



We have now been back to school for over 6 weeks. It's been a very different start to the term in many ways, but everyone has adapted to the new systems in place and all is running smoothly. We have had some children who have had to self-isolate and since the start of October we've been able to send work out to them to complete remotely. We also have our plans in place in case we have to close one of our bubbles. I will forward you our Remote Learning Policy soon.

Clearly, we are all wanting to keep school open for all of our children. It's therefore crucial that we follow whatever the government guidance is to help to reduce the risk, as much as possible, of spreading the virus.

All classes have enjoyed getting back to a normal curriculum and enjoying the breadth of this. Twitter is an excellent window into the classroom. Every Friday the children enjoy our Friday assembly where they get to see some of what the other classes have been doing and to celebrate children's achievements. We've had a number of Success Cards awarded already and our attendance competition 'Race to Success' is a good motivator.

Y5 enjoyed their day at Low and High Force and were blessed with perfect weather for it. I'm sure you will have seen the photos on twitter. This was a small consolation for them not being able to attend their residential visit to Grinton this year. Sadly, Outward Bound have now cancelled the Y6 visit to Howtown which was rescheduled for March 2021. However, we hope to plan some adventurous day activities for all of Y6 to take part in, in June and July.

Half term week is the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> October. We do have a Holiday Camp running in school that week. If you've not already booked and would like to, you can do so by following this link <https://cns-sports-stars.class4kids.co.uk/camp/13>

Finally, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November is 'Children in Need'. The School Council have arranged for a special menu that day – Burger in a Bun, Pizza or Tuna Baguette with Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake for dessert. We'll also allow children to come in non-school uniform. If you would like to donate to Children in Need please do so through their official channel rather than sending the money in directly to us. Please read on for further updates and future activities. Thank you. Kay Hemmings (Head Teacher)



## Parent Meeting Appointments

Parent Meetings are scheduled to take place straight after half term and will be via a telephone call. **Bookings can be made via our new online booking system.** This will be a more efficient way for you to book your time slot. Bookings will go live today and the sooner you book the more likely you are to get a time convenient to you.

We'll have emailed you a guidance sheet to support you in making your bookings with this newsletter.

The link to follow is: <https://tanfieldleacommunity.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Unfortunately, Pre-School appointments cannot be booked this way. Due to us being a Governor Led Pre-School we are not able to put them on our whole school data system and so for certain online provision it's not possible for them to be registered for it. A letter will be sent to Pre-School parents this week. Please return this as soon as possible.

It will be crucial that you ensure you are available 5 minutes before your telephone appointment is due to take place and it's also really important that the appointment is kept to the allocated time. Given this, please be mindful that the teacher will have to finish the conversation to keep to their appointment schedule.

## School Photographer

The photographers came and took the individual photographs in September and orders have now been placed. Unfortunately they have advised us that, due to current government restrictions, it is not possible for them to take class photographs this year. The orders for individual photos were picked up today. All school photographers are currently restricted to taking just one image this year, hence you only had the one choice this time.

## Nissan's Monozukui Caravan

I am pleased to inform you that we have secured a booking for Y6 to attend the Monozukuri Caravan (monozukuri meaning "the art of making things"). This is an interactive workshop held at and funded by Nissan, which educates and engages Y6 pupils in the automotive industry. Our Y6 have attended this for the last 2 years and have gained much from the experience. Nissan have redesigned the day to ensure it is COVID secure and we have 2 dates to accommodate our whole Y6 year group – 30<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December. More information later.



## Be a Flu Fighter!

The NHS will be carrying out flu immunisation in November at our school. This is even more important than ever. It is highly recommended that your child has this. It is given through a nasal spray so is simple and takes seconds. To ensure your child has this you MUST register them. I am sure many of you have already registered your children for this. If not, please follow the guidance we sent out in September. You have to register directly with the NHS. If you can't find the letter, you can access it on our website by clicking on the 'Parent' tab and going to 'Letters to Parents'. Please do this as soon as possible. (This for all children except Pre-School).

## Attitudes to Learning Forms and Attendance



Your child's 'Attitudes to Learning' form will be sent out on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. You will find it inside their Personal Organiser. This will give you information regarding how they have engaged with their learning during this first half term – their behaviour, participation, home learning etc. It also gives you their attendance % up to 9<sup>th</sup> October and the number of times they have been late.



Following the sharing of our Attendance Policy, from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September any lates which were after the arrival time slot (after 9:00 for the 8:45 – 9:00 arrivals OR after 9:15 for the 9:00 – 9:15 arrivals) are classed as unauthorised.

**To support parents and to help to avoid children getting an unauthorised mark we are going to adjust our start times after half term only allowing a 10 minute slot for arrival. This will still give enough time for parents to access the school site whilst still maintaining social distancing and will also ensure that we don't have bubbles mixing in the porch.**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> November the following will apply:

**Reception, Y2, Y3, 56T and 6P      Arrival between 8:45 and 8:55**  
**Pre-School, Y1, Y4 and 5M      Arrival between 9:00 and 9:10**

## Extended School Day

Thank you for your support with regard to us extending the school day on a Wednesday from 11<sup>th</sup> November. This is to accommodate our 'Catch Up' plans and will be for this academic year only. I thought it would be useful to confirm finish times here and I will remind you of this again nearer the time:

Pick Up Time	Year Groups
3:45 to 4:00	Reception, Y2 and Y3
4:00 to 4:15	Pre-School, Y1 and Y4

Finish Time	Classes
4:00	56T and 6P
4:15	5M



Our School Crossing Patrolman will change his work times on a Wednesday to accommodate this. Can I remind all parents that it's important that if you are crossing the road you cross with him. This sets a good example to all children and also means that if everyone crosses the road at this one point, it is safer for everyone. Thank you.

## Christmas Dinner

Due to the changes we have had to make to dinnertime arrangements it will not be possible to offer all children the opportunity to have a Christmas Dinner this year. Only children who stay for dinner all week will be able to have this. Apologies for any disappointment this may cause but it is just not practical or possible given the current circumstances. Thanks for your understanding.



**Bags2School** – These are all due in by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. If you are bringing a bag in could you leave it in one of the following places

please, thank you:

Lower School Yard  
Upper School Yard

Outside Stage Area next to Mc McIntosh's Fire Exit door  
By the large green container