



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. This year we have made the decision to send out our bulletins monthly.



A message from Mrs Onnis

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and you have all enjoyed a fantastic summer break with your loved ones. I wanted to take a moment to share how delighted we are with the excellent start to the new academic year.

From the very first day, our school has been filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a wonderful sense of community. The pupils have returned with bright smiles, ready to learn and eager to reconnect with their friends and teachers. It's been a joy to see them settling into their routines so confidently and positively.

I'd also like to thank you for your continued support. Your encouragement and partnership play a vital role in helping us create a nurturing and inspiring environment for every child. Together, we are laying the foundation for a year full of growth, achievement, and memorable experiences.

We're excited for all that lies ahead and look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Warm regards,

Mrs R. Onnis

Head of School

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!

Performing Arts Updates

Thank you to Ackworth Guitar Setups

We have just collected our latest batch of guitars that have been kindly repaired by the amazing team at Ackworth Guitar Setups. The owner, Tristan, is a former SMS student and generously gives his time and expertise to make sure we've got the instruments to keep our students playing. They are a great local business and have recently moved to a new premises in Denby Dale Business Park. For anything guitar maintenance related we can highly recommend. Thank you Ackworth Guitar Setups!

Dance Club

We will soon be re-starting our after school dance club. This is a fun club for children of all levels of experience, including those who have not danced before. Last year the group took part in a number of performances including at the Shelley Pyramid Dance Festival and the Lawrence Batley Theatre. Led by a specialist dance teacher, Amelie, the club is free to attend. Rehearsals will take place on Mondays from 3.45 -4.45pm starting Monday 7th October.

If your child would like to attend, please email Mr Osborne (mosborne@themast.co.uk) no later than **Friday 12th September** to secure a place. Even if your child attended last year please can you email to reconfirm.

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 11th September - School Photo Day (Individual photos for Years 6 & 8, Class photos for all years)

Friday 26th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning, 8am onwards

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

Friday 25th October - Last day of this half-term



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