



## Darrington Church of England Primary School

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### Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well...it has been a very busy half term with lots going on and I am sure the children will be tired and ready for a break at half term!

**Breakfast Club & Afterschool Club** ~ A reminder that we offer afterschool provision on a daily basis, which is run by Mrs Durham, Mrs Murray and Mrs Rawnsley. This provision operates from 7.30 - 8.50am and 3.30pm until 5.30pm at a cost of £7.00 or £4.00 if attending an afterschool club. Pupils who are eligible for free nursery childcare are able to attend these sessions free. Please enquire at the school office for more information and if you would like to book a place. We ask, wherever possible, you book a place on a booking form and either hand it to the office or wrap around leader, so a place can be booked.

**Parent Governor Elections** ~ I would like to inform you that our new Parent Governor is Kerry Newton-Miller who is a parent in Cubs. We would like to welcome her as a governor and hope that she enjoys this role in school. Her background is business and finance, so we will be utilising her skills in our Resources Committee.

**Baby News!** I am pleased to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Arnott's baby girl on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October weighing 6 lbs 15oz. Her name is Zoe Evelyn. Congratulations to the Arnott family, and we look forward to seeing them soon.

**PTFA Fundraising** ~ A big thank you to the PTFA members who have recently raised money to support pupils' learning. The Bags2School raised £156.03 following parents donating unwanted clothes. The winning colour team for the clothing collection was the Blue Team. A Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November as a reward for their efforts. A big thank you to everyone who donated. I would also like to thank some of PTFA members for giving up their day to support children in creating designs to be printed onto Christmas cards.

**Educational Visits** ~ Team Eagle will be visiting Eden Camp on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Team Dolphin will be visiting Conisborough Castle on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Both of these educational visits will enhance the curriculum topics World War Two and Castles topic, 'Happily Ever After.'

**Governor Monitoring Morning ~ Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** Our governors work very hard to support our school and its growing success and we are continually striving to improve it. We will be again, gathering opinions from all stakeholders on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November and invite you to speak to our governors informally in the playground before school registration or in the hall over a cup of tea or coffee from 9:00 to 9:30am if you have a few minutes of your time to spare. The theme of our monitoring morning is linked to '**Mental Health and Well Being.**' Questions will be asked such as '**Does your child feel happy at school?**' Also, '**Could we do anything to improve their mental health and well-being?**' Our school council will also be on hand to chat to you about your views and to help you complete an online short survey if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so. Thank you for your support in helping us to improve our school.

**Parent View** ~ Please visit Parent View to give your views about our school.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination>

**Armistice Day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November** ~ To mark the end of World War Two, 100 years ago, The Chelsea Pensioners will be visiting school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Poppies will be on sale during the first week back. Please send your child into school with a donation if they would like to wear a poppy.

**Anti-Bullying Week** ~ will be marked in school during the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The theme this year is 'Respect' which is also one of our core school values. Although the Christian value for the half term will be Peace, we will focus on both of these, as each are very much promoted in our school's ethos. We will be focusing on how we as individuals we celebrate diversity and differences in age appropriate ways, such as use of derogatory language to describe race and gender equality. We have been working with Barnado's and Positive Identities Service and staff have received training. We will also be focusing on the following during the week:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

**Parent Info** ~ Please find a reference to a newly added link from our school website on the **Parents** section. This is a website for parents, covering all of the issues amplified by the internet. Its newsfeed function enables schools and family-focused organisations to host and share expert advice and information through their own websites. Parent Info is a free service that shares articles, tips, expert advice and resources designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing on-line. Parent Info is collaboration between CEOP and Parent Zone. This has been recommended by the Education Safeguarding Board.

**Parking outside of school** ~ It has come to our attention that some of the residents opposite school on Denby Crest are not happy with parents parking in front of their drives. Please be mindful of this, as this can be particularly upsetting for elderly residents. For the sake of your children's safety, please be respectful of other drivers and pedestrians. A reminder that the car park at the Spread Eagle Pub can also be used for parking, if you are able to walk up to school via Philips Lane. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

**Calendar Dates** ~ Please find attached Calendar Dates for Autumn 2 with dates for your diary. As always, I will inform you of any changes should these arise.

I would like to wish your family an enjoyable half term break,

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,



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