

Mrs Morrell

I am sorry to inform you that sadly Mrs Morrell has resigned from her post as head of academy. We would like to thank her for her contribution to Weelsby and wish her all the very best for the future. We will keep you updated regarding a replacement but in the meantime please be reassured that Mrs Walker and I will continue as Executive principals.

I would like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. If you had a new mobile for Christmas please make sure that you have given the office your new contact details. This means that we can contact you by text in the event of school closure or if we need to send a message urgently. We have had a really positive start to the term and look forward to great things for Weelsby in 2017.

New Staff

We would like to extend a warm welcome to two new teaching assistants who have joined our team at the beginning of this term. Miss Baxter is working in Unicorn class with Mrs Johnson and Mrs Emslie is working in Year 3 /4, supporting Matilda class. Two new teachers are also providing additional support; Mr Lewis in Gangsta Granny class and Ms Abe with year 6.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has PE kit in school on the correct days. PE is an essential part of the curriculum and not having kit in school is not an acceptable reason for not taking part. Thank you for your support.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled please contact the school office. Remember you will not just be helping yourself but also helping our school as we receive additional funding for every child who is eligible and applies, whether you take the meal or not. This money is then used to subsidise visits; breakfast and additional staff.

Half Term

Just a reminder that school closes at 3.10 p.m. on **Friday 17 February** and opens on **Monday 27 February 2017**.

We would like to encourage all pupils in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 to also take advantage of the free school meal which they are automatically entitled to and would prefer no one to bring a packed lunch. There is a wide range of options from which children can choose and we can be extremely flexible. If you would like to take up this offer please contact the school office who will give you a menu and assist with any special requests.

Holidays in Term Time

Please avoid booking holidays during term-time as absence can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Please make an appointment to discuss any requests prior to booking the holiday. I appreciate the additional cost of holidays during school holidays is frustrating but would appreciate your understanding and co-operation.

Pupil reward points

Our new reward system is now ready to use. Points are awarded electronically on a daily basis for uniform, attendance, punctuality, good effort, good work, good behaviour etc. Each child will be given a log-in and you will be able to log onto pupilrewardpoints to check their score. These will be issued shortly. Children will then be able to use their points to purchase items from our shop which we are in the process of setting up. We have consulted children and there will be a range of items available to purchase including toys, books, games and vouchers for various visits/experiences. Children and staff are very excited! We continue to use the consequence system but we are delighted to report that the number of C4 and C5s have reduced significantly.

School uniform

Please ensure that your child is in school uniform, including *black* shoes. If this is a problem please let your child's know and we will try to help. Reward points will be awarded on a daily basis to pupils who are wearing school uniform and black shoes. Thank you for your co-operation.