

## Newsletter 1 Autumn term

16 September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

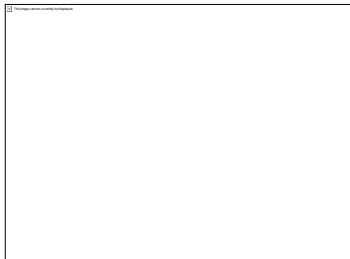
It already feels as though we have been back for weeks and the term is in full swing.

### BMX Display and Workshops

Thank you for your fantastic comments about the display and workshops put on by Mike Mellor. He was truly inspirational and it's always good to get your feedback on our visitors.

#### Mrs Churchill's report:

'Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic day on Thursday when we had a visit from world champion BMX rider Mike Mullen.



Following an inspirational assembly when he shared how BMX riding had transformed him from a shy and retiring 9 year old into the successful, confident adult he is today he treated us all to a fantastic display of some of his favourite stunts. Even the teachers had to take themselves out of their comfort zone and then put their lives in his hands! Check out the video on our facebook page. The children then all participated in an hour long workshop, challenging them to have a go at some stunts of their own. Mike was fabulous at encouraging all the

children to push themselves and make sure that they got the most out of the workshop. We also got to learn some new words - our favourite one being a 'flearn' - which means learning through failure! Judging by the smiles on all their faces everyone had a great day.'

### Road Safety

Please speak to your children about crossing the road, especially after getting off the school bus. It was brought to my attention that two of our older girls had had a near miss last week. I have spoken to the girls involved individually and have talked about it in assembly, but it's always good to have the message reinforced to ensure the children's safety. Thank you.

### Nursery

Most of you will be aware that we have had a very successful start to the opening of the EYFS Unit. Unfortunately, not all the work that I had expected to be done was carried out during the summer holidays, so for the time being Tiddlers, who arrive after the electronic gates have been shut, will need to come through Reception. This will safeguard all the children in the school. Eventually, we hope to have a separate entrance for Tiddlers through the staff car park.

### Staff Car Park

Please can I remind you that the car park on the school site is for **staff use only**, even after school hours. It is still our responsibility to safeguard children who are on site after 3:15pm and we can't do that if we can't lock the car park gates because parents' vehicles are in there. We pay an annual rent, so that parents can use the Playing Field's Car Park and we leave the park gate open until After School Care and Dance Club have finished.

### Snacks/water

As it is the beginning of a new school year, please can I also remind you about snacks and drinks that we allow in school.

The children should only be bringing **real fruit and vegetables** as their break time snack. We do not allow sweets, and snacks such as yoghurts and wafers should be kept for lunchtime. We still have fruit available for Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage children under the Government scheme.

Water is available from the water fountains at break times, but children are allowed a transparent, named bottle of water in the classroom. **Under no circumstances is juice allowed.** Children have a tendency to spill their drinks or bottles split; we then have a sticky mess on the carpet which attracts ants and other insects. Thank you for your support with this.

### FoFS

Finally, thank you very much to everyone who volunteered to form the FoFS Committee or to help out at the AGM this week. There is still a vacancy for a Treasurer, so if you would like to be part of the committee, but couldn't make the meeting, please have a chat with either Stephanie Hicks (Chairperson) or Mrs Chadbourne as to what the job entails.

I'd also like to say a big "Thank you" to the outgoing committee and their helpers, who raised an amazing amount of money last year. Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated.

Regards

Debbie McLeod  
Headteacher

### SCHOOL DIARY

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> September- Life Education Bus  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> September- Life Education Bus  
Wed 21 September-3.30- Cross Country Competition  
Thu 22 September-Pirate Themed Lunch  
Mon 26 September-Year 6 visit to Horton Hospital  
Tue 27 September- School Photos  
Wed 28 September-2-6pm- Year 5 & 6 Hi 5 Competition  
Wed 5 October- Year 6 Trip to Botanic Gardens and Natural History Museum  
Tues 11 October- Harvest service  
Wed 12 October- Parent/Teacher Meetings –more info to follow  
Thur 13 October-Parent/Teacher Meetings  
Wed 19 October-Open Morning  
Friday 21 October INSET and start of Half Term  
Mon 31 October- Back to School  
Sun 6 November- FoFS Fireworks  
Mon 14 November- start of Anti bullying Week  
Mon 21 November- Yenworthy Week for Year 6  
Tue 6 December- secret Present Room  
Wed 7 December- Pantomime Visit Whole School  
Fri 9 December- Community Tea Party  
Fri 16 December-End of Term