



Newsletter Spring 2 2022

It is hard to believe we have reached the Easter holidays. We have had another fantastic term in school, despite the inevitable impact that Covid has had. We are finally seeing a return to more normal routines in school. Educational visits have begun to take place and will continue throughout the summer term. It has been lovely to see parents back in school, please check out our diary dates for events we have planned for the Summer term.

Covid 19 Update

As I am sure you are all aware we have new Covid guidance as of the 1st April. Anyone with a positive Covid test is advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under this is for three days.** Children who are unwell and have a high temperature are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Children can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Reading in School

'Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible' – Barack Obama

This year we have begun to invest heavily in the quality of reading books available in school as we continue to prioritise the value of a love of reading. Children will bring home a book to read and share with you, matched to their reading level. As a whole school we celebrated World Book Day.

Year 5 have taken part in Stockton Book of the Year, which saw them reading and reviewing a number of books. Their hard work was rewarded with a visit from the winning author – James Harrison.

Comic Relief

School became a sea of red as the children dressed accordingly to raise money for this national charity. As a school we raised £283.00

Sporting Achievements

Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a football tournament led by Middlesbrough Football Club. Their attitude and sportsmanship were a credit to school – well done to all who took part.



Rights Respecting School



We continue our journey as a Rights Respecting School. The articles of the month for this half term were:

March - Article 23 (children with a disability). A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

April - Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion). Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Attendance

Covid and seasonal illness has continued to affect attendance. Our current whole school attendance rate is 94.1%, this is an increase from

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks

Spring 1 and still above the most recent national data.

In line with our Attendance Policy, leave of absence requests will only be authorised by the

school in exceptional circumstances. The policy is available on the website. Where holidays have been rescheduled due to Covid, we will need to see the original booking documentation when considering the leave of absence request. All other requests will be categorised as unauthorised and subject to a fixed penalty notice referral in line with school policy.

Curriculum learning takes place up to 3:20pm on a Friday. When a child is collected early from school they are missing key learning time.

Platinum Jubilee



Plans are currently underway for our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We will celebrate this significant

point in history week commencing Monday 23rd May, this will form the focus of our learning that week. As part of this we would like to send a 'Save the Date' request to you all for the afternoon of Thursday 26th May. We have been unable to celebrate so many events as a school family due to Covid, we want this to be different. We will host a celebration event that afternoon which you will be invited to, children can come to school in red, white and blue. Further details will follow after the holidays.

To support this event we are beginning to fund raise, firstly with the Easter Egg competition and we will send details of a Summer Disco for the children after the holidays.

Parental Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire and provide us with feedback – we really do value your opinions. We really appreciated the positive comments you shared such as: 'just thank you for all that you do'; 'I feel that school has helped my child to flourish'; 'the staff are helpful and always have time for you'; 'class teacher is an excellent source of contact and support'. I wanted to provide you with an update following this, please see the attached sheet.

Diary Dates

Check the dates below carefully as we have added details of our enrichment weeks and events such as discos. Also, please note the key assessment dates if your child is in any of these year groups.

- Fri 8th Apr 2022: School finishes for Easter
- Mon 25th Apr 2022: Children return to school
- Mon 2nd May 2022: Bank Holiday
- Mon 9th May 2022: Year 6 SATs Week
- Mon 16th May 2022: Professional Development Day
- Thurs 19th & Fri 20th: Year 4 Bushcraft Residential
- Week Commencing Mon 23rd May: school celebrates the Platinum Jubilee
- Mon 23rd May: Jubilee Disco
- Thurs 26th May: Platinum Jubilee event pm
- Fri 27th May 2022: School finishes for half term

- Mon 6th June 2022: School returns after half term
- Mon 6th June 2022: Week of phonic screening
- Mon 13th/20th June 2022: Multiplication Tables Check takes place for Year 4
- Fri 24th June 2022: Professional Development Day
- Tues 28th June: Summer Fair
- Week Commencing Mon 4th July: Health and Fitness Week
- Wed 6th July: Sports Day
- Thurs 21st July 2022: School finishes for the Summer

A Fond Farewell

Miss Harrison will leave Myton Park at the end of this term having gained a promotion to Vice Principle at a new school opened by the North East Autistic Society. We would like to thank her for all she has done for Myton Park and wish her every success in her new role.

Have a fantastic holiday and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 25th April 2022.



Best Wishes

Mrs Williams

Parental Feedback

We absolutely value your comments and feedback. From the most recent survey, the key themes are highlighted below, along with what we have done so far and any future plans we have.

You said...	We did....
Post Covid you would like to see afterschool activities return.	A programme of after school clubs will run from Summer 1 2022.
School has lost some of its community spirit and you would like to see some activities families can join in with.	<p>Although families have not been able to join activities due to Covid the children have enjoyed a number of events over the past year such as: Health and Fitness Week, Challenge Week, Children in Need, Christmas activity and craft week, World Book Day, Red Nose Day and working to fund defibrillators for Ingleby Barwick community.</p> <p>Now we are moving beyond Covid, school will return to a more normal programme of events such as Platinum Jubilee celebrations, school discos, enrichment weeks and of course Sports Day.</p>
You would like improved communication within school and particularly around events and dress up events.	<p>A calendar of dates included in half termly newsletter.</p> <p>We fully appreciate the need for parents to have as much notice as possible for events. We will aim as far as possible to have an advanced calendar of events, however, there may still be occasions where notice is limited.</p>
You would like a before school/breakfast club and afterschool provision.	<p>School are currently working with Mrs B's to provide this service and have already gathered expressions of interest.</p> <p>This work will continue with Mrs B's to hopefully establish a partnership which will provide before and after school provision.</p>
You would like an overview of what your child is being taught over the year.	<p>At present our long-term curriculum plans are available on the school website.</p> <p>From Summer Term each class will send out a curriculum newsletter outlining your child's learning for the term.</p>
You would like to see parental consultations take place, face to face in school.	From Spring Term we have returned to face to face parental consultations.