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School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

It's been a busy couple of weeks in school, and the children are now settled into their classes and routines. We've also had a great start to the year with attendance, and I'm really pleased that our whole-school attendance is currently meeting our target of 97%. Thank you for your continued support with this. There is lots happening over the next few weeks, so this newsletter includes some useful updates, upcoming dates and opportunities for parents to get involved in school life.

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
99.6%	95.5%	96.4%	95.1%	96.8%	98.1%	97.9%

Whole School Attendance: 97.4% 😊

What is my child learning?

Information about the topics and learning taking place in each class can be found on the Class Pages, under the Parents tab on our school website. These pages are a useful place to look if you would like to know more about what your child is learning this term and to help you talk about their learning at home.

Next half term, we will also be holding our Parents' Evenings. These meetings are an important opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about how they have settled, the progress they are making and their next steps. You will also have the chance to look through your child's books and see their work.

In the meantime, if you have a question or concern, please don't feel you need to wait until Parents' Evening. You can contact your child's teacher through ClassDojo during working hours or simply catch us on the school gate at the beginning or end of the day.

Treetops – Booking Update

Our Treetops before and after-school provision is becoming increasingly busy, which is fantastic to see. As places can fill up, early booking is always advisable, particularly if you know the dates you will need in advance.

Thank you as well to everyone who has provided feedback about our wraparound provision. Following your feedback, we have introduced a new booking option for children who attend one of our teacher-led or MSC-led after-school clubs.

The new 'After School Led Clubs Session' runs from 4.15pm until 6.00pm and costs £8. This means that children can attend their after-school club and then go directly to Treetops afterwards.

If you are having any difficulty finding or booking this option, please ring the school office and we will be happy to help.

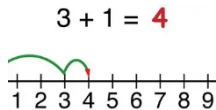
Upcoming School Events

Family Learning Tuesday 20th October – Supporting Maths at Home

Our next Family Learning session is coming up soon. For families who are new to Amotherby, Family Learning is an opportunity to come into school, see us in action and work alongside your child in their classroom. We really enjoy welcoming parents and carers into school for these sessions.

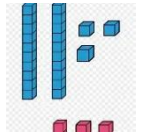
This half term, our focus will be Maths Fluency – how you can support your child at home.

During the session, I will share the 'need-to-know' number facts for each year group and explain why being able to recall these facts quickly and confidently is so important. We will also look at simple, practical ways you can practise and embed these at home without it feeling like extra homework!



We hope lots of you will be able to join us.

EYFS Phonics Meeting – Thursday 1st October



We will shortly be holding our EYFS Phonics Meeting for parents and carers. This is a really important meeting where we explain how we teach children to read through phonics, including the approaches and language we use in school and how you can support your child at home.

We would strongly encourage all EYFS parents to attend. Childcare will be provided in the school hall during the meeting, so please do make use of this if needed.

Please follow the link below to confirm whether you will be attending:

[EYFS Phonics Meeting - Thursday 1st October 3.30pm – Fill in form](#)



Shout Out!



Making a
Difference

A huge well done to Esme, who swam an amazing **one mile on Sunday 20th September** to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Esme decided to take on the challenge herself, inspired by her grandad, who has dementia, and wanting to support other people living with dementia and the families who care for them.

What a fantastic achievement, Esme – we are very proud of you!

. Have Your Say – The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England is inviting children and young people across the country to take part in The Big Future Survey. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to share their views and help inform future priorities for children, families and communities.

If you have a few minutes, please follow the link below to complete the survey:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>



Class WhatsApp Groups – A Reminder

We know that many classes have parent-run WhatsApp groups and recognise that they can be very useful for sharing dates and reminders, checking arrangements, finding missing uniform and helping one another with general information.

However, we do need to be clear about what these groups should not be used for. Concerns or complaints about school, individual children or members of staff should not be discussed on class WhatsApp groups.

In particular, individual members of staff should not be named, criticised or be the subject of personal comments.

If you have a concern about something that has happened in school, please bring it to us directly before discussing it with other parents. We cannot address an issue that we have not been made aware of, and conversations between parents can sometimes result in incomplete or inaccurate information being shared.

We expect communication within our school community to remain respectful, appropriate and constructive, including communication that takes place outside school. If something is concerning you, please contact us through ClassDojo during working hours, speak to us at the school gate or contact the school office. We will always listen and respond appropriately.

Dates for Your Diary

There is lots to look forward to over the remainder of the term, so I have included some of our key dates below to help you plan ahead. We will, of course, continue to send reminders and further details through ClassDojo as events get closer. Please keep an eye on these dates and pop them in your diary – we hope to see lots of you in school over the coming weeks!

Thursday 1st October 3.30pm	EYFS Phonics Meeting
Friday 2nd October	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 7th October	Individual & Sibling Photos
Thursday 15th October EYFS & KS1 9.00am KS2 – 9.45am	Harvest Festivals
Tuesday 20th October 9.00am – 10.30am	Family Learning
Friday 23rd October	Training Day



I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Mrs Wade

Headteacher