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20<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents

The term has started very well indeed, staff and children have settled down and everyone is working hard. It has been wonderful to see the new children come into school so happily – long may it continue!

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The children look very smart in their new uniforms. It has been difficult as we have had such hot summer weather that jumpers have already been abandoned – please check that all items of clothing are clearly named so that in future we can return them quickly.

## **SHARING ASSEMBLY 30 SEPTEMBER 2016 - CANCELLED**

Years 3 – 6 have been invited to the annual cross country at Leavening Primary School on the afternoon of Friday 30 September so there **WILL NOT** be a Sharing Assembly on that afternoon.

## **SHARING ASSEMBLY 14 OCTOBER 2016**

On this day Class 3 are going on their WW2 visit to Pickering. Sharing Assembly **WILL** go ahead with Class 1 and 2 ONLY – parents, grandparents and friends are welcome as usual.

## **SCHOOL BUSES**

We continue to work closely with Morse Coaches to ensure the smooth running of the school buses. Please can I remind parents that a NYCC bus pass is necessary for children to travel on the buses and that each bus pass is for a designated bus only as numbers are restricted. Also as usual if there are any changes to your children's home time arrangements please let us know as soon as possible.

I am very aware that there are two large buses and a minibus parked outside school at the end of the day which makes us very conscious of the safety of all the children. It would be really helpful if parents collecting children could move away from the buses/school entrance once the children leave the school so that the bus children can easily make their way to the bus doors and the buses can move off safely. Thank you

## **SCHOOL TIMES**

Children should arrive at school after 8.45 am when Mrs Jagger is on duty in the playground. To welcome the children. School ends at 3 20 pm when children are collected by parents or are taken to the buses.

## **HELEN GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY**

We have been sent three vouchers, each for a child to attend classes for a term at the Helen Grady Drama Academy (Classes held in Earswick, Foxwood and Heslington). The children must be in Year 1 – Year 6. Any parent interested in their child trying Drama Classes can ask at the office – it will be on a first come first served basis. Other details can be found on the website:

[www.helenogradyyork.co.uk](http://www.helenogradyyork.co.uk)

## **ASSEMBLY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

This half term our theme is 'Friendship' when we will be exploring what makes a good friend and how we can each be a good friend to others. The assemblies will be promoting our school values through our actions.

## **SCHOOL VALUES**

The school aim to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief. It seeks to develop the full potential of all children in a caring environment which values all its members.

A school family of children, staff, parents, governors and friends of the school who all share a commitment to putting universal Christian values at the centre of our daily lives, in all our actions, in all that we think, say or do.

Love and Respect	We care and share and treat others as we would like to be treated
Responsibility and courage	We are brave enough to admit when we make mistakes
Self-control and Moderation	We know the effect actions can have on others
Honesty and Integrity	We are honest and trust each other;
Kindness and Compassion	We are polite and helpful
Contentment and Thankfulness	We recognise how lucky we are
Patience and Perseverance	We try hard, have a go and don't give up.
Peace and Humility	We appreciate quiet and reflection
Loyalty and Commitment	We are fair and know what makes a good friend
Forgiveness and Justice	We understand and forgive each other;
Hope	We are positive, resilient and forward looking

**To learn and to grow and 'to be the best we can be'**

## **DATES**

Please see the revised list of dates at the end of this letter

Best wishes

Janet Wardell

## REVISED / ADDITIONAL DATES (as at 19 September)

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Robinwood Information Evening for Y4 & Y5 children and parents 6.00pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	PTA meeting 7.30pm Sandburn Hall
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Class 3 theatre visit *
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Class 3 Cross Country Event Leavening
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer *
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Bags to School collection *
	Class 3 - Pickering WWII Day *
	Sharing Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Evening*
	Bookfair in School*
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Evening*
	Bookfair in School*
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in Church 2pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Break Up
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Return to School
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Non- Uniform for PTA Bingo*
	Sharing Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Bingo at Norton Railway Club*
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Sharing Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Fair *
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Sharing Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch *
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Play at St Mary's Church 10.30am and 6.30pm *
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party
	Break up at 2pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to School

**\*Further details will be sent nearer the date**