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Happy New Year!

We are delighted to welcome new families to our Pollington Family and to see how well the children have integrated already.

It has been a busy couple of weeks with lots of exciting activities taking place.

Anti Bullying

We welcomed Ann Foxley Johnson from the Anti Bullying Company to work with KS2. She was impressed with the children's knowledge around bullying and what to do. The children are developing a pupil policy which they will share with the rest of the school and parents when it is completed.



Staffing Update

A warm welcome to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Carpenter Miss Abbott and Mrs Telfer who are working on supply with us while we recruit for Class teacher, SENCo, HLTA and TA.

Car Parking

A polite reminder that that when dropping children off at school, engines must be switched off. **Unnecessary engine idling is an offence under Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act (1988).** If you're caught idling, you may receive a fixed penalty notice of £20. This is because engine idling is a significant source of air and noise pollution. We also request that parents and carers vacate the premises swiftly in order to allow other parents and carers to use the facilities. There are Park and Stride Facilities at the Village Hall. We have notified Humberside Police regarding unlawful parking on the yellow lines outside school. Drivers can expect to receive fixed penalty notices if they are found to be parking illegally. More information can be found in the Highway Code - Rule 243 - Do not stop or park near a school entrance.

Parent Code of Conduct

It has been brought to my attention that there were some inappropriate comments and offensive behaviour directed at some of our staff and parents by others members of our parent community in the lead up to Christmas. This will not be tolerated and may result in being banned from site for a period of time.

Please refer to our parent code of conduct, which can be found via the link below:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/pollington-balne/UploadedDocument/cd7ce1b8-402c-40dc-8e1f-5a93fcd902e3/federation-parent-code-of-conduct-nov-2023-1-1.pdf>

Athletics

Over the last 2 weeks children in KS2 from the Federation of Cowick and Pollington—Balne have taken part in athletics competitions at The Snaith School. The children were great ambassadors for our schools and Pollington came a fabulous joint 5th place in Y5/6 and a brilliant 3rd in Y3/4. It was lovely to see both schools cheering each other on!



Parents' Consultation Evening

Please see the Dates for your diary section for our parent consultation dates—letters will be sent out in book bags for booking. For those parents of children that are attending a meeting regarding Termly Support Plans, an additional appointment is not required.

Attendance

We have seen a huge increase in the number of requests for holidays. I would like to remind parents we are not able to authorise any holidays during term time except in

exceptional and unique circumstances.

Therefore, it is important to consult these dates before making any bookings.

Spotlight on Learning

Year 3 children from Class 3 have been enjoying learning to play Doods and Toots with Mrs Lawrance from the music service; they have already learned to play a tune. Year 4 have been taking part in Music 4 Wellbeing. The children told me it helps them learn how to stay calm and they have enjoyed learning different rhythms.

Year 3 are learning about French food. They asked me 'Qu'est ce que tu adores?' and told me their favourite foods including 'frites' and 'glace'.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Rawes

Dates for your diary

New items are in red
Forest School Year 2 - see email

27/02 & 28/02 Parent Consultation Evening

05/02—Phonics parent meeting C1&2 4pm

06/02 Online Safety Day

09/02 PTA Disco

01/03 PTA Easter raffle donations

21/03 PTA Bingo night/Easter raffle draw

30/04 Height & Weight YR & Y6

Attendance to date: 95.15 %
Unauthorised absences: 1.20%
Authorised absences: 3.65%



Reminders

- ✓ Switch off engines
- ✓ Bring a coat to school



Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children

Courage Respect Forgiveness

