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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Headteacher's Update Monday 2nd September



What is happening this week?

The start of the new academic year is always an exciting time of the year and we have a lot to look forward to this year.

To start the new year we have refreshed the look of our weekly update that was previously called the Headteacher's Blog. Every week you will get a copy sent electronically with updates for the week ahead.

New staff

We start the new term welcoming Miss Watson and Mrs Fox-Robinson to the staffing team. Miss Watson is joining Wensleydale as class teacher and Mrs Fox-Robinson is our new School Business Manager. I am sure that will join with me in welcoming them to the RTS family.

New hours

Our new hours are 8:50am – 3:20pm. This ensures that we are meeting guidelines regarding the length of the school day.

Meet your class teacher

In the next few weeks you will receive an invitation to meet you child's new class teacher and come into the classroom. We hope that it will be an opportunity for you to put a name to a face and have any questions that you have answered.

Dates for your Autumn Term Diary

Wed 18 th Sept	M&M Production of Wizard of Oz 9:30am
Mon 23 rd Sept	7pm Friends Meeting
Tues 24 th Sept	6pm Early Reading Evening
Fri 27 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thurs 10 th Oct	Tempest Individual and Sibling Photos
Thurs 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day
Mon 14 th -15 th Oct	Bikeability Group 1
Tues 15 th Oct	Harvest Festival 1pm for parents of children new to RTS
Thurs 17 th -18 th Oct	Bikeability Group 2
Friday 18 th Oct	Harvest Community Tea 2pm
Mon 21 st -22 nd Oct	Bikeability Group 3
Tues 22 nd Oct	Energy Heroes leading worship
Wed 23 rd Oct	Parents' Evening 1 online
Thurs 24 th Oct	Parents' Evening 2 online
Mon 28 th Oct	Half term week
Mon 4 th Nov	INSET, staff training day—No school
Tues 5 th Nov	Autumn term 2 starts



Friends news

Monday 23rd of September at 7pm: the friends will be holding their first meeting. After last year's 50th anniversary fund raising efforts it will be a chance to see where the money is going to be spent and to begin the plans for this year.

The two main events in the friends calendar for Autumn Term 1 are:

- Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am Friday 27th September
- Harvest Community Tea 2pm Friday 18th October

Parental help with friends events is much needed and greatly appreciated and it is a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action. I hope to see many of you at the first meeting.



Building News

Mr Gibbons and his team have been busy cleaning the school from top to bottom over the summer. We have had workmen in school replacing classroom carpets and windows to ensure that we are ready for September. Work on our new EYFS and KS1 playground improvement programmes will begin this term.



After-School Clubs

In addition to the after-school clubs that will be run by staff this term, we are delighted to announce a number of partnerships with external providers to widen the extra curricular offer that we can provide.

Harrogate Town FC **	Mondays from 9th Sept.	Yr 3-6
Hannah Rae Arts Club	Tuesdays from 10th Sept. Thursdays from 12th Sept.	Yr 4-6 Yr 1-3
Harrogate Theatre	Tuesdays from 24th Sept.	Yr 3-4
Harrogate Hockey Club **	Tuesdays from 24th Sept.	Yr 3-4
Lauren Gotts Street Dance	Thursdays from 12th Sept.	Yr 3-6

**Details about these will be emailed in the next day.

The others have been sent already by email. Please contact the Office for further information.

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE CHOIR, please note that this will be run on a Tuesday for Years 3-6 and we have a super music teacher, Mrs Mills, heading this up. Information to follow next week in the school's after-school clubs letter.

Uniform Reminder.

A polite reminder that all parents received a letter regarding uniform for September 2024 at the end of last term. Please pay particular attention to the section covering footwear; brightly coloured training shoes are not part of the uniform at RTS.

Preloved uniform can be ordered from the friends via the School Office, just send in an email.

Finally, at the end of last year we were unable to reunite children with water bottles, jumpers, coats, shoes, shorts and PE kit from lost property because none of the items were labelled. Please get everything labelled and we promise to get it back to you if it is misplaced. Thank you.