



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 07

11th January 2019 - Happy New Year!

Happy New Year everybody! I hope you all had a peaceful and very happy Christmas and New Year period and that our children have returned refreshed and ready for action. As always, this is going to be a busy and eventful term and we already have plenty of new projects and ideas to keep everyone busy. And welcome back Mrs Cook! Mrs Cook has now returned to school following the birth of her son and will be teaching Class 2 with Miss Hall.

As we move into the new year, I think it is important to look back and reflect upon what we have achieved as a school, and as a community, over the previous year in order to maintain our positive outlook and sense of motivation and team spirit. 2018 did, of course, see us inspected by Ofsted and their report reflected all the very positive and innovative work that goes on in school both academically and pastorally. Our school has long been known for leading in the field of technology and this has been recognised on many occasions over the past few years, most recently with the article on BBC Look North. Sport is another area in which we excel and 2018 saw us retain the Schools Games Gold Award for the third year running which makes us eligible for the Platinum Award. And in the arts, we have been recognised for the work we do in all aspects of the arts and have achieved a silver Arts Mark Award which we hope, over the coming months, to improve upon to attain a Gold. The new building project, which is now reaching its conclusion, will have a huge impact on many aspects of school life not only for our children in school at the moment but also for their children and even their children's children. We hope that this year will also see the development of some of the outdoor space around the school, providing children with even better facilities and opportunities. Most importantly, of course, we have a school of happy children who are well cared for, valued and are generally very happy and successful. This is only achievable when we work as a partnership. Whilst we can't ever make everybody happy all of the time, we thank you for your support and ask that if there is anything that you feel you could help with, suggest or like to bring to our attention, please do so in order for us to have an even more successful 2019.

Curriculum Maps

New Curriculum Maps for the 2019 Spring Term are now available on the school website and with this Newsletter. Please let us know if there is any additional information you would like to see with these documents or anything you feel would be of extra use.

Reflection Time

Reflection Time is our whole school, end of day activity when we take a moment to think about life and how we can improve our health, well-being and spirituality. This week we have been looking at New Year's Resolutions and next week we will be concentrating on breathing techniques followed by meditation in the third week of school. This is to coincide with our theme of Buddhism.

Contact Details

As previously mentioned, we are now required, by law, to obtain at least two contact names and details for all children at the school. Obviously, these details could be vitally important in emergencies and need to be kept up to date. With many people updating their phone contracts over the Christmas period, we would like to ask you to please check the details we hold on file are current - please see the separate letter coming home today.

Term Dates

We are now finalising school dates for the 2019-2020 academic year and we will publish these within the next couple of weeks (it's a long time off yet but it soon comes around). Please remember to avoid booking holidays in term-time as we do have to report these absences to the Local Authority who may issue fines. Term dates for this academic year are as follows:

Spring Term 1:	Finish - Fri 22nd February 2019
Spring Term 2: Start - Mon 4th March 2019	Finish - Fri 12th April 2019
Summer Term 1: Start - Tues 30th April 2019	Finish - Fri 24th May 2019
Summer Term 2: Start - Tues 4th June 2019	Finish - Fri 19th July 2019
Autumn Term 1: Start - Tues 3rd Sept 2019	

As always, please let us know if you would like any additional information or have any comments or questions. Have a great 2019 everybody!

Mr McCarthey & Staff.