



Filey Junior School

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

15th February 2019

Cutting the Ribbon

We're really pleased to announce that we will be having an opening ceremony for our new building on Thursday 21st February. The Governors would like to invite you to come and have a look at the new classrooms and have a chat. We do, of course, have a local celebrity to cut the ribbon. I'm very pleased to announce that, thanks to some persuasion from one of our star pupils, Mr Harry Gratton (MBE), from Look North, has agreed to come and visit Filey to do the honours. The ribbon cutting will take place at 2pm but you are welcome to have a look around at any point in the afternoon, including after pick-up at 3:30pm. There might even be some biscuits available!

Mindfulness

We have had quite a focus on mental health and well-being recently in school. Children have had input on looking after their own mental well-being and how to use breathing and other exercises to help relieve anxiety and stress. We are sure that these techniques will be really useful for pupils throughout their education and later life, but please help us to reinforce the message by talking to your children about this subject and asking them to show you some of the breathing exercises. We will soon be launching an online mental health and well-being tool which will be available for pupils and parents to use - watch this space. If, in the meantime, you have any questions regarding this, please let us know. In our first week back after half-term, our focus for Reflection Time will be personal hygiene.

Road Safety

Our Reflection Time focus this week is Road Safety. It's a message which we keep on giving but find that children still forget to put into practice. Our message will be concerning all aspects of road safety including crossing the road, using seatbelts and wearing helmets when playing on bikes and scooters. Please help us to make this an important part of keeping safe by reinforcing these messages at home. Thank you.

School Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness (or any other reason) please contact the school as soon as possible (before 9.15am) so that we know that your child is safe. There has been a recent incident within the school where the prompt actions of vigilant school staff prevented a potentially serious safeguarding incident from occurring. This incident has really highlighted the need for all parents and carers to contact the school as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent for any reason. When our new app launches after half-term, you will be able to use the app to notify us of any absences. If we do not hear from you this will result in us contacting the local police or social services to conduct a welfare check in order to ensure the safety of the child(ren) involved.

End of School Day

At the end of each school day, the gates will now be closed and locked at 3.40pm to enable Teaching Assistants to have their full allocation of preparation time and to secure the school. Unfortunately, this has been impacted adversely by a growing number of parents arriving late to pick up their children. We recognise that, from time to time, delays are unavoidable so if you are late for any reason, pupils will now be directed to the school office. If at all possible, try to contact the school to inform staff of your late arrival. Similarly, please ensure that you pick children up from clubs promptly. All clubs now finish at 4.30pm with the exception of Drama Club.

Community Links

Laura Almond, our local community support officer, has been into school lots recently to help teach children about keeping safe, making good choices and has enjoyed generally getting to know the staff and pupils of Filey Junior School and is a valued member of our team. You may find her in the canteen, out at playtime or listening to readers. It's lovely to see the children's response to her - she's like a local celebrity whenever she comes to school. She has visited every class and has delivered sessions about e-safety.

As always, if you have any comments or questions, please do get in touch. And don't forget that children have their half-term holiday next week. The school will re-open on Monday 4th March 2019. Have a great break.