

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back.

I trust that you have had an enjoyable summer break. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. I was especially pleased with how well the new Reception children settled into their new classrooms on the first day of term.

We are pleased to welcome three new staff to our school. Ms Young will be working in Year 1, Mrs Dunning in Year 5 and Mr Shallow in Year 6.

This will be, I am sure, a very busy and successful year at Normanby Primary. In 2014 the Government introduced a number of changes that will continue to have an impact on your child's education. They included the introduction of a new National Curriculum and the removal of many of the existing assessment arrangements. These new arrangements now apply to all the children in our school.

We have sent all our families a 'Term Card'. This includes term dates, the dates of our 5 annual training days and the autumn, spring and summer Open Evenings. In response to parent and carer feedback later appointments will be available at these Open Evenings. As in previous years parents of children who have additional or Special Needs will be offered an extra meeting with staff later in the term.

Each year group also has a weekly 'Drop in' session where you can meet with a member of staff from your child's Year Group. If you have a specific query it would be helpful to telephone school in advance; appointments are not necessary. Drop in sessions for all Year Groups are held on Mondays between 3:15 and 4:00pm.

You are warmly invited to attend our Year Group Welcome Meetings, which are held at 3:15pm in your child's teaching area as detailed below. This is a chance to learn about the curriculum and visits your child will undertake this year.

## Welcome Meetings

7.9.15	Foundation Stage 2
8.9.15	Year 1
9.9.15	Year 3
10.9.15	Year 2
11.9.15	Year 4
14.9.15	Year 5
16.9.15	Year 6

If you are unable to attend the meeting a copy of the presentations will be available on the website the following week.

As Sports Day was cancelled due to poor weather conditions we have arranged a series of additional sports sessions for your child's Year Group. These are listed below; this is not a 'Sports Day' but it is a great chance to see how your child works in our PE lessons and meet our two PE coaches, Miss Conroy and Mr Robinson. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.

Sports sessions: Parents and Carers welcome

15.9.15	Morning Year 2	Afternoon Year 3
16.9.15	Morning Year 6	Afternoon Year 4
17.9.15	Morning Year 1	Afternoon Year 5

We will aim to keep families informed via newsletters and our website during the course of this year. The first terms' newsletter will be with you next week. The school website will again be updated on a regular basis with our weekly blog and other news from school. A photographer will work in school to refresh the images on the website when the children have settled into their new classes. We are also introducing a new system to celebrate your child's successes in school called 'Marvellous Me' details will be shared at the forthcoming welcome meetings, on the website and on our Facebook Page. As required by the Freedom of Information Act, during the second half of Autumn Term we will send home the student data forms. These contain the information we hold on your child and need to be checked. Any alterations must be sent back into school so we can update our records. Similarly we are reviewing all the medical information we hold on your children.

Regrettably due to staffing shortages the Local Authority are unable to provide a Crossing Patrol on Bankfields Road on a regular basis. I would like to remind all our families to exercise caution around the school site, in particular when near roads. I would also remind parents that parking is not permitted on the school site when dropping off or collecting children at the start and end of the school day or bringing children to and from our Nursery.

We will be supporting a range of charities this year, these include local, national and international organisations. Each year group supports a specific charity and this will be detailed on their newsletter. A full list will be added to the website next week. The first Charity Day in School will be Jeans for Genes Day on 17.9.15.

Throughout all of these changes, the safety and wellbeing of pupils will be our primary concern. Pupils at our school achieve well and staff are committed to maintaining our high academic, behaviour and sporting standards. We look forward to working with you next year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Carl Faulkner  
Head Teacher

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