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Working together to be the best that we can be.

Happiness

Perserverance

Resilience

Kindness

Friendship

Respect

Ecclesiastes 4:9:

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.



19 January 2024 - weekly bulletin

Sporting Competitions

The cross-country event which was cancelled on 28 November has been rescheduled for next Tuesday 23 January. If you gave permission for the November event we will carry forward that permission for next week. If we did not receive your permission, we will be in touch soon.

The event takes place during the morning and the children will be back at school for lunchtime. Please ensure your child has full PE kit and trainers in school.

On 6th February KS2 will be attending a Dance Festival as part of their P.E curriculum. All children will be participating so please discuss this with your child and the importance of a positive attitude. More details to follow!

KS1 will not miss out – they will compete in their own Dance festival in March.

Absences

Please can families make a phone call each day their child is unwell and either leave a voicemail or speak to a member of staff. This should be on every day that they are absent. This can be followed up with an email.

This is in case a member of staff needs to ask any supplementary questions – it is part of the commitment to safeguarding to ensure that we are speaking to families about absences and that we have the chance to check in and see if our families require any support or assistance.

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Changes to school meals

We are changing catering provider. From 19th February, school meals will be supplied by North Yorkshire County Caterers. NYC Caterers promise to provide healthy meals, cooked fresh each day. The meals will be cooked at Sicklinghall, and they will be served here by Mrs Clayton so the children will not notice any difference day to day.

Watch this space as we will be inviting families and Governors in to school for some taster sessions.

We are also changing the way parents order and pay* for meals – more details to follow, but we can promise a more streamlined approach in terms of the number of apps you use.

(*Children entitled to free school meals will continue to receive meals free of charge, but you must order the meals in advance)

Swimming Reminder

A reminder to Sycamore parents that swimming is most Monday's until the summer holidays. Please remember to pack a **towel** and **swimsuit** in a bag for your child.

Children must wear trunks or swimming shorts (not long board shorts) or a full bathing suit. Bikinis are not suitable for swimming lessons. The children **do not** need shampoo or other toiletries.

You may wish to pack an extra snack in your child's bag to eat after swimming.

Thank you for swimming payments received from some parents. If you have not paid please consider paying weekly to spread the cost – thank you.

Sycamore are visiting their friends at Victoria School on 24 January as part of the continuing Link School Project.

They must have a head-covering / thin scarf to wear when they visit the mosque. A folded sarong would also work.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Zoe Ellis

Executive Headteacher