



# Filey Junior School

Widening horizons and reaching our potential whilst respecting the world and each other,  
within a happy, healthy and positive learning community

## **Newsletter 03 - 19th October 2018**

Please note, we are no longer sending out paper Newsletters unless requested. Newsletters will be posted on Facebook, the school website and app, and be emailed to all pupils. We will also text you when a newsletter is published. If you require a paper copy, please call at the office and we'll be happy to provide one or send one home with your child.

It's certainly got a little Autumnal this week - we've been collecting conkers, singing about autumn and putting our coats on as the weather turns a little fresher. Although we have managed to do well with bright, clear days, please remember to send children with coats, hats and gloves as the weather starts to get colder. And speaking of autumn...

### **Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating Harvest at Filey Methodist Church from 1:30pm on Wednesday 24th October. This will be an opportunity for you to hear our Harvest Songs and congratulate the winners of our Merit Awards. Everyone is welcome and if you have any produce (fresh, tinned or dried) which you would like to contribute to the Harvest, please send children in with these or drop off at the office next week. All donations will be given to the Church to help their Filey Foodbank initiative which helps many families and individuals around the Filey area.

### **Spooky Dress Day**

Next Friday (last day of term) we are inviting the children to dress up in something spooky in the run-up to Halloween. This is a 'just for fun' event but donations of £1 towards our new all-weather playground pitch would be gratefully received. Please keep a lookout in Tesco after Christmas as they will be collecting blue tokens for our new playground area so that our children can have access to sports and play whatever the weather.

### **School Clubs**

We are very proud of the number of clubs and after-school activities which we run for the children and I know these are very popular with both children and parents. The majority of these clubs are run for free and many of the staff involved give-up their free time and do that 'little bit extra' for no additional pay or reward. Could I, therefore, ask that you make every effort to pick children up on time at the end of each club which they attend. There have been several occasions lately when staff have had to wait for an extra 15 - 20 minutes because children have not been picked up. Ultimately, we do not want to spoil it for the children, but if there are repeated occasions of this we may have to ask those involved to stop attending the club.

### **Parents Evenings**

We will be holding this term's Parent Evenings during the week beginning 19th November. Appointments will be available either on the evening of 19th November or during the day throughout the week. Look out for more information on this after half-term.

### **Child Protection**

I would like to remind you that Mrs McCarthey and myself are the Safeguarding Leads within school - Mrs McCarthey also monitors attendance. We realise that during winter months children are more susceptible to coughs and colds and that sometimes pupils will need to be off due to illness. However, we have a duty to follow-up irregular/poor attendance. On a small number of occasions, pupils have not come into school and parents have not reported them absent. These absences are logged as unauthorised and raise safeguarding concerns. It is imperative that school is contacted as early as possible on the first day of absence (preferably before 9.15am) to report a child absent. This is extremely important as school need to know that your child is safe. We can accept contact via telephone, in person, via email and now, using the school smartphone app. Unreported absences may result in school staff contacting the police or Social Services to check a child's whereabouts.

### **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

A big thank you to everyone who attended or donated to the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. A total of £300 was raised for this very good cause. Lots of cake was eaten and coffee was drunk to help others.

### **Dropping off children and picking up.**

The Zig-Zag lines are put in place to keep the area around the school clear of traffic. This gives children a clear view of the traffic and means children can be seen by other motorists. Parked cars block this view and increase the risks when children are crossing the road. Please be mindful of where you are parking and also encourage your children to use the patrol crossing officer (Lollipop Man), so they are safe whilst crossing the roads. Local police officers will patrol this area from time to time in order to ensure the children are kept safe.

Mr H McCarthy & Staff.