

Newsletter

October 2022



Dear Parents and carers

Apologies for not sending a newsletter sooner. The time has absolutely flown since the start of term!

Again, I would like to thank the whole school community for their support during our Ofsted inspection last week. The children were a credit to the school and the inspectors enjoyed talking to them to find out more about our setting. Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed 'Parent View' and those who provided last year's work; this was very helpful (these books have been returned to classes and are ready to be sent back home). Once the draft report has been quality assured and checked by the school, I will forward the final report to all parents/carers. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school. **Mr Horton.**

EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival

Our first planned event for this year is our EYFS and KS1 Harvest Festival. This will be on **Friday 21st October at 2.40pm.**

To limit numbers in the hall to maintain our maximum capacity limit, this event is just for parents/carers of children in YN, YR, Y1 and Y2. Don't worry, further events are planned during the year exclusively for children in KS2 and their parents/carers.

As in previous years, we are inviting all children across the school to drop off a donation of tinned/non-perishable food during the final week of half term. Depending on the stocks of food currently held by the local food bank or St George's Crypt (homeless support in Leeds), we will donate our harvest collection to one or both worthy causes. Please send any donations in with your child or drop them at the main school office. Please only donate if you feel able to do so; we know that household finances are squeezed for all at the moment and there is no obligation to send a food donation.

POPS

POPS are busy planning some exciting events for the coming year. They are currently planning a shopping event (Thursday 10/11/22) and a Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale (Thursday 20/10/22). Your child has also been busy being creative in school and you will soon receive an online code with the option to purchase your child's artwork on a range of items; POPS will receive a commission. POPS volunteers raise valuable funds which provide additional experiences and equipment as well as subsidising trips (and much more!) for all children across the school. Thank you to POPS for their continued support. POPS are always keen to recruit new members. Please email POPS@oultton.leeds.sch.uk for more information.

Calendar Update

A mistake has been rectified on the events calendar sent out at the start of the year. Please note that, following the Christmas break, the school is closed on Tuesday 3rd January for an INSET (Staff Training Day) and that pupils return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

An updated version of the school calendar has been sent alongside this newsletter.

Clubs

A huge thank you to the staff who have agreed to run a club this term. The staff have chosen to run these voluntarily and are doing so outside of their directed working time. Parents/carers have been notified if their child has been allocated a place at the different



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clubs. We do ask that pupils commit to attending these clubs as, in some instances, other children may have missed out due to the clubs being oversubscribed.

For those children who will be attending an after-school activity and then going straight to Teatime Club, we ask that you book Teatime Club until 5.45pm and we will manually adjust your School Money account to charge the lower rate of £5.00 for these sessions.

Breakfast and Teatime Club Payments

We offer the option for parents/carers to pay for Breakfast and Teatime club sessions using the Tax-Free Childcare scheme. Parents/carers need to create a Childcare Account via the link below, check if they are eligible, then issue payments to us that way (For every £8 the parent pays into their account, the Government will pay a further £2). For further information, please contact the school office.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

[free-childcare](#)

Y6 Residential

Good luck to the Y6 children going to Ingleborough next weekend. We are sure that you will have a fantastic time!

Covid-19

We have had several confirmed pupil/staff cases of Covid over the last week. Just a reminder that if children do test positive, it is advised that they stay at home for 3-days (from the day after their positive test). Adults who are positive are advised to stay at home for 5-days (from the day after their positive test). Further details of the current guidance that the school/council follows can be found [here](#).

Bikes and Scooters

If your child (or any siblings) come to school on a bike or a scooter, please ensure that they do not ride these on the school site. Before and after school are busy times and we have had a number of 'near misses' over the past few weeks where a child on a bike or scooter has nearly crashed into somebody. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

LS26 Foodbank

The local food bank is OPEN every WEDNESDAY at Blackburn Hall, Rothwell (rear entrance) at the following times: 10-30am-12pm & 3pm-5pm

Please bring your own BAGS as they do not supply them.

The foodbank is there for anyone who is financially struggling in these unprecedented times. £2 donation on the door. If you are working but need some extra help, they are also able to help: don't be shy to call in at above times to find out how they can support you.

You can find out more on their Facebook page by searching 'LS26 Community Foodbank'

Upcoming Events

14 th -16 th October	Y6: Ingleborough Residential Trip
Wed 12 th October	School Photo Day
Thurs 20 th October	Y6 Parent Event: Ingleborough Photo Gallery: 3.00-3.45pm
Fri 21 st October	EYFS and KS1 Harvest Festival (2.45pm)
24 th October-30 th October	Autumn Half Term- School Closed
Mon 31 st October	School Opens
Tues 15 th and Thurs 17 th Nov	Parents' Evenings
Friday 25 th November	School Closed to Pupils – Training Day #3

