



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWS

Welcome Back

We hope you had a good summer and that your children are ready for our first day of the new term tomorrow. We will welcome 20 new pupils to nursery next Monday as well as Rosie and Jaxon who will be joining Dentdale class on Friday. Plus, of course, Mrs Wood is joining our staff team as the new teacher in Swaledale class.

It will be lovely to see everyone tomorrow. Due to the current spell of warm weather we are experiencing please send children in with suncream applied, a hat and a water bottle. If at all possible, please avoid sending water bottles with small loose lids as these could pose a choking hazard. Thank you.

Safeguarding

All staff have completed annual safeguarding training this morning. Updates and reminders are essential and important. The safety and happiness of your children is always our top priority in school and all staff will strive to do everything possible to ensure your children feel 'happy, safe and loved' at Ingleton Primary.

Class names

A quick reminder of who's who:

- ✓ Mrs Clements – Wharfedale Y6
- ✓ Mrs Wood – Swaledale Y4/5
- ✓ Ms Gill/Mrs Jackson – Wensleydale Y3/4
- ✓ Miss Middleton – Barbondale Y2
- ✓ Mrs Pickard/Mrs Wilmshurst – Kingsdale Y1
- ✓ Mrs Burnett/Mrs Robinson – Dentdale YR
- ✓ Mrs Bromley – Nursery

Information for Parents

Teachers will continue to send their 'Friday Round-Up' emails this year. They will pass on all the information you need as parents and will set out class routines and expectations for the year ahead. Class teachers will be out on the playground at the end of the day so you can informally introduce yourselves and 'break the ice' if you haven't met them already.

Alternatively, on Monday 25th September after school, staff will be available for informal 'drop in' sessions if you would like to come along and meet them, have a chat and find out how your child is settling in. Teachers will be sending more information in their Friday emails.

Early in Spring we will have Parents' Evenings. Please remember that teachers are always willing to discuss any concerns with you at other times during the year if you arrange a mutually convenient time. Likewise, teachers may also contact you to arrange a meeting if they want to discuss your child's

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progress at any time during the year. Emailing makes communication quick and easy, but please respect teacher's evenings and weekends – they will get back to you at their convenience.

Uniform - please name all uniform and PE kit

We are proud of our very smart children at Ingleton and we believe that pupils should take pride in their appearance as well as their work. However, please remind them that trainers are for outdoor PE only (they do forget!) and we appreciate sensible shoes. Pupils require wellies and suitable outdoor clothing daily – we like to have fresh air and exercise in all weathers.

Jewellery should not be brought to school. Earrings must be either removed or taped over on PE days to avoid any accidents. Long hair needs to be tied back please.

Our **P.E. kit** comprises of a white t-shirt, black/navy shorts, plain, dark coloured tracksuit top and bottoms, as well as trainers for indoors. Dance and gym are often barefoot indoors so no need for pumps. It is essential that children have PE kit in school every day. Thank you.

We have been given quite a lot of second-hand uniform in good condition. This is free to a good home and will be on a table on the bottom playground after school on Wednesday, tomorrow.

Dinnertime

We sent out the autumn term menu last week with our new meal choices. Please have a look through our menu and help your child make some food choices in advance. We like children to try a varied diet and encourage them to try the meals on offer so that children aren't just opting for a panini every day. We can adapt some meals so the children really enjoy their lunch.

If you have any special dietary requirements, please contact Mrs Dixon.

We always like to keep our school dinner numbers as high as possible, but realise the price increase this term may be difficult for some families. If you decide you would like your child to have a hot main meal in school during the winter months, then a lighter tea at home – save putting the oven on - please let us know nearer the time. Thank you.

Milk

If your child would like to have milk at break time, please contact Mrs Dixon - £14.60 for the autumn term. This can be paid by Parentpay or cash.

Key Stage 3 School Visits

All parents are welcome to visit local secondary schools. Q.E.S. has two dates for Information Evenings - Thursday 14th and Wednesday 20th September. These need to be booked via their website.

Settle College Open Evening is on Wednesday 4th October. We advise that you take the opportunities to look around both schools.

The deadline for applying for a Y7 school place is October 31st 2023.

Nursery and Reception new starters

This week Reception parent and child meetings are taking place before all children begin school on Friday. We know from experience that our children really do benefit from these meetings, getting to know new faces and a new space. Mrs Burnett and Mrs Robinson are planning to hold a meeting about Phonics and Early Reading later this month, more details to come.

Nursery home visits are taking place this week and our little new starters will attend on alternate days next week, with all children coming to Nursery on Friday 15th September. We look forward to seeing those children who joined Nursery last January on Monday 11th for the whole week.

Book Bags

It is a good idea for all younger pupils to own red book bags for transporting their reading books rather than a rucksack, especially if they have a school lunch. We do realise that older children prefer their own bags, but please keep the contents to a minimum! Space is tight in our cloakrooms.

Red book bags are available from the school office, priced £5.50.

Assemblies

Our theme for this half term is 'Friendship.'

Ingleborough & Pen-y-ghent

On Monday 25th September, our Y5 children will be walking up Ingleborough with Olly Roberts and on Friday 29th, Y6 will go up Pen-y-ghent. Details will be sent home shortly. More 3 peaks challenges!

Sports News

Cross Country event at Giggleswick on Friday 22nd September during the afternoon – details soon.

Johnny Walker Rugby Tournament at Giggleswick on Thursday 21st September – details to follow.

Craven Cross Country Final Thursday 12th October

North Craven Boys Football Y5/6 Tuesday 17th October

North Craven Girls Football Y5/6 Tuesday 14th November

Next week we are holding our first inter-house event for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6, it will be **Mini Olympics**. Your children will enjoy a range of sports activities to gain points for their house team and Y6 pupils will organise the activities. Fingers crossed for a sunny day on Wednesday 13th September. Pupils will need their PE kit that day, but they can wear a t-shirt in their house colour if they wish.

Scott Armstrong will be joining us on Monday afternoons to teach rugby sessions. This half term, pupils in Barbondale and Wensleydale will take part, followed by Swaledale and Wharfedale after October half term.

On Wednesday afternoons, Becky Mercer will be teaching basketball to Swaledale and Wharfedale this half term, followed by Barbondale and Wensleydale next half term.

After school clubs

Gardening Club will resume this Thursday (tomorrow) until October half term. All children in Y5 and 6 who took part last year on either Wednesdays or Thursdays are very welcome to come along again. New recruits from Y4 will be welcome next Spring when the growing season begins. Cooking Club for Y4 -6 will begin after half term on Thursdays – details nearer the time.

This term on Mondays and Thursdays there will be after school Multi-Sports Clubs for pupils in Years 1 – 6 with Sam Arrowsmith and John Hughes - sam@sdasportsacademy.co.uk

Blue Moose Dance will continue with Kate on Wednesdays 3.40-4.40pm - if your child is interested in starting the dance class, contact hannah@bluemoosedance.org.uk

There will be lots of lunch time clubs this term too.

Countryfile Ramble

Nursery and Reception children will go on their annual Countryfile Ramble to raise awareness and funds for Children In Need. This will take place on Thursday 19th October.

Our records

Have you changed your mobile phone number or email address? Next week we will be sending home your child's Data Capture Form. Please can you check the details, make any amendments and return the form to school. If your child's medical needs vary then we need an update too, please.

We have been advised to include a new question about vaccinations due to the rise in cases of measles recently.

Anyone who suffers from asthma must have a spare inhaler (named and in date) in school permanently please.

Parental Permission for Educational Visits and Sporting Events / Photos

We will also be sending home our permissions forms to be signed and returned as soon as possible please. You would always be notified in advance about visits out of school.

Musical Instrument Lessons

There are places for children wishing to learn accordion, brass, keyboard, woodwind, and violin, as well as guitar. Full details are available on the NYCC Music Service website:

www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk

Holidays

Half term holidays start on Monday 30th October. Holiday dates are published on our website and we expect all family holidays to be taken out of term time. Term time absence is detrimental to pupil progress and wellbeing and absence due to family holiday cannot be authorised. However, if you do want to take your child out of school in term time please request a form from the office.

Good attendance ensures that all pupils have the chance to do their best, be happy in school and make good progress. We will be sending home our school attendance booklet later this week and we have set our school attendance target at 97% for another year.

Improving attendance is again a priority for our school this year.

Early Morning Club

Our Early Morning Club runs every school day from 7.50am, in the hall with Mrs Denby. Sessions cost £4.00 per pupil and can be booked on a termly or ad hoc basis. Please contact Mrs Dixon for further information.

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