



Welcome back

I hope that you have all had a wonderful and sunny summer. Autumn term has arrived and along with it the rain! It has been fantastic to welcome all the pupils back to school this week. The children have all arrived back at school looking very smart and ready to learn.

Over the summer we had the oldest of our mobile classrooms removed and hopefully in the coming weeks the grass will begin to grow back. Inside the school building we have redecorated the hall and corridors.

In light of yesterday's sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, today in school has been slightly different, this morning there was a special assembly to remember the life and works of the Queen.



Daily Routines

Please can I remind you about taking care on the school car park at the beginning and end of the school day. Please only park if there is a bay available. If you are on foot please avoid walking across the car park.

At the beginning and at the end of the school day the trim trail is closed. Please don't allow your child to use it at these times.

Year Six Parents

Please be aware that you need to apply for your child to go to High School –including if you would like your child to go to Thirsk High School. Last year we had a number of parents that were caught out by this and some children were then offered places in Northallerton. **The deadline for this is 31st October.** Please see the link below.


<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

Finally, we are going to change the frequency of the school newsletter. Rather than sending a weekly newsletter, we will move to a half-termly newsletter. This will focus on all the different activities that have gone on in school over each half-term.

Information about what is happening at school such as events, visits, clubs and trips will be shared via a letter from school and always by ESchools. We will continue to use the school Facebook page and website to provide updates and information.

After School Clubs

Collection is via side gate near kitchen

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tag Rugby Year 5-6		3.20-4.20			
Kwik Sticks year 3-6 (club is full)			3.20-4.20		
Multi Sports year 1-2 <i>and</i> Mr Chandler's football club Year 5-6				3.20-4.20 3.20-4.20	
					

Dates for your Diary

After School clubs start week beginning 12th September

Fri 16th September Keyboard lessons start (during school) pm

Thursday 29th September—Reception and Year 1 visit to Thirsk Library

Wrap Around Care

	Time	Price
<u>Breakfast Club</u>	7.45 am till start of school	£4.00
<u>After school</u>	50% sibling discount	
Short session	3.15pm-4.15pm	£4.00
Long Session	3.15pm-5.15pm	£8.00
To book please contact the school office		

Late or Absent Children

Please remember to call the school office by 9am if your child is ill or absent for any reason. Thank You

A reminder of school times are :

	Drop off	Collection
Hive nursery	9.00am	12pm or 3pm
KS1	8.50am	3.15pm
KS2	8.50am	3.20pm

ESCHOOLS

This is the platform that we use to send messages and information home. Any letters, important information, updates etc will be sent to you this way.

It is important that you have access to this. It can be added as an app on your mobile or accessed via the website online.

If you do not know your login please contact the office and we will help. If you do not have access to a mobile or computer please let us know.

Reading Book Reboot!

The new school year brings changes to our approach to reading in relation to 'reading books'- the books that are coloured banded. To build on our excellent practice and the great reading attainment from the children, and to move forward with reading for pleasure, book bands have been retired.

Children in Reception and Year One no longer work to 'colours', but to Phases of Phonics. These children will continue to bring home a 'reading book' set by their class teacher which is aligned to their Phonic Phase. They will also choose a picture book from the school library to bring home as their bedtime book. This practice was implemented last school year and will continue this year.

Children in Year 2 and Year 3 now have a Mini Library in class to choose a book from, replacing the book banded books. These books have been carefully selected to match the expected level of reading for these year groups. The books in the Mini Library will be changed each term. These Mini Library books are essentially becoming their 'reading book', but importantly they are 'proper books' which the children, not the teacher, choose. Year 2 and 3 children will still access the school library to lend a picture book, which you may choose to use as their bedtime book.

Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be using the school library to choose their book.

In short, for Year 2- 6 children, the books chosen from the class Mini Library, or the main school library, are their 'reading' book.

Year R, 1, 2 and 3 children will be bringing home two books, a 'reading' book and a bedtime book.

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be bringing one book home.

We are hoping this change will lead to an increase of 'reading for pleasure', as research indicates this is hampered by book banded books.

The same practice with these books applies, children need to continue to read each day to an adult at home for 10- 20 minutes and this needs to be noted in their reading record. When a child in Yr 4, 5 or 6 has finished their book, they can use time from their hour lunch break to go to the library and choose a new one.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to the PTA who funded the books for the new Year 2 and 3 class Mini Libraries. The books are beautiful, and we cannot wait to share them with the children.

