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. MacDonald
Headteacher



Diary Dates

Wednesday, 11 th September	• Reception new starter photographs – Selby Times
Friday, 27 th September	• MacMillan Coffee Morning – 9.00am
Thursday, 3 rd October	• School Meal Taster Day – Hot dog in a bun
Thursday, 3 rd October	• Individual and class photographs – 1.00pm
Wednesday, 23 rd October	• Harvest Festival Collective Worship – Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 25 th October	• Non-Uniform Day (theme to be advised)
Friday 25 th October	• Break up for half term
Monday 4 th November	• Back to school
Saturday 30 th November	• CHAPS Christmas Fayre at Chapel Haddlesey
Wednesday, 18 th December	• Christmas Collective Worship – Parent/Carers welcome
Friday 20 th December	• Non-Uniform Day (theme to be advised)
Friday 20 th December	• Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 7 th January	• Back to school
Friday 14 th February	• Break up for half term
Friday 14 th February	• Non-Uniform Day (theme to be advised)
Monday 24 rd February	• Back to school
Friday 3 rd April	• Non-Uniform Day (theme to be advised)
Friday 3 rd April	• Break up for Easter
Tuesday 21 st April	• Back to school
Friday 8 th May	• May Day holiday – revised date
Friday 22 nd May	• Non-Uniform Day (theme to be advised)
Friday 22 nd May	• Break up for half term
Monday 1 st June	• Back to school
Friday 17 th July	• Non-Uniform Day (theme to be advised)
Friday 17 th July	• Break up for Summer

