

# Gargrave C of E Primary School Thursday 10th September 2020



Issue 1

## School News

On behalf of all the staff and governors we are delighted to fully re-open school. We have, and continue to plan the safest ways of operating so that the pupils learn and enjoy school.

We welcome every pupil and their family back to school, and send our best wishes to the now year 7's who are starting secondary school.

This term year we also welcome our new starters in reception:-

Olivia	Jemima	Jenson
Jay	Ted	Harriet
Lily	Walter	Harry



New pupils in other year groups include:-

Olivia	Billy
Amelia	Elijah

We know they will love being part of our fantastic community.

Many thanks for your lovely messages sent to staff during the last few months, it is appreciated.

## Curriculum

All teachers are determined to deliver the full curriculum. However, we shall look to increase the profile of English and Maths following closure. Overviews will be sent out with the next newsletter.

PE will be on Mondays for Apple, Ash and Oak. Tuesdays for Sycamore and Willow. These lessons will be outside if at all possible, so please ensure your child has enough appropriate clothing. The PE clothing needs to be smart and must be named and is as follows:-

- T Shirt - white
- Black/blue shorts and/or black/blue jogging bottoms/leggings (plain - no logo)
- Trainers
- Warm extra layer - ideally a school jumper or a school hoodie

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## Uniform

A reminder that the school uniform is:-

- Navy sweatshirt with school logo (NO hoodies during the school day)
- Navy cardigan with school logo (again - no hoodies please)
- Trousers, shorts, skirts - dark grey, navy or black
- White polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Dark coloured school shoes with sensible heels
- Blue gingham dress
- Tartan skirt

This must be worn on all days (except PE). Leggings are suitable for PE days but not other days. It is great to see so many pupils in new school shoes. If they are un-comfy, send something comfy to swap into during the day. Mrs Peel's feet are struggling to cope with the back to school shoes too!

## Raving Readers—All Pupils

A love of reading is what we are trying to instil in all our pupils. We are committed to developing all pupils reading abilities and this comes through regular practice. This also builds stamina for reading, a key skill for both primary and secondary school.

We introduced Raving Readers 2 years ago following visits by our staff to see a similar model used successfully in another school. Feedback from pupils and parents has been very positive. As a result of this initiative, the number of pupils reading 5 times a week at home has increased.

This year the system will be very similar, with some minor adjustments:-

- A parent/carer records pages read by their child in the child's planner (class teachers will explain the length of time a child should read to the children) - this earns one Raving Read.
- Staff will check planners daily and number reads (reads will not be back dated).
- The school target is a minimum of 5 reads a week (out of a possible 7). A maximum of ONE READ PER DAY can be counted.
- Whole Class Guided Reading (WCGR) text will be sent home on a Friday to read in Years 2-6. This needs to be read over the weekend and noted in the planner; it can count as a Raving Read. Please return the text on the Monday as it will be used every day as part of WCGR lessons.
- Every 25 Raving Reads earns a non-uniform day and from 50 reads there will be an additional prize (rubbers/rulers/books).
- In the second to last week of the school year every pupil with 250 or more reads will earn a treat (the first year was a trip to Billy Bobs and last year (because of COVID) was a book token.

If you have any questions please email your child's class teacher. We wish for all children to enjoy learning to read and aim to develop a love of reading across school.

Many thanks for your support and encouragement at home.

### **Free School Meals**

If you feel that your child might be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office and Mrs Aldous, School Business Manager will guide you through the process.

### **Contact**

Thank you for sending the data sheets back, we shall use these to update contact information for group e-mail and text messages.

Mrs Aldous will send out a fortnightly newsletter on a Thursday. Class teachers will send out a class review on a Friday. If you have questions, we are discouraging visitors into school, so please phone or e-mail school and we shall get back to you. It is possible for some meetings to occur in school by prior arrangement.

### **Worship**

This is also very different with the whole school currently unable to be in the hall together. Mrs Peel sits in the hall and we use TEAMS to communicate in the classes. We are hoping to expand this with other pupils leading worship in this way. We shall hold our weekly celebration assembly on a Friday morning.

### **Staffing**

Our new teachers, Mr Holmes and Mrs Spensley have started their roles and settled in quickly. Mrs Halls has joined the lunch staff team every day. It is great to have such dedicated full team in school.

### **A Reminder of what to do if Symptomatic**

If anyone (pupils, staff, family) has symptoms of coronavirus then they should not attend school. They should get a test and inform school immediately of the outcome and act on the outcome of the test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are: -

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

### **Governors**

Would you like to be involved in shaping the strategic direction of the school? Would you be willing to volunteer some time, usually evenings, to support and challenge the school? We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please speak to Mrs Ellis (Chair of Governors) Mr Gormley or Mrs Peel. We would welcome an informal conversation; paperwork is available via the school office. Contact Mrs Aldous who is Clerk to Governors.

At the end of term we surveyed parents about the school. Thank you for your responses. They have been compiled into a report which is very valuable for governors to review last year's plan and guide the future plans. Report to be shared with parents on the next newsletter.

## Menu



This is the main choice—there is a vegetarian option or jacket potato available every day (as per menus sent at the start of term).

### Monday 14th September

Tomato Pasta  
Chocolate Muffin

### Tuesday 15th September

Sausage & Mash  
Flapjack

### Wednesday 16th September

Minced Beef Pie  
Arctic Roll

### Thursday 17th September

Chicken in Tomato Sauce  
Sticky Toffee Pudding

### Friday 18th September

Sausage Roll  
Abbey Biscuit

### Monday 21st September

Meatballs & Pasta  
Lemon Drizzle Cake

### Tuesday 22nd September

Chicken Korma  
Grannies Crunch

### Wednesday 23rd September

Cottage Pie  
Chocolate Brownie

### Thursday 24th September

Honey Glazed Chicken  
Treacle Bites

### Friday 25th September

Fish Fingers  
Chocolate Bun

## Child Protection

The school policy has been reviewed and is on the school web site. Gargrave CE (VC) Primary School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all children in school. All North Yorkshire schools, including Gargrave CE (VC) Primary School, follow the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board procedures. The school will, in most circumstances, endeavour to discuss all concerns with parents about their child/ren. However, there may be exceptional circumstances when the school will discuss concerns with Social Care and/or the Police without parental knowledge (in accordance with Child Protection procedures). The school will, of course, always aim to maintain a positive relationship with all parents.

The school's child protection policy is available in the policies section of the web site. Most of all, let's work together as we adjust to a new normal so that everyone stays physically and mentally healthy.

## Snacks

Children can bring a snack to eat at playtime. This should be a healthy snack, e.g. fruit or cereal bar—no crisps, sweets and chocolate.

## Dates for Diaries

29.9.20	Y3/Y4 Orienteering @ Skipton Cricket Club	Details to follow
1.10.20	Harvest Festival in school	Details to follow
6.10.20	Y3—tri Golf @ Skipton Cricket Club	Details to follow
13.10.20	Y5—Archery @ Skipton Golf Club	Details to follow
16.10.20	Flu Immunisations—All pupils	Details to follow

Parents meetings will be held virtually or via telephone and details of how these will take place will be shared in the next few weeks.

Kanga Sports will be offering an after school club to bubble 2 (Willow and Sycamore) starting in the next couple of weeks so watch out for details in your child's bag.

## Bikeability—Year 6

As year 6's missed out doing bikeability when they were in year 5 because of COVID, we are pleased to say that we have managed to book 2 days for them to do this valuable course.

Children will need to bring their bikes to school on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd September together with helmets. We can keep bikes in school overnight if you require. Please let Mrs Dawson know if your child does not have a bike.