

October Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians

The school year has had a fantastic start this year, children are working hard and learning lots. Classes settled very quickly and are now producing beautiful work. Teachers are very much focussed on expecting children to do their best work all the time. I am sure many of you saw that when you came to parents evening, (which was brilliantly attended yet again).

Our sports teams have hit the ground running, with great performances in both girls and boys football. (Boys 1st in Ryedale and Whitby, Girls 2nd in Ryedale and Whitby). Basketball and Cross-country next...

Reading

A plea... If you do nothing else school wise at home, please read with your child.

On speaking to the children, lots said that they didn't read or read rarely at home. 15 minutes a day is not a lot to ask but it would make a real difference to your child.

It is proven that a child who reads makes more progress in all areas of their learning. There should always be time to read with your child every day.

Thanks to the parents who attended our Early Years parents session, we have a session for Year 1/2 parents tomorrow afternoon at 2pm).

Parking

As the weather becomes colder and wetter we begin to have issues with parking near and around school. We must make sure we do not put pupils at risk. Can I remind you that **no parents or carers** should be driving into school unless they have permission from school. We should also not be blocking residents' driveways or blocking access and visibility onto Stainsacre Lane, this includes parking in the bus zones. It is illegal to park in the bus zones and I have asked the police to enforce it as it is putting the safety of your children at risk. Thanks for your help with this.

Parent behaviour

We will not tolerate abusive behaviour from parents. It is not acceptable for parents to shout or be rude to staff or pupils. Remember that children can find it scary and intimidating to be approached by a grown-up they don't really know.

Following an incident last week, we have issued a formal warning to a parent/carer for unacceptable behaviour. For repeated offences, we would have no hesitation in banning parents from the school site.

We would like to remind all parents that access beyond the reception area is not allowed unless previously arranged. Teachers are not usually available before school as they are preparing for the day, they are however more than happy to discuss your child at the end of the day. If you have

something you need to discuss please come to the main office and we can either arrange an appointment or most days Mr Smith and Mrs Suggitt are available to help.

Snow

As winter kicks in this is just a reminder that as a school we will endeavour to remain open whatever the weather. We will be using our website and **Facebook** to keep you updated at all times. Please also listen out on Yorkshire Coast Radio for school closure updates.

Attendance Autumn 1 2019

Class	%
Sprites (R)	85.9
Elves (Y1)	92.8
Phoenixes (Y2)	93.1
Unicorns (Y3)	94.4
Centaur's (Y4)	94.9
Griffins (Y5)	93.7
Dragons (Y6)	94.6
TOTAL	92.8

So far this year's attendance has been poor, mostly due to children going on holiday during term time. We will be contacting any pupils below 90% and monitoring their attendance, if we do not see improvement in attendance we will be reporting them across to local children's services who will support them.

We also have an issue with parents collecting children for appointments during school-time, many of these appointments are not even for the child. This is having a significant impact on the learning of some pupils. Please, wherever possible, can you arrange appointments for outside of school hours. If you must collect your child during school time, please inform us in writing beforehand. Could we also please remind you to contact school as early as possible if your child is going to be absent that day.

East Whitby on the web

Don't forget you can keep up-to-date with school and find any information by visiting our website. This has photos and up to date stories and information as well as a calendar with all the upcoming dates and events www.eastwhitby.org.uk. We are also on **twitter** and **Facebook**.

Thanks again for your continued support. Again if you have any issues, please don't hesitate to contact us. My door is always open.

Regards

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