



September

Kaye's News 2017

'Bringing out the Best in Every Child'



A warm welcome back!

Welcome back to school! I hope you all enjoyed your Summer break and are settling back into the school routine. We would like to extend a special welcome to all our new families that have joined us, we hope you grow to love our school as much as we do. We have three new members of staff that have joined us this year. Mrs Marsden our new Year 3 teacher, Mr Ramsey-Rothery, Cover Supervisor & Mrs Zara McIntyre also a Cover Supervisor we hope that they will enjoy working with us at Kaye's.

There is always lots of information to share at the beginning of the year so please take the time to read this newsletter. We will also be posting all letters and information onto the school website this year to try and ease congestion at the office. Can we please ask that you use the school website to gain information before telephoning or visiting the office in the mornings or at the end of the day. Thank you!

Reminders & Information

Please ensure all clothing is named. We already have children with missing uniform that is unnamed.

Please can children only bring fruit for the snack at break time and not any other items.

Please can we remind you that under no circumstances must NUTS or NUT products be brought into school.

We have several children with severe nut allergies and we want to keep them safe.

All children should have a water bottle with WATER only in school each day.

Any parents wishing to drop off lunchboxes, PE kit etc. please go to the main office and not through school.

If you need to collect your child during school time please go to the main office to sign your child out.

The car park is for staff use only unless disabled access is required please do not drive or walk through at any time.

For assemblies where parents are invited please use the main entrance to enter and exit the performance.

Children are not allowed to open external doors to anyone including staff, all visitors must sign in at the outer reception and obtain a visitors badge before entering the main school.

In the morning the gates will be unlocked at 8.40am and locked at 9am, children in KS1 & 2 should line up in the playground at 8.50am, class teachers will blow their whistles and lead the children inside, children arriving after 8.50am should go straight through their allocated door to their classroom. Nursery parents can accompany their children into class and leave through the side gate by 9.05am. Reception parents can accompany their children for the first couple of weeks.

At the end of the school day EYFS & KS1 children need to be collected from outside their allocated door, staff will ensure that a parent/carer is there before allowing the child to leave, if your child is being picked up by another person please let staff know beforehand otherwise your child will not be allowed to leave. If you are collecting children from both Nursery & Main school please can you collect the younger children first.

The gates will be locked at the end of the day by 3.40pm.

KS2 Children will leave their classrooms independently if you have signed a slip to give them permission to leave alone, otherwise they will only be let out to a recognised contact.

Parents wishing to speak to staff/teachers need to report to the main entrance and not walk through school.

Mentions and class assemblies will be held each Friday morning at 9.05am

If your child would like to sample a school dinner, we hold a try Friday each week payable on Parentpay, if your child would like a school lunch on a Friday please contact the main office.

Mrs Bentley is responsible for co-ordinating medical needs in school. If your child has any health/dietary requirements she will organise a meeting to complete a relevant health care plan. /please direct all medical issues to Mrs Bentley.

Term Dates 2017/2018

2017 Autumn Term

- Tuesday 5th September School opens for pupils
- Friday 20th October School closes for Half Term
- Tuesday 31st October School re-opens for pupils
- Friday 22nd December School closes for Christmas

2018 Spring Term

- Monday 8th January School opens to pupils
- Friday 16th February School closes for Half Term
- Tuesday 27th February School re-opens for pupils
- Thursday 29th March School closes for Easter

2018 Summer Term

- Monday 16th April School re-opens to pupils
- Friday 25th May School closes for Half Term
- Monday 4th June School re-opens to pupils
- Friday 20th July School closes for Summer

INSET DAYS 2017-2018

- Monday 4th September School closed for staff training
- Monday 30th October School closed for staff training
- Monday 26th February School closed for staff training
- Monday 23rd July School closed for staff training
- Tuesday 24th July School closed for staff training

Dates for the Diary

Please find the term dates listed across which will also be posted on our website. Please be advised that requests for term time holidays will not be authorised unless the circumstances are deemed exceptional. Please refer to the attendance policy that is on our website.

The dates below are for the next couple of weeks. We are planning to get a full list of dates for the Autumn term out to you by the end of next week.

Tuesday 12th September - Year 4/5 Cross Country event at Thurstonland First School

Tuesday 19th September - Years 2/3 Cross Country

Thursday 21st September - Online Safety & DB Primary information evening at 6pm

Please look out for the letter next week inviting you to this IMPORTANT event. Online safety for children of all ages is crucial now that children access online material through phones, tablets and gaming devices. With the exception of Reception, weekly homework will be sent home via DB Primary from mid-September. The evening will allow you to find out how you can work access your child's homework at home.

Ground Developments

During the Summer holidays we started to develop a play area for KS1 & EY to use during playtime and lunchtime to enhance their learning through play. This area will be known as the Imagination Zone. Please may we remind you that children are not allowed into this area before or after school. Thank you!

Kaye's Breakfast & Afterschool Club.

Kaye's Club is very busy this year which is fantastic for the school. Therefore if you wish to book adhoc places, may we ask that you give us as much notice as possible. If we know in advance we will aim to staff the club accordingly to meet the legal ratios and fulfil your requirements. We cannot otherwise guarantee places for children at the last minute. A full copy of the Terms & Conditions of Kaye's Club can be found on the school website. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Lyon or Mrs Bentley.

Mobile Phones in School for Year 5

In order to try and ease congestion at the office in the morning please can we ask that children take their mobile phones to their classroom, these will then be placed in a box and stored in the main office during the day. The phones will then be collected by a monitor at the end of the day and distributed in the classroom. The school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones whilst in school.