'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'



Your first note from your Headteacher for this new academic year...

Welcome back to all and what a fabulous first week we have had back in school this academic year. I hope everyone has had a fun and restful summer holiday enjoying the beautiful weather which typically is at its hottest now! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who completed your feedback form attached to your child's annual report at the end of last term. The Federation is always looking forwards to be the very best possible and we appreciate your honest opinions, ideas and continued support.

Firstly, this week I would like to introduce and warmly welcome our new Nursery, Reception child and their families. We also welcome Mrs Savage (Class 1) to our Husthwaite school family.



Our new children have had a great first week and have already made lots of new friends. All our children have been settling back into school this week, enjoying their new year groups and learning.

Your new class summaries...

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Class 1 have had a wonderful start to the new school year, we have introduced our new topics of Amazing Me (growth and change) and Toys (past and present). We enjoyed our first forest school session and our first PE lesson, which was loved by all.

We were super excited to see all the vegetables and fruits that have grown over the summer, especially the amazing pumpkin plant that is huge, we are hoping for some lovely big pumpkins.!

We have really enjoyed our new system of rolling snack, with the children developing their independence with their toast partners as they spread their own butter and cut their toast as well as pouring their own drinks.







Class 2, Miss Goodchild

Class 2 have settled in really well over the week as we have gradually introduced our new timetable and curriculum organisation. They have enjoyed being introduced to new things and routines. Year 3 were excited to begin using the Chrome books now they are KS2 and Year 2 were just as excited to use the Dells and laptops. The children were pleased to welcome back Mr Shimwell and take part in some PE games even in the boiling heat!



Class 3, Mr Chapman

It's been lovely welcoming Class 3 back and the children have settled really well into the routines. The Year 6's have been training up Year 4 and 5 about Playground Squad. The children have shown they are ready and raring for the year ahead!







Friday 8 September Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Olivia for her excellent engagement with our Talk through stories sessions.

Headteacher's sticker – Evie-Mae for settling so well into her new school and class.

Writer of the week – Sidney for working so hard in his English lessons to use his phonics to support his writing.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – George for his eagerness to contribute to discussions and making a great start to Year 2.

Headteacher's sticker – Ellie for thinking of others and demonstrating our friendship collective worship theme.

Writer of the week – Eliza for her super speech bubble ideas and working hard to use her phonics to record them.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Hope for her thoughtful and noteworthy contributions in collective worships.

Headteacher's sticker – Rufus for stepping up and helping a friend with P.E. kit.

Writer of the week – Charlie S. for conscious control with his writing.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars!

Sharday for having lots of great ideas in English and sharing them.

Eliza W for enthusiasm in computing.

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Friendship. Your child has got a home school values sheet of ideas in their book bag today, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in the school hall at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by Miss Goodchild.

My school newsletter will continue to be fortnightly as of today. Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

As you know Miss Goodchild as senior teacher is in charge in my absence on site at Husthwaite, please don't hesitate to contact her if she can be of any assistance.

Being the beginning of the academic year please can we remind all of our school uniform.

School uniform: PE Kit:

Red or grey sweater/cardigan

Plain white or red t-shirt

White or red polo shirt

Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts

Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt (for outdoor PE)

Grey/white socks or tights

Black sensible shoes.

Plimsolls/trainers

Hair: Children with hair below the shoulder must have their hair tied back.

Jewellery:- For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. If a watch is worn, it is at your own risk. Plain stud type earrings may be worn with pierced ears but must be removed (independently) during PE sessions. This is in line with North Yorkshire County Council's policy.

- We do have some second hand uniform in school for those families that might need this assistance. Please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Dixon in the school office.
- For our Reception year parents, in line with statutory requirements your child will be doing a very informal, low key baseline assessment next week individually with their class teacher. Please see the following link for more detailed information.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf

- As said last term we would like to remind you a school dinner is £3.00 in September. If you think, due to a change in circumstances, that you may qualify for free school meals, please apply through the application form on the NYCC website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals
 PLEASE NOTE WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL due to children / staff with nut allergies.
- If you are interested in your child starting individual or small group music lessons, please use the following link:

<u>Request Lessons with the Music Service - North Yorkshire Music Hub</u> Please remember that if your child is currently in receipt of FSM, support with music tuition cost is available.

- FOHS (Friends of Husthwaite School) will soon be advertising the date for their first meeting of the academic year and will be warmly inviting everyone, old and new parents and carers. It is very much appreciated however much or little time you can give.
- Please can we remind all parents and carers that holidays during term time will be unauthorised unless they meet the NYCC exceptional circumstances criteria. Authorised holiday requests meeting the criteria 'exceptional circumstances due to parents work' will only be authorised once each academic year. Please be aware unauthorised absences can result in penalty fines from NYCC.
- We would like to remind you that 'Be Aware', a new North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children online knowledge hub with a section for parents was launched in the summer term to help prevent and tackle child exploitation. It is all about child exploitation which sadly is happening here in North Yorkshire. The resources and information on this page have been designed alongside parents and carers from across our county to give you the information you need about child exploitation so you can Be Aware of the potential risks

https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/be-aware-parents-and-carers/

- Communication. New phone system. As said at the end of last term we have had a new phone / communication system installed across the federation. This will improve efficiency. You will be able to speak directly to Mrs Dixon (Federation Business Manager) or Mrs Lawson (new Sessay school administrator), report absences and leave out of school hours messages. Our school telephone number remains the same. Dojo, school admin email and open door policy. As you know we encourage strong communication between school and home. If you need to contact your child's class teacher please Dojo them a private message, see them before or after school or contact the school office through email or telephone. Staff will respond as soon as possible within school opening hours, 8.30 3.30pm.
- Federation Governors.

This is Mrs Carolan's last term as our chair of governors as she will be stepping down in the Autumn term and a new chair will be elected by the governing body.

WE HAVE A GOVERNOR VACANCY – DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BECOME A GOVERNOR AT THE HUSTHWAITE AND SESSAY CE PRIMARY FEDERATION

MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

HELP SHAPE EXPERIENCES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

Federation governors are volunteers who work with the leadership team to provide vital support and direction. They help set the strategic vision, oversee the budget and supportively challenge the federation leadership team.

No in-depth knowledge of the education system is needed, you bring with you skills and workplace knowledge that will help positively impact young lives. For more details contact Mrs Dixon or Miss Bennett.

• APPLE TREE NURSERY. We currently have vacancies for our nursery for those children who will have turned 3 years of age before September. If you know of anyone who would like a place, please contact the school office.

DIARY DATES:

ears 3 and 4 swimming lessons start every Thursday during autumn term
School individual photographs (pre-school siblings can be included in family photos from
3.30am)
Curriculum enrichment day – European languages day!
MacMillan coffee morning fundraising event
Harvest Festival 9.30am
Parents evenings
75/6 Federation football match
3.20PM SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
FRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
3.50AM SCHOOL OPENS
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