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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: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents & Pupils,

Here is newsletter number 1 for this academic year;

1.	Welcome back
2.	Paper work
3.	Labels
4.	Clubs
5.	Staff
6.	Flu
7.	Music
8.	School Meals
9.	Welcome tea party
10.	Congratulations

1. Welcome to all our new pupils and their families and welcome back to all our old ones! I hope you all had a great summer holiday and are all ready and raring to go! For those that are new, we usually send home a weekly newsletter, which is numbered for the academic year so you will know if you have missed one. Many of our families receive their newsletters by email which is preferable, as they arrive directly in your inbox. Copies of the newsletter are also posted on the school website. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter if you do not already receive your newsletter by email and would like to.

2. There will be a number of consent forms and policies sent home with children in years 1-6 next week, these will be included in a 'back to school pack'. Some of the forms are to be signed and returned to school so please look out for them.

We will also be sending home our list of diary dates next week to help you make plans for the term ahead.

3. Please could **all** items of school wear be clearly named for each child. It is very difficult at the end of break times, P.E., etc, finding who belongs to the various jumpers, cardigans, etc. Your co-operation on this would be appreciated.

If you require any further items of uniform please contact Mrs. Wheeler, we have many items in stock.

4. Look out next week for a letter regarding school clubs, clubs will start week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September. For those children who do martial arts the club recommences on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. If your child is in Year 1 -6 and is interested in joining the Martial Arts club there is a free taster session starting at 3.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> September. York City FC coaching starts on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.



5. We would like to welcome Mr. Hough to the staff, he will be our sports development officer, running PE classes with all the children in the school each Thursday. Mr. Hough is a primary PE specialist for 'Total Sports', the development of children and their enjoyment of sport is at the heart of everything they do.

6. The children in Years 1,2 and 3 will be offered a flu vaccination as part of a programme throughout the North Yorkshire and York Primary Schools. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. If you have a child years 1-3 of please check their book bags next week for a consent form which should be returned to school before the end of September to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

7. If your child is in Year 3-6 and is interested in beginning either violin or guitar lessons please contact Mrs. Wheeler (either by e-mail or pop into the office) and she will pass your child's name on to the relevant teachers. For those children who already have guitar and violin/cello lessons they recommence next week.

8. If your child has moved up into Year 3 you are no longer entitled to universal infant free school meals. The cost of school meals is £2.10 per day, £10.50 per week or if you want to pay up to half term it will be £71.40 (for the full term it is £144.90).

In addition to the universal free school meals for key stage one pupils, free school meals are available to children whose parents receive certain benefits.

These include one or more of the following:

- income support;
- income-based Jobseekers' allowance;
- income-related employment and support allowance;
- income-based and contributions-based JSA or ESA on an equal basis;
- child tax credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit, and have an annual household income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190;
- support under part VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999;
- guarantee element of state pension credit; or
- universal credit - during the initial roll-out of the benefit.

Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four-week "run-on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work fewer than 16 hours a week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

Children who receive income support or income-based Jobseekers' allowance in their own right are also entitled to free school meals.

If you meet the above criteria, apply by using the application form available of the North Yorkshire County Council website [http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/media/4397/Assistance-with-free-school-meals-and-residential-visits/pdf/FMB1 - FSM APPLICATION \(APRIL 2015\).pdf](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/media/4397/Assistance-with-free-school-meals-and-residential-visits/pdf/FMB1_-_FSM_APPLICATION_(APRIL_2015).pdf) Applications are usually processed the same day. If your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive a letter confirming the date when the meals will start. The school will also be notified. You should continue to pay until confirmation comes through. Schools may be able to arrange reimbursement of payment made while your entitlement is being confirmed. If you are not entitled to free school meals, you will be notified in writing.

Free school meals claims cannot be backdated. They are awarded from the date we receive the application, once eligibility is confirmed.

If you have moved to North Yorkshire from another authority area, your entitlement to free school meals does not automatically transfer. You will need to re-apply

9. On Thursday 15th September we will be holding a parents' 'Welcome Afternoon Tea'. This is an opportunity for parents to get together for a chat after the summer break and for our 'new parents' to come along and meet others that are part of our school community. This will take place in the school hall starting at 3.30pm

10. All our love and congratulations go to Mrs. Bird (Year 4/5 class teacher) who gave birth to Reuben Thomas Bird in August, please take time to have a look at the school website [www.sutton-on-the-forest.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.sutton-on-the-forest.n-yorks.sch.uk) where Mrs. Bird has posted some pictures of Reuben

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Name:.....

I would like to receive correspondence from school by email

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Please note: correspondence with a consent form attached is always sent as a paper copy so that you don't have to print it.

Please return this slip to the school office. Thank you