



Newsletter 2

September '17



Fri 15 th Sept	House Assembly.
Tues 19 th Sept	Y6 Library Visit *NEW*
Wed 20 th Sept	School photographs.
Thurs 21 st Sept	Orienteering Day
Tues 26 th Sept	All staff to renew First Aid Certificates - after school training.
Fri 29 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm.
Mon 2 nd Oct	Inset Day
Fri 13 th October	PTA Halloween Disco *DATE CHANGE*
Thurs 19 th Oct	Parent/Teacher meetings. 1.30pm - 6pm - Details to follow.
Fri 20 th Oct	Pride Celebrations
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th October	HALF TERM
W/c 13 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
W/c 27 th Nov	Child Assessment Week
Fri 1 st Dec	PTA Christmas Pamper Night *NEW*
Mon 4 th Dec	Christmas Fair - 3.15pm start
Fri 15 th Dec	Pride celebration
w/c 18 th Dec	RE Week - Christianity
Tues 19 th Dec	School Christmas Parties - Y3/Y4 *NEW*
Wed 20 th Dec	School Christmas Parties - Y5/Y6 *NEW*
Fri 22 nd Dec	Carol Service Finish for Christmas.

Dear All,

Collaboration

We have been working on creating a more formal partnership within our local primary school - All Hallows C of E Primary School, Phoenix Infant School, Stanhope Primary School and ourselves. This has now been completed.

The overriding purpose of the partnership is to promote and sustain high-quality education in the primary schools in Gedling so that our pupils develop into mature, confident and high-achieving adults.

We will identify and share opportunities that can be made available to all pupils in the family of schools

- create opportunities that broaden outlooks, deepen understanding and enhance skills, both among pupils and staff
- strengthen the ethos of each school
- share information and expertise that support the development of teaching and leadership skills
- share staff, resources and services where appropriate to improve cost-effectiveness
- benefit the community through coherent educational provision across the family of schools.

The partnership is designed to allow a full range of collaborative activities to take place. The main areas within which these take place include:

- curriculum design and planning
- training/professional development for teachers and other staff
- moderating teachers' assessments
- policy development and joint policies
- joint meetings of headteachers
- joint meetings of governors
- shared staffing, contracts and services
- shared school-self evaluation
- peer review at all levels
- sports, arts, music and other joint activities for pupils
- joint meetings of the school council from each school
- joint communication with parents

Each year a joint development priority will be agreed. This year we are working together to achieve the Dyslexia Kitemark. This journey will include all teachers and teaching assistants.

We already work together in many areas including:

- Joint in-service training
- Headteacher meetings
- Joint staff meetings
- Moderation events to ensure accuracy of assessment
- Jointly planned themed weeks in the curriculum
- A SENCo across the four schools
- A family support worker across the four schools
- Joint SEND work and funding
- Self-evaluation learning walks and support
- Joint observations of teaching and learning
- Book looks
- Sharing good practice
- Sharing resources and expertise
- NQT network
- Some common policies (eg SEND, social media)
- Joint work among PE apprentices
- Joint School Council work
- Joint office staff communication
- Carnivals
- Joint sports day
- Various sporting competitions
- Gedling's Got Talent
- Shared governor training
- Transition arrangements to secondary school
- Some joint information to parents

Each school will remain unique but together we can move our schools forward in a really positive way.

PTA Events

Earlier this week we had our first PTA meeting of the year. It was great to see new members and listen to their ideas. We discussed our events for the year and here is a bit more detail.

Our Halloween Disco has moved due to a clash with Phoenix, so our new date is Friday 13th October. We will send a letter with more information on and how to get tickets soon.

As Christmas approaches we all like a bit of pampering so we will have a 'Christmas Pamper night' on Friday 1st December, 6-9pm. This will be an over 18's night as we will have a bar. Tickets will be £5 including your first drink. Then you can sign up for the beauty treatments on offer and browse the stalls selling beauty products to indulge yourselves. There will be plenty of time to sit and chat with friends and have a catch up before Christmas. On the other hand, if you are a beautician or have products to sell please contact our PTA on the email below to book your room or stall.

Our Christmas fair is a fabulous event, the Christmas trees will be up, fairy lights galore, the hall will be decorated. The event runs from 3:15 to about 4:30, we have our own stalls but again if you wish to have a stall or can recommend a friend please contact the PTA.

We will be singing in the community again this Christmas, Mrs Henshaw leading us all on her guitar. We will visit local restaurants and pubs, ending at The Inn for a Penny where we sing for our supper!

Our Christmas parties are paid for by the PTA using funds raised from these events so please support us. Year 3 and 4 will have their party on Tuesday 19th Dec and Year 5 and 6 on Wednesday 20th. All parties will finish by 3:15pm.

The PTA have been running a Friday Tuck shop at 3:15pm, we hope to have enough volunteers to continue this but if you have an hour 3-4pm on a Friday we would love your help - again please contact the PTA via email.

As a school we always support Macmillan's 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning' but in the afternoon! It will be on Friday 29th September from 2pm. The hall will become a huge coffee shop with drinks and cakes and time to meet up with friends for a chat. If you would like a tour of the school one of our children will be more than happy to take you around. If you have time to donate a few cakes we would be really grateful. Thank you in advance for helping us support this charity which is close to my heart having had breast cancer myself in 2013.

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Home time

As our school is growing and becoming more and more popular our cloakrooms are feeling the squeeze! Especially the lower KS2 classrooms around Years 3 and 4. Please could I ask parents, friends, grandparents who collect at 3:15pm to wait in the playground. With between 110 and 120 children coming out that way we really need space to ensure they can collect their belongings and be able to go to their adults safely. Please do not come through the double doors to the classrooms, if you need to see a member of staff could you wait until the rush passes or if it is urgent please pop along to the office and we can help you there.

The Year Ahead

If any of you didn't manage to get to our meeting on Wednesday evening the staff will put their PowerPoint onto the school website so you can view it there.

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House T-Shirts

Just a reminder that house t-shirts are needed throughout the year, if you need to buy a new one please call into reception by Monday 18th September. Y3 children will be allocated t-shirts shortly.

Mrs Curson