



Thirsk Community Primary School

Welcome back and Happy New Year

Welcome back to the Spring term -I hope that everyone had an exciting and enjoyable holiday. It was great to see all the children returning on Tuesday and looking forward to the term ahead. As you can see the new 'online' version of the newsletter is a lot more colourful than the previous edition with the idea being that we can now include more photos to show you all the things that are happening at school.

This year the main improvement priority of the school is reading. Our aim is that every child not only becomes a fluent and confident reader but also enjoys and values reading. Not being able to read and comprehend at a high standard is arguably the single biggest barrier to future success in life. There is a lot of research that shares how not being a fluent reader effects future life choices. All research clearly says that learning to read is achieved most successfully when both school and home work together. With this in mind can I firstly thank all of you that regularly hear your children read daily and for those that previously have not now is the time to start. Reading at home does not need to be overly long -even a short focussed time is better than not at all. If you would like any help or support we are only to happy to help and advise. Please speak to your child's teacher and we will be delighted to help. Finally please record and return reading records this helps us to work even more effectively with your child.

Weekly Attendance we are aiming for higher than 97%

Class	% attendance this week (all pupils)
RB	93.7
R/1S	96
1/2EC	92.3
1/2MC	91.2
3BC	93.8
3PR	95
4AW	94.7
5E	94.8
5P	91
6T	97.1
Total	93.9

Dates For Your Diary

January

- 15th Pupil of the Term
- 16th Swimming Gala
Competition
Young Voices Trip
- 17th KS1 'Famous for 5
Minutes ' Day
3BC swimming @10.30
3PR swimming @11.00
- 19th 4AW Assembly
- 23rd Key Steps Gym
Competition
- 24th 3BC swimming @10.30
3PR swimming @11.00
- 29th Scott Montgomery
Assembly





Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Judo 3.30 - 4.30 Yr2- Yr6			Drama 3.20-4.20 Yr1-Yr2	Multi Sports 3.20-4.20 Yr 1& Yr2
			Mr Chandlers Football 3.20-4.20 Yr5/6 Starts 18 th Jan	C4L club KS2 (selected pupils only) 3.20-4.20
Glee Club 3.15-4.00 Yr4-6	Dance Club 3.20-4.20 Yr3-6	Gym Club (competition pupils only Until 17th) 3.20-4.20	Yoga 3.20-4.20 Yr3-6	

Young Voices

Please keep a look out for your parent tickets and further information with regards to the trip. These have been sent out tonight with the children.

After School & Breakfast Club

Please remember to book your children into these clubs.

Dinner Debts

Can we please remind parents that school meals are to be paid for in advance. Can all arrears be cleared this week please. Many Thanks.

Some pictures of our new playground wall !!



Reception Applications

The deadline for applying for a place in reception, starting September 2018, is Monday 15th January 2018 application can be made on the following link;

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-primary-or-junior-school-place>

Special Lunch Change

Please note that on Thursday 18th January we are having a meal change

Lunch will be

Sausage or Pizza, chips, beans

Iced Sponge

KS1 come and join us !!

(remember all meals are free in KS1)

