



# Newsletter 1

## 8 September 2017

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to existing families and a massive New Bewerley welcome to new families. The children have been fantastic this week. Without exception, every child has followed school rules and acted as excellent role models for our new reception children. Ms Earnshaw, Miss Quinn and all the reception staff are looking forward to a great year with some wonderful children.

### Governor Vacancy

We have a parent governor vacancy. Governors support and question decisions concerning: budgets, curriculum, buildings, inclusion, safeguarding, welfare, etc. If any parents, including new ones, are interested in joining the governing body then contact school to arrange a meeting with me.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's Macmillan Coffee Morning is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Parents and carers can visit school from 9am to enjoy a range of drinks and treats. If you would like to donate any cakes or treats bring them into school on the 29<sup>th</sup> – taking them straight in to the hall.

### School Money

Arrangements are in place for Breakfast Club payments to be made using School Money. Parents of pupils in the club will be contacted with a unique reference for your child. This is a secure service which has been in use since April for dinner money, trips and after school clubs – your assistance to make New Bewerley a cashless school is much appreciated. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

### Class Newsletters

All children will receive a class newsletter outlining the topics and objectives taught this term. Also included in this letter will be a date and time for all parents and carers to attend a coffee morning / afternoon to meet their child's class teacher. This is an opportunity to be told what children will be learning this year. You will also be able to ask questions about SATs and tests if your child is in Years 1, 2 and 6.

### Exceptional Leave

Can I remind parents that children cannot be taken out of school on holiday anymore and parents may incur a fine from Leeds City Council if that happens. I am not allowed to authorise absences for holidays. If you feel your absence falls into the 'exceptional circumstances' category there is a form in the office which can be filled in for my consideration. Also, if children do take extended periods of unauthorised absence and do not return to school a referral will be made to the Local Authority which may result in your child losing their school place.

### Attendance

Like last year, we are working hard to improve children's attendance at school. Studies prove children make more progress if they have excellent attendance. If a child's attendance falls below 90% parents and carers may be subject to a fine or face court proceedings.

To improve pupil attendance, we will continue to play 'classopoly' with the children. Classes will receive treats if their combined attendance is above 96%. Also, if a child has 100% attendance they will be entered in to prize draws in December & March and receive a reward in July. See below.

100% attendance September to December	Child entered in to a raffle to win £50 of supermarket vouchers for their family.
100% attendance September to March	Child entered in to a raffle to win £5 (20 lucky winners)
100% attendance September to July	Every child with 100% attendance wins £10

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### School Times

Remember classroom doors now open at 8.50am every morning. Teachers would like all children to arrive at this time so they can start lessons at 9am. Classroom doors close at 9am.

This year we have changed celebration assembly times. This year, Y1 and Y2 will have their celebration assembly on Friday at 9.00am and Y3, 4, 5&6 will have their assembly on Fridays at 9.55am. Parents are invited to this assembly and you will be told by an adult in your child's class if your child is receiving a certificate.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. School is closed to reception pupils all day and school closes at 2pm for children in Years 1 to 6 – appointment slips will be sent home soon.

### Training Days 2017 / 18

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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