

Sinnington Community Primary School



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Week commencing 10th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Burger in a bun and chips ***	Chicken and tomato pasta ***	Roast pork dinner ***	Beef Tortilla Wrap ***	Salmon Nibbles and wedges ***
Chocolate cornflake pudding	Berry sponge and custard	Raspberry bun and apple	Apple crunch and custard	Swiss Bun

I wanted to write to you all to thank you for making me so welcome at Sinnington Primary School. I am proud to be the new Head of School and be part of this fantastic community school. All the staff have been welcoming and have shown real dedication to get all classrooms prepared so the children could begin their learning in vibrant spaces on Tuesday.

What a fantastic start to the year all the children of Sinnington have made. All 3 classes have settled down into an excellent way of working. All the classrooms are full of discussions, focused children and learning.

I have enjoyed visiting each classroom all of which are excellent spaces for learning. They are vibrant and full of enthusiastic children. In **Donaldson class** (Reception/y1/y2) they have been working hard with their Phonics and created a wonderful piece of drama on the book Jack and the Beanstalk. **Dahl Class** (Year 3 /4) have been busy exploring their new book and producing a wonderful class shield. **Rowling class** (Year 5/6) have been deciding what they would need to survive in the Jungle and creating a wonderful class shield. Great work everyone keep it up!

New members of staff

I would like to welcome two new members of staff to the Sinnington Team. Mrs Sian Finney and Miss Bronwyn Brown will both be working with the children in Donaldson Class with Miss Brown also doing the After School provision here in school.

Core Values

As a staff we have looked at the core values of the school and decided that we need a change. All staff had an input on Monday during our training day and we would like to ask you for your thoughts. What does Sinnington mean to you and what should our values be? A reply slip is enclosed with this newsletter. If you could complete the form and bring it back to school by Friday 14th September. We will then put all the ideas together and create the new Core Values for Sinnington Primary School.

Projects

Every class will now do a project which may last a half term or a little bit longer. The projects are designed with a core book as the central focal point and has a skills based approach providing the children with a rich and broad curriculum. Every project will also have a question that the children will

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answer. At the end of each project there will be an exhibition where the class will showcase their learning to either parents, another class or the whole school. We will let you know what the first exhibitions will be and their dates. The books will also be revealed to their respective classes in the next few days!

The classes are answering the following questions;

Reception/Year1/2 – Why do we get post?

Year 3 and 4 – Who were the Vikings?

Year 5 and 6 - How did they survive Antarctica?

All Change!

To celebrate our focus on Reading as a school this year we, as a staff have decided to get each class to adopt a name of an author. Therefore the classes will be now known as;

Donaldson Class – Reception/Year 1/Year 2 **Dahl Class** – Year 3 and 4 **Rowling Class** – Year 5 and 6

We have also decided to give our 4 school houses names. They are now: Neptune (Blue), Saturn (Yellow), Mars (Red) and Earth (Green). The children will now be awarded House Points for excellent work, behaviour, good manners and general hard work. These will be collected in class and then all 3 class totals for each house with the house with the most points receiving the House Cup each fortnight

Rewarding children's learning

Every fortnight each class teacher will nominate a **Superstar** who will receive a certificate in our Fortnightly **Superstar Assembly**. This will take place in school during school time. At the end of Half Term there will be a **Special Superstar Assembly** where three children from each class will be nominated for 3 special awards. Parents will be invited to celebrate your child's achievements if you are able to attend. We would love to see you and help us celebrate all the fantastic work that goes on at Sinnington.

PE Kits

A polite reminder to say that please could you ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit for the weather. The standard kit is white/red t-shirt, black or navy blue shorts, socks for girls that wear tights and trainers. If your child wears trainers to school, please make sure a spare pair are used for PE as the children will be using the field and it does get muddy.

Drinks bottles:

Please could all drinks bottles that are brought into school have water in them only.

Documents to sign

There are a number of documents enclosed for you to sign and return. Please could you do this by Friday 14th September at the latest, so our records are up to date.

- Flu letter for Reception – Year 5, please follow the details on the letter
- Rolling consent form

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- Photographic consent form
- Data collection sheet – Please check that all information including telephone numbers are up to date, sign and return.

Transition between Parentmail and ParentPay

We have encountered teething problems moving between ParentMail and ParentPay, this is something we are currently working on and hope to resolve in the next couple of weeks. For now we are happy for parents to continue using ParentMail or to send cheque or cash payments into the school office. We will keep you updated with developments.

Dates for Diary:

Friday 14th September every week until Friday 23rd November

Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 are swimming. They will need their swimming kits and a towel.

Monday 17th – Friday 21st September

Year 6 will be going to Bewerley Park for an amazing week's residential.

Friday 28th September – McMillan Coffee Afternoon.

Carrying on from last year's success, the School Council will be holding a Coffee Afternoon starting at 1.15pm in the School Hall. All proceeds will go to McMillan Cancer Support and everyone is welcome!

Thursday 27th September Author Day:

Andy Seed will be coming into school and doing a workshop with every class and staff training at the end of the day. Andy is a well renowned children's author and he will have a book on sale for the children to purchase on the day. More details will follow in next weeks Newsletter.

Tuesday 23rd October – Poppies in Peace

Year 5 and 6 will be doing a workshop with all artwork being displayed at Beck Isle Museum in Pickering.

Friday 26th October – School closes for Half Term!

Monday 5th November – Back to school

Wednesday 12th December – Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 5.

Friday 21st December – Break up for Christmas!

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday

Mr Roden

Please write below words that best describe Sinnington School for our new core values

Please return ASAP