



## Autumn Term Newsletter 1

7 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant first week back in school we have had. The children are looking fantastically smart in their school uniforms and their behaviour (especially at lunchtime) is encouraging too.

### Aspiration week

You will remember from my last newsletter that we were having an 'Aspiration week' this week. What an Aspiration week it has been! We have had Olympians, speedway champions, authors, scientists, sports photographers and cartoonists to name just a few! I hope your children have been inspired as much as I have – they all seemed to have had a great week!

Look out for more visitors into school over the next academic year: our children are the future Olympians, writers, chefs, engineers, dancers etc.

Thank you to parents/carers who joined us this week either for the speakers or in school today as part of the celebration of the learning.

### 100% attendance

We had 23 of our children who hadn't been off a single day in the last academic year. You will remember that the children were presented with a 'golden ticket' and certificate in assembly on the last day of term. Currently, we are putting the finishing touches to organising their treat. Watch this space for further details!

The importance of arriving on time, ready for learning and being in school cannot be stressed enough in order for your child to receive the best education we can provide. This year we will be working with Middlesbrough Football Club to reward positive school attendance.

### Summer Reading Challenge



We continue to stress the importance of reading and reading for pleasure. Over the summer, several children completed the 'Summer Reading Challenge'. This involved them reading 30 times over the holidays. They will be receiving their reward next week.

We hope that you will support your child with reading and home learning.

### Read for the Stars

Continuing to think about reading, you will now be aware that our new home reading initiative 'Read for the Stars' has started.

Please support us with this and listen to or read with your child at home.



### Home Learning

This year, we would like to make home learning slightly different so will be focussing on reading, spelling and times tables and number work. We recognise the importance of getting these firm

foundations right. So, in terms of what we ask the children to do at home, it will be: read your reading book/learn your number bonds/times tables and spellings. A project or topic will be introduced for those children who want to do undertake research work too but this is optional.

**As part of our home/school agreement, we do expect children to do their home learning. Therefore, it may be necessary, on occasions for children to do this at break/lunchtime if it is not done. We ask for your support with this.**

Y2 & Y6 will be slightly different as they will need other focused learning too.

### **Aiming High Assembly**

We will be continuing with these and the first one will be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September** where parents/carers are invited into school to see their children receive an award from me for either their attitude to learning or their progress. Look out for your invitation if your child does something extra special in school.

### **Breakfast club**

Our breakfast club is a popular option for some parents and carers. Remember, it is available from 7:30 am for a small cost of £1:50 per day (paid on the day). Children must be accompanied into school by an adult and signed in at the front desk and must arrive no later than 8:30am please.

### **Class Newsletters**

Your child's class newsletter will be going out next week with details of the exciting term ahead.



### **Twitter**

Remember; please follow us on twitter for postings of the latest news and events going on in school.

### **Dates for your diaries**

Early date for your diary as follows:

Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> 2018: An opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and Macmillan coffee afternoon. More details nearer the time but from 3:30 until 5:30pm, there will be an opportunity to pop into class, meet your child's new teacher, see how well they have settled and then have a tea/coffee in the hall raising funds for this worthwhile charity.



### **Forms!**

Next week, we will be sending out parental consent & medical forms. If there are any changes to your child's details (medical/digital consent/contact details in the interim), please inform school before then.



### **End of the day routines**

In an effort to improve safeguarding in school, the children (except EYFS & Y1), are being dismissed onto the main playground from this week. So far, it is working well with teaching staff bringing the children outside.

Can I just ask that you stand well back from the green doors to allow the children to be collected quickly & safely by their parent/carer and not block the exit unintentionally.

Teachers will be available too if there is something you would like to speak with them about but please can you be patient & allow the staff to dismiss the children in their care first, before they engage in any detailed conversations.

Thank you for your continued support. The Bader team look forward to working in partnership with you again in this academic year.  
Have a lovely weekend.

*Mr Hodgson*

