

Dear Parents,

One area of parental feedback that we received in the summer related to how well families are aware of the role of the governing board and the names of our governors. Since we had our first meeting of the year this week, it feels like a good opportunity to introduce our governors afresh.

The role of governors is to help guide and support the school's leadership team by making key decisions, monitoring progress and providing supportive challenge to ensure the school provides the best quality education for all pupils. Governors welcome the views of parents and carers and can often be seen at drop off and pick up, or in their official capacity at school events. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the governing board below.













This week in assembly

In assembly this week we have been learning about the difference between facts and opinions. For the older children, this included discussion around the need to test apparent facts we may see online, such as by considering the trustworthiness of the source. Younger children thought about how to avoid being hurt if a friend has a different opinion to themselves and how, in fact, opinions and facts can both be valued.

Harvest Festival / Food Bank Donations

On Wednesday 1st October we will be holding our Harvest Festival and we look forward to welcoming the Reverend Ben Shires from St Peter's Church Greenhill and Grace Food Bank Lowedges. If you are able to make a donation, please hand these in to the school office between now and October 1st. The Food Bank say that demand is running really high and stocks are continually running low so all donations will be greatly appreciated. Every item, just a tin or jar, a



packet or can, makes a difference to those who are struggling. They are most in need of:

- Tinned pasta
- Breakfast Cereal
- Tinned fruit
- Microwave Rice

- Tinned vegetables
- Soup
- Shampoo
- Laundry Powder/capsules

Grace Foodbank tell us they have no surpluses so are grateful for every tin and packet that you can donate. Thank you.

No wrapper snacks

Don't forget, for children who have a breaktime snack, this cannot be something that comes in a wrapper. Fruit or vegetables are ideal but crisps must be left until lunchtime. Thank you.

Parking

Earlier in the week we saw some pretty heavy rain at drop off which understandably increased the number of families driving to school. Please continue to be mindful of our neighbours, making sure parking is courteous, legal and with safety at the core. Our focus on safety extends to Bradway Drive which must be traffic free, apart from for those families who have an approved permit.

Childcare survey

The local authority is seeking the views of parents / carers on childcare needs and experiences of childcare, including the Government's early years childcare support schemes and school wraparound childcare. Please take a moment to complete the survey by clicking here.











OPAL Updates

We're excited to be making regular additions to our OPAL play scheme. This week the children have been having great fun with our oversized golf clubs and, very soon, we'll be launching scooters which we're all very excited about!

We're always on the lookout for new donations for OPAL, so please have a look at the attached OPAL Bingo Card to see if you have anything sitting around that we could use. Thank you.



I hope you have a wonderful weekend. We look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Mr Chris Thomas

Headteacher











Autumn Term 1	
Tuesday 23 rd September 7:45 – 5:00pm	Y6 Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre and DIG York Children will need to arrive at school at 7:45 for an 8am departure and will be back at approximately 5pm (traffic dependent).
Monday 22 nd Sep – 1 st October FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	Harvest Festival Donations Please bring any donations to the school office. Tinned pasta, breakfast cereal, tinned fruit, microwave rice, tinned vegetables, soup, shampoo, laundry capsules are especially welcomed, for our harvest assemblies on Weds 1st October. Thank you
Monday 29 th September 3.30pm Y1 Parents invited	Phonics information meeting for Y1 parents Y1GL classroom
Thursday 2 nd October FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	School Census Day We encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner on census day by having a special menu which will be shared prior to the day.
Friday 10 th October FS2 Y1 Y2	FS2, Y1 & Y2 Trip to Music in the Round at the Crucible This will take place during the school day, details to follow
Wednesday 15 th October Thursday 16 th October FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 Parents invited	Parent consultations In person parent consultations will take place at school. Bookings will be made through the Arbor Parent App. We will email when we are ready to start taking bookings.
Friday 17 th October	Y6 Macbeth Performance The Young Shakespeare Company will be coming in to school for a Macbeth workshop with our Y6 students, details to follow
Monday 20 th October	Y4 Roman Day In school Roman day, details to follow
Thursday 23 rd October Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	FOBPS Halloween Disco Details to follow
Thursday 23 rd October FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	Last day of term
Friday 24 th October FS2 Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6	INSET Day – School closed











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