

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear families,

We have had another great week with the children for the start of the year. We continue to be really impressed with their behaviour and attitudes!

#### THANK YOU

Following a number of reminders last week we wanted to thank you all for your support.

The number of children arriving late after 8.50 has fallen from over 60 to around 10 which is a great improvement. *Reminder:* Gates open every morning at 8.40am and will be locked at 8.50am. After this time you will need to use the top pedestrian gate intercom and the office staff will let you in. Classroom doors will be closed and you will need to sign your child in on the late screen at the Upper School Office.

Most parents/carers are no longer using devices whilst on the school site to help keep all children safe.

*Reminder:* Mobile Phones are not allowed to be used ANYWHERE on the site in order to keep children safe. Please do not arrive on a call/video call, you will be asked to wait until you have finished your call.

Thank you to all families for keeping our uniform looking smart and following the policy. *Reminder:* Pupils should only have black shoes or trainers (without stripes or patterns). We have also seen lots of children wearing earrings which are more than simple studs. Anything more is not allowed as they are dangerous, especially for PE/practical subjects.

#### ACADEMY CONSULTATION

There are two available dates to attend the consultation discussions, which outline two dates when you can come to school to hear all about the process and how it will benefit everyone, but especially your children. The first meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 4.00-5.00pm, and the second is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9.00am

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OFFER

Next week we will be sending out letters inviting you to choose clubs which you would like your child to attend. We can't promise you'll get all of your choices so we will ask you to put them down in priority number order! We hope to offer you a range of options on different nights.

#### INTO UNIVERSITY

Year 6 Alder Class had an amazing week and the Into University staff said their behaviour was amazing. Well done Year 6!

#### SWIMMING

Michael Jordan class start swimming next week on Thursday and *again* on Friday. Instead of going once a week we will give each class the chance to go twice per week so that they pick up all of the skills much more quickly! Please make sure you have completed the permission slip.

#### YEAR 5 MUSEUM TRIP

All of Year 5 are heading out to the Leeds City Museum on Wednesday morning to see the latest exhibition all about Ancient Egypt. Please make sure you have completed the permission slip. I am sure they will have an amazing time!

#### NEW CLASS NAMES

Last week all classes chose new inspirational people as their class name and have been learning about them and their amazing qualities. We now have a display in the main entrance to Upper School which has a series of photo frames. At the end of this term, each year group will be deciding on who their child inspiration has been. Could your child represent their whole year group on the wall? Have they done something amazing, or are they amazing every day? We want to hear about it!

#### NEW! NEW! NEW! PARENT CONTACT - CLASS DOJO

All children were sent home today with a letter giving you instructions for how to download the Class Dojo App to your devices, and then you can message class teachers with urgent questions, and also share amazing achievements such as homework/research, videos of great reading and other successes. Please try to register over the weekend and we will soon be sending you messages to you all. This is a great way of saving time and money on emails and whole school text messages. Anything you send that your child has done, or clips and photos with your child in, can only be seen by the teacher! You can also message our Family Support worker, safeguarding leads and our SENDCo for any SEND support.

#### NEW GOLDEN RULES AND REWARDS

The new rewards system is proving to be very successful and we already have a number of children who are nearly at their first 100 certificate! When they reach each 100 they are invited to see me and to collect special stickers and then pin badges to wear with pride!!

Have a lovely weekend!

Sam Done  
Interim Headteacher

Kelsey Thackray  
Deputy Headteacher

Year group	Class name	Star Award	Achievement Award
Reception			
1	Millie Bright	Anaya	Daniel
	Julia Donaldson	Sheydah	Temuechin
2	Rosa Parks	Henna H	Finnley L
	Sir David Attenborough	Imani	Mohammed
3	Kevin Sinfield	Daniel F	Bhumika
	Martin Luther King	Lena W	Jonathan L
4	Michael Jordan	Amy Arachchige	Milan T
	Greta Thunberg	Mehad O	Rayden V
5	Sir Mo Farah	Bareen A	Adonai Y
	Marcus Rashford	Netania M	Hasan A
6	Katherine Johnson	Ahmad R	Olivia P
	Tim Peake	Zain A	Alma C