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This newsletter is an important link between school and home. I hope you will find it useful as it gives news of forthcoming events and a list of dates for your diary.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made a super start to our new year. The staff and I are delighted that the children have settled in so well and are thrilled that Pre School are now part of the school. We are thoroughly enjoying our "Starting with a Sculpture Topic" and look forward to sharing our learning with you.

We do ask you to support your child's learning at home. From Year 1 onwards, it is absolutely essential that children are reading on a regular basis (at least 3 times per week); practising their spellings and also their mental maths. Please do record this in your child(ren)'s homework diary.

Indoor shoes:

Can I please remind parents to send children with a pair of sensible indoor shoes? We work extremely hard to keep our school clean and tidy and are very grateful for your assistance in this matter.

'Bags to school':

We will be having a "Bags To School" Collection on 5th October. You should have received a "bags to school" bag to fill last week. Please fill and return to school for collection by 9am on 5th October. If you have more than a bagful - any bag will do!

Harvest Festival 2pm Wednesday 19th October:

This year, we will be supporting the 'Hambleton Foodshare' and will send out a list of suggested items, for donation in due course.

School Gateway: <https://login.schoolgateway.com/>

Please have a go at accessing the gateway. You should all be registered on the system and hopefully are managing to pay and give consent etc. If you have any issues or require any help please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

Message about absent children and collection changes:

Please ensure that you telephone school before 9.10 a.m., if your child is absent for any reason. Registers can then be marked accordingly. We would appreciate a short letter or email detailing the reason for the absence on your child's return.

Please always ensure that you notify the office of any changes to your child's collection. You may email, text, phone or pop in. We will then update the end of the day registers.

Peripatetic Music Tuition:

If you have a child in KS2 who would like to be taught how to play an instrument please contact the school office for an online application form. Please book lessons online at www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk. The scheme is run by NYCC County Music Service (01609 532783). At present we have the following tuition available in school:- Guitar, wind instrument, Brass, drums, keyboard.

Family and Friends' Lunches:

On a monthly basis we hold a lunch in school for family and friends. The date for this month is Wednesday 19th October and the cost of the meal is £3. Also if you know of any Friends or Senior Citizens who would like to join us, do encourage them to come along. Lunch will be served at 12.00 noon and prior booking is essential. Due to large numbers please book your place and pay on the gateway by 9am on the day **before** the lunch. Late bookings cannot be taken.

Please remember that we do have an open door policy. Your first point of contact is either the office or your child's class teacher. Please do use the homework diary to keep in touch too.

I look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. Williamson,
Headteacher



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Dates for your diary - October 2016

Tuesday 4 th	Swimming for Year 3 and invited others. French after school club Football after school club with Mr Darcy
Wednesday 5 th	Bags to School Collection by 9am please. Collective worship with Stephen Redman Year 5-6 Netball after school club
Tuesday 11 th	Swimming for Year 3 and invited others. Forest School Trip for invited group - small. French after school club Football after school club with Mr Darcy
Wednesday 12 th	Collective worship with Jen Holder. Year 5-6 Netball after school club
Friday 14 th	Deadline for Year 6 Bikeability paperwork Science Sharing assembly Film Night - please book via the gateway. Films TBC
Monday 17 th	Year 6 Bikeability Highway code test in school - no bikes required! 7.30pm Friends meeting - please contact the office for details.
Tuesday 18 th	Swimming for Year 3 and invited others. French after school club Football after school club with Mr Darcy
Wednesday 19 th	Friends and Family Lunch - Sausages! Please book via the gateway by 9am on Tuesday 18 th . Harvest Festival in Saint Andrew's Church at 2pm Year 5-6 Netball after school club
Friday 21 st	South Otterington School Sculpture Park - Please join us from 2.30pm to see what the children have been working on this half term! Refreshments served. School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 31 st October	School closed for training Day
Tuesday 1 st November	School reopens at 8.45am
Future dates:	
3 rd December	Friends of South Otterington Christmas Party - Details to follow.....



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