



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

It has been a very happy week. All of the staff have been really happy to welcome the children back and by the looks of the children's smiles, it appears that the children are very happy to be back too. The children have been busy at work and settling back in with their friends and it has been a pleasure to see.

Thank you all for your co-operation with the new school timings. I have spoken with a few parents and observed myself that parking, particularly in the afternoons, remains a difficulty. **So, with this in mind, from Monday 15th March, I am adjusting the start and finish times for Derwent and Foss class (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) to a 9.00am start and a 3.30pm finish.** This is a slight adjustment of just five minutes but as this will leave fifteen minutes between the two drop off and pick up times, it might mean that parents picking up Key Stage 2 children have been able to leave, enabling Key Stage 1 parents to take their parking spaces. To help with this, I ask that Key Stage 2 parents leave as promptly as possible and likewise, I ask that Key Stage 1 parents do not arrive too early as you may be more likely to find a parking space when the Key Stage 2 parents have left. Class teachers will endeavour to dismiss children as promptly as possible. Please note that Key Stage 2 drop off and pick up times remain the same (8.45am and 3.15pm).

Further to this issue of parking, I have had conversations with a couple of parents who have suggested investigating the possibility of a bus from Malton and Norton, so more children can be transported into school together and therefore reducing congestion outside school. Unfortunately, as Malton and Norton are not in our school catchment, we are not eligible for school transport so this idea would have to be led by parents. As a school, we have investigated this possibility in the past and we found there are many organisational difficulties with this. However, it might be that this idea can come to fruition this time. We will forward you some further information about this when we receive it. It would be helpful to find out from those of you who are based in Malton or Norton who might be interested in this possibility. If you are, could you please respond to this email to let Sam know and she can pass this on to the organising parents.

Next Friday is Comic Relief Day. You received information yesterday about our 50p Funnies that are being organised in classes. Can I ask that all children come into school in school uniform as normal as we will be having a **Non-Uniform Day on the last day of term – Friday 26th March**, as on this day, we will also be celebrating all of the children who have had a birthday during the Spring Term.

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Howard Widdall

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

We are always very proud of our school environment, however some of our wooden benches and planters have now seen better days. I was speaking with some members of FoLS this morning about the possibility of maybe sharing the financing of restoring our playground to its full glory. I would be interested to know if any of you have any recommendations or connections with businesses who might be able to help us with the wooden playground furniture. We would of course pay but I would like to be able to work with a company that comes with recommendations. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

As we are hopeful that COVID restrictions will start to ease over late Spring and Summer, we have started to look forward and are thinking of dates for Sports Day, end of year production and other events. I am waiting for more guidance about these events, but it's so exciting to be able to start thinking about planning them all.

With best wishes,

Rachel Ray
Headteacher