



School Bulletin



Welcome Back!

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Year 6 parents and welcome back to our 7 and 8 parents. We hope you have had a wonderful summer!

At Scissett Middle School we send out a school bulletin to inform parents of all the wonderful events that are happening within school such as: school trips, workshops, visiting speakers and clubs that available for your children to join. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the successes of your children, whether that be a sporting success, musical talent or any other achievements. We also use this space to make you aware of important upcoming dates.



A message from Mrs Onnis & Mr Taylor

As we come to the end of our first week back, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our pupils and families for helping make it such a positive start to the new academic year.

It has been wonderful to welcome our new families into the school community, and we hope you have already begun to feel part of our school family. We would also like to extend a warm welcome back to our returning Year 7 and Year 8 families. It has been fantastic to see so many familiar faces returning with enthusiasm, positivity and lovely smiling faces.

Our pupils have made an excellent start. They have arrived looking exceptionally smart, ready to learn, and have represented themselves and the school brilliantly. Their positive attitude, excellent behaviour, and willingness to get stuck into school life have already made us very proud.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring pupils are prepared and ready for school each day. We are looking forward to building on this strong start and having another successful academic year ahead.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We're extremely proud of our broad extra-curricular program at Scissett and are excited to share with you soon a brochure giving full details of what is on offer for students at lunchtime and after school. In the meantime, clubs will be shared with students in our morning form time bulletin so please encourage your child to get involved and try something new!



Arbor App

We would like to update you on our app for parents this year. In the next couple of weeks we are launching the Arbor app and information about how to access this will be sent out in due course.

We are still using Edulink at the moment to communicate with parents. For the new Year 6 parents this will be sent as an email directly to the priority one parent's email address we have on our records.

Year 7 and 8 parents can continue to use the Edulink app until we tell you otherwise. You can still use this to report absences for the time being.

For the new Year 6 parents any absences should be telephoned in to school on 01484 865444 or, alternatively, you can email the school office on scissettoffice@themast.co.uk. We ask that you send this in by 8:45am each day of any absence.

Please can we ask you to bear with us while we move over to the Arbor app. If you have any queries please contact school.



Fidget Aids

We recognise that some of our children benefit from using fidget aids to support their concentration, self-regulation and engagement with learning. To ensure these aids remain effective and do not become a distraction, all fidget aids used in school must be provided and approved by school staff.

Please do not send fidget toys or sensory items from home. Whilst often well-intentioned, these can be highly distracting for the child using them, as well as for their classmates and staff. Some toys can also create disruption if they make noise, contain small parts, or burst, which can interrupt learning and potentially damage school property.

School-approved fidget aids have been carefully selected to support learning, be safe for use in the classroom, and minimise disruption. Staff will assess individual needs and provide appropriate resources where necessary.

If a child brings a fidget toy from home into school, they will be asked to put it away in the first instance. If the item continues to be used, it will be confiscated and returned to the child at the end of the school day. Where this becomes an ongoing issue, negative behaviour points may also be issued in line with the school's behaviour policy.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and continued support in helping us maintain a focused, safe and productive learning environment for all children.



Instrument Lessons

The start of the school year is a fantastic time to consider starting musical instrument lessons.

Learning a musical instrument is a wonderful and truly worthwhile thing to do. Research has shown that learning an instrument builds resilience, fosters creativity and boosts wellbeing. Students will build social skills and lifelong friendships by making music with others. Both a creative and academic pursuit, the skills will transcend the curriculum and help contextualise learning from other subjects. Employers and universities will admire the dedication and confidence demonstrated by musicians. The higher graded instrument examinations even carry UCAS points towards university entry!

Throughout the week we are visited by a dedicated team of specialist teachers from Musica Kirklees, covering all common instruments; piano and keyboard, brass, woodwind, upper and lower orchestral strings, electric and classical guitar, drums, percussion and voice. Almost 100 of our students are already enjoying the benefits of these specialist tuitions. The cost of the lessons varies depending on which of four length options you choose but start at around £9 per lesson. In most cases an instrument can be loaned to the student while they are learning, for which there is only a small administration fee to pay.

If you would like to go ahead with instrument lessons for your child, you can complete an online application on the Musica Kirklees website. (www.musicakirklees.org) The website also contains further details, including helpful video guides to choosing an instrument to learn.

If your child is eligible for free school meals then please contact Mr Osborne (mosborne@themast.co.uk) to discuss how the school may be able to support with the cost of instrument lessons.

I expect you will have heard many adults say “I wish I had learnt an instrument when I was younger”. Now is the perfect time to make sure your child doesn’t look back in the future and say the same thing!



Dates For The Diary

Thursday 10th September - School Photo Day (Individual photos for Years 6 & 8, Class photos for all years)

Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning, 8am onwards

Friday 9th October - World Mental Health Day (Hello Yellow)

Friday 23rd October - Last day of this half-term

Tuesday 13th October - Open Evening, 5pm-7pm

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