



# Filey Junior School

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

## **5th September 2019**

Welcome back everyone! I hope you enjoyed a great summer and that you and your children are looking forward to the new academic year. As always, we will be looking to improve everything we do and introduce some new and exciting innovations throughout the year. We are particularly interested in looking after the planet this year and will be trying to reduce the amount of paper used; involve the children in more garden and outdoor activities; and also become a plastic free school.

Our new Year 3 children have made a great start to their Filey Junior School careers and have settled in very well. A new school can be quite confusing and daunting, of course, for both pupils and parents so please call if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

### **Dates:**

School photographs	12th Sept
Last day of term	25th Oct
School Opens	4th Nov
Flu immunisation	14th Nov

### **Uniform and PE Kit**

A big thank you for your support with school uniform. The children have returned looking very smart and this really helps to generate a community spirit. We do notice quite a difference in some children's behaviour when they are not in the correct uniform as this makes them 'different' from the rest of the school. With this in mind, we would like to ask that if your child has not got the correct shoes (black shoes or completely black trainers) or trousers (black or grey trousers or shorts) that you please provide these as soon as possible.

Similarly, children need a PE kit consisting of black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps (indoor) and trainers (outdoor). This can be kept in school from Monday to Friday as, at this time of year, we sometimes have to take the opportunity to catch the good weather for our two PE slots per week.

### **After School Clubs**

We pride ourselves on the quantity, quality and variety of after school clubs provided for our children. The majority of clubs will begin next week and we will send details of days and times. Please be aware that all of our clubs finish at 4:30pm and we need parents to be prompt when picking-up as staff provide these clubs on a voluntary basis. Please also be aware that clubs will rotate and change throughout the year to take account of staff commitments and the weather.

### **Breakfast Bar**

Don't forget that children can come into school anytime from 08:30am until 08.50am to access Breakfast Bar. This provides a healthy and social start to the day with a range of fresh fruit and drinks available charged at 25p per item. Children eligible for Pupil Premium Funding can claim up to three items per day without charge.

### **Drop-off and Pick-up**

Please help to ensure the safety of all the children and other road users by avoiding parking on the zig-zags in front of school. We are also in the very fortunate position of having a crossing patrol at our school (one of only a few left). Please ensure that you and your child(ren) are using this service as we had a number of road safety issues last year, particularly at busy times when visibility can be poor and the road becomes congested.

### **Bikes, Scooters and Phones**

Children are welcome (and encouraged) to come to school on bikes and scooters but they MUST have a bike pass, available at the office, and wear a helmet and hi-vis jacket in order to do so. We do not encourage children to bring phones to school but we recognise that there are times when this may be necessary - if after-school arrangements have been changed for example. Again, we ask that you complete a Phone Agreement form (also available at the office) and that children follow the points detailed in the agreement.

### **Asthma inhalers and any other medical issues**

If your child has an inhaler or any other medication that may be needed in school, please ensure that you provide the correct medication and that you have informed the office and teachers of the condition. Please be aware that whilst we will endeavor to assist, it is the parent / carer's responsibility to ensure that medications are in date and refilled.

### **Is there anything we need to know?**

We have had a number of families who, for a variety of reasons, may have special arrangements in place for pick-ups and information sharing. Please let us know if there are any circumstances that may impact on this as we are unable to assist with a family's wishes if we are not aware.

You will soon receive a copy of the essential information we currently hold for you and your child/children including emergency phone numbers and medical issues. If, however, you do change any details throughout the year, please let us know as soon as possible as we obviously rely upon this information in emergencies.

### **Communications**

You will, hopefully, receive this Newsletter in paper format as it is our first one of the academic year. Please be aware, however, that future Newsletters and many other communications will only be available through the school website, Facebook or the School App. This is our way of reducing cost, our impact on the environment and avoiding the 'lost at the bottom of the school bag' letter. If, however, you would prefer to have communications in paper form or in another language, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

### **School Dinners**

Please encourage your children to try one of our super school dinners. There is always a great choice of hot dinner, vegetarian option, baguette sandwich or jacket potato and at just £2.20 they represent great value for money. Our dinners are always applauded by visitors and guests and many of the staff opt for a school lunch so they must be good! If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school dinners, please call in and we can very quickly have this assessed. If you do need to pay for school dinners, please be aware that due to previous experience, we have had to introduce a 'no-credit' system which means that school dinners need to be paid for in advance using the ParentPay system. If you require any help with this, please call in and we will ensure that you have all the information required.

Please let us know if there is anything you would like to bring to our attention or if you have any questions we can help with.

Mr H McCarthey and staff.