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*To create a school where we all:
go further than we thought!
run faster than we hoped!
reach higher than we dreamed!
to become the people God meant us to be!!!!*

Dated: 14th September

Dear Parents & Pupils,

Here is newsletter number 2 for this academic year;

1.	Well done
2.	Uniform
3.	Football
4.	School Lunch
5.	Diary dates
6.	Music
7.	Phonics
8.	Knitting needles
9.	Harvest Time
10.	Topic letters
11.	Pupil of the week
12.	FOSS

1. Well done to all our pupils who have settled back into school so well after such a long break. All are working really hard and showing great enthusiasm for every aspect of school life.

2. We now have more school uniform in stock so if you are waiting for some outstanding items or would like to place an order please either call in at the school office or e-mail Mrs. Wheeler with your requirements.

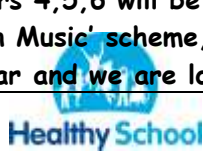
3. This week we had our first visit from the York City Football Club Coach, all children seemed to enjoy their coaching session and are looking forward to improving their football skills over the coming weeks. On Thursday we have a team of Year 5 and 6 children taking part in 'The Sugar Mouse Cup', a seven-a-side tournament in Easingwold, we wish them luck.

3. A reminder to the parents of children in years 4,5 and 6 that they will be travelling to Ampleforth College on Tuesday 22nd September for an all-day music workshop. A pack lunch will be required and children should be back at school at approximately 4.00pm. **BECAUSE OF THIS VISIT, THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NETBALL CLUB IS TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER.**

4. Parents of the Reception children are invited to join their children for a school lunch on Tuesday 22nd September, a separate note has been sent home regarding this event.

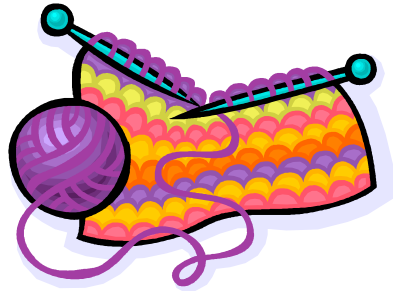
5. All families should have received a copy of this term's diary dates (a copy was sent home yesterday), if there are any alterations to these dates we will try to give you as much notice as possible.

6. Next Thursday the children in years 4,5,6 will be taking part in the North Yorkshire County Council Music Service's 'Wider Opportunities in Music' scheme, where they will all be given the opportunity to play a bowed, stringed instrument for a year and we are looking forward to some fabulous music making.



7. On 6th October we will be holding an evening meeting for parents who are interested in finding out how phonics and reading are taught in school, further details are to follow.

8. Could all the children who were in Mrs. Craig's knitting club last year please return their knitting needles as a matter of urgency, please either hand them to Mrs. Craig or drop them in at the school office.



9. It's now harvest time in the school garden and thanks to the careful nurturing of seedlings by our gardening club we are experiencing a very bountiful year. The school cook, has already included white onions, red onions, carrots, tomatoes, beans, pumpkins and squashes grown in the garden as part of the school meals.

10. Next week teachers will be sending home topic letters, these outline what children will be working on in class throughout the coming weeks.

Due to government changes in how children are assessed, we will no longer be producing individual targets for children but instead we will be sending home age-related expectations for each child. Details of how children will be assessed will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

As a fund-raiser, FOSS are hoping to produce and sell a calendar illustrated with photographs of children from the school. If you **DO NOT** wish your child's picture to be included please contact Mrs. Wheeler in the school office and let her know.

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