



## Darrington Church of England Primary School

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### Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is already in full swing and it has been very busy in school! I hope that your child has settled well into their new class and are enjoying their learning so far.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** ~ I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the morning in some way; we raised an amazing £511.00! For a small school, this is fantastic and the money raised will support the families who have been affected by cancer.

**Home School Agreements** ~ Please sign and return the back cover as a matter of urgency if you have not yet already done so. We need up to date pupil information to check against information held on our data system and correct details ensure we are able to contact parents quickly should your child become unwell or there is an emergency at school. We also need to see consent given for photographs used for photographs on the website. We had our photographer in this week, as we are updating the website with exciting new photographs to celebrate our school!

**Parent Consultation meetings** ~ will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 4-6pm and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 4-6pm. If you have not yet returned your slip with your preferred time slot, please do so so that an appointment can be made for you. Refreshments and a crèche will be available in school, should you need to use this facility. **Please indicate on your reply slip if you wish to use this facility so that we have an idea of numbers for staffing.**

**Harvest Festival** ~ this will take place in Church on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm. Please join us if you can, you are very welcome. This year, we will be collecting food produce for the Pontefract Food Bank which helps to feed families in crisis in the local community. Please refer to the shopping list to find out suggested food products that can be donated on the day of the festival. For example, tinned foods, teabags, cereals, biscuits, pasta sauces or UHT milk. The products will be taken to Church to make a display during the service. **Please do not send fresh fruit or vegetables.**

**Class Collective Worship** Led by Team Eagle will take place Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9am and Team Meerkat will lead Collective Worship on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. You are very welcome to join us in the hall.

**Parent Governor Elections** ~ A reminder to complete a brief form if you would like apply to become a Parent Governor. We have 2 vacancies at the moment and if you would like to find out more about this role, please come and chat to one of us in the office. Governor Election packs have been sent out previously and the closing date is **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.**

**PTFA Events** ~ You should have received the PTFA September Newsletter this week which gives information about future events in school. I am extremely grateful for the support of our PTFA and the commitment shown to raise funds for our children. We are excited to use our newly funded Charanga Music Online resource in all classes. Thank you! The cost of this resource was £600, but will enhance the teaching of music for all year groups by supporting lessons, and encouraging fun! The Race Night will take place **this Friday at Darrington Golf Club from 7pm.** There are still places available if you wish to attend and have no plans and in need of an evening out. Tickets are £10.00 which includes Pie & Peas supper.



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**DCWC (Darrington Collective Worship Committee) Elections** will take place next week. If your child would like to take part and support the Christian ethos of the school through supporting services and Collective Worship, please encourage your child to express an interest. A form will be sent out with children tomorrow which need to be returned by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**Tempest Photography** ~ Individual and Group photographs will be taken on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. If you have younger siblings not in school and would like a group photograph with other children in school, please bring them to the school hall from 8:30am and enter from the main entrance of the building.

**Parent Support Workshops** ~ We are working with Turning Point throughout the year who are commissioned by the NHS to offer monthly support on various topics such as sleep, anxiety and low mood, managing panic attacks and lots more. <https://talking.turning-point.co.uk> It offers free advice for anyone over the age of 18 if registered with a GP in the Wakefield District. The sessions will take place in our school 2:30-3:30pm. Please come along if you would like to find out more. The first session will take place on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2:30-3:30pm**. The title of the session is 'Sleep.'

**Parent Proud Assembly** ~ The next assembly where parents are invited to celebrate with us will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. Please join us if you can. We will be celebrating birthdays of the month, team points, awards/certificates for sport, musical activities at home, Star of the Week postcards and attendance.

**Goodbye to Mrs Gregson** ~ I would like to say a huge thank you to her for all her support this year, in particular for the work she has done this term. She has been a great support to everyone during the first few weeks of term; supporting new staff and the senior leadership team, amongst many other roles that are too many to mention! We would like to wish her every happiness as she and her husband prepare for the birth of their new baby at the beginning of November. We will be saying goodbye in a fortnight and we will miss her, but hope that she enjoys her time off and has a happy maternity leave. Time to put her feet up and relax now and we look forward to meeting new baby soon!

**Class Educational Visits** ~ Team Dolphin will be visiting Eden Camp on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Team Dolphin will visit Conisborough Castle on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure that permission reply slips are returned and monies paid as soon as possible, thank you.

We will break for half term on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm and re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8:50am**.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,



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Headteacher