



**The Federation of Snape Community and
Thornton Watlass C E Primary Schools**

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C of E Primary
School

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Newsletter 1 - September 16th 2016



Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a fantastic summer; it has been lovely to see everyone and catch up with their holiday news. I can report that new starters have settled very well into the Early Years class at Snape and our new Year 1 pupils already look completely at home in Class 1 at Thornton Watlass.

This year we continue to have Mr McBride as sports coach across the Federation. He will be at Thornton Watlass on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Snape on a Tuesday morning. Pupils will need to have their PE kits with them for those sessions.

Also this year we are providing an instrumental music session for all Class 2 pupils on a Monday afternoon led by Mrs Rhodes, a county peripatetic music teacher. The 'Friends' have kindly provided funding for us to purchase some ukuleles and we have use of keyboards, cellos and a bass guitar from the music service. We hope to have a class orchestra and choir very soon!

This year we hope to get the children more involved in their learning through our creative curriculum. Class 1 are starting off looking at Animals, Class 2 are studying Rivers, extending the study to look at Victorian Inventions later in the term and Early Years are focussing on "All about me". We also hope to plan visits and get people into school to talk to the children about their learning, if you can help or have expertise to offer, please get in touch.

You may have noticed that we are beginning to develop the area of the field at Thornton Watlass where the old pond stood. This was in response to a discussion with the Pupil Council who expressed an interest in wanting to grow their own vegetables and fruits at school. I would like to thank Mr Thorp who has worked very hard over the summer to prepare the area for us. If anyone has any spare large planters that we could use or any spare gardening tools etc, please get in contact with Mrs Johnson at school.

Yours sincerely,
Kathleen Allison



Message from Mrs McLeod



Reception and Nursery children (sunflowers) are settling in nicely at Snape School. Our theme this term is "all about me". We are learning about being healthy. This week we have read the story "The Enormous Crocodile" by Roald Dahl, the children have loved it!

We are having an open morning on Wednesday 19th October - more details to follow, but please spread the word!

Reception children who are collected from Snape after school can be picked up at 3.20pm to coincide with the mini-bus times

Message from Mrs Shaw and Mrs Johnson

Your child should have already come home with a reading book. It is proven that achievement in reading can improve academic performance across the curriculum. Therefore once again we ask for your support in encouraging pupils to read at home at least three times per week. These should be recorded in the reading diaries by a parent, or children in Y4-6 are welcome to record it themselves. Every child achieving this will be entered into our reading raffle. One ticket from each class will be drawn out and will receive a small prize. As further reward, once your child had read three times for five weeks they will receive a free book to keep. What a lot of reasons to get reading at home!

Class 1 newsletter

Mrs Miller and Mrs Ball sent out their class mini newsletter last week. A copy of it will be attached to this whole school newsletter on our email and website.

Reminders

The weather is very changeable at the moment! Please ensure your child brings a waterproof warm coat to school as they will be outside at break times, unless we have a torrential downpour!

If you haven't already returned your child data sheet/consent form, please do so asap.

If you have to change your child's after school pick up/club arrangements at the last minute, please phone school and leave a message rather than e-mail. The school offices do not always have afternoon cover, therefore e-mails will not be received in time to send your child on the bus/keep them at school. Thank you.

Message from FRIENDS

Dear All,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Chairperson of Friends, along with Emma Wallinger as Vice-chair. Caroline Hunter as Treasurer and Ruth Thorp as Secretary.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have had a fabulous team in the past namely Kay Brown, Gussie Wood Theresa Harris and Caroline Morris whom I would personally like to thank for their dedication and commitment to Friends, Kay Brown has even volunteered to stay on to oversee the Snape fun run, our biggest fundraiser for which we are most grateful.

Friends of Snape and Thornton Watlass Schools is an organisation set up to raise extra funds for our small primary schools. These vital funds help the schools to purchase additional educational and creative equipment. All trips, swimming, music lessons and pantomime trips are subsidised by friends. We are in a unique position, most schools ask parents/carers to financially contribute considerably.

In light of this, we need to fundraise, and for those new families who may not know we have 2 major fundraisers including Thornton Watlass Football in June and Fun and Snape Fun Run in September.

We are in discussions about other smaller ideas to raise money and some social events, including a Family disco, Halloween party, Tea towels and Quiz night.

We are always open to ideas and will hold open meetings where anyone can join us to discuss ideas and events.

The aforementioned Fun Run is imminent and we would be most grateful for any help on the day, baking and other food contributions. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and feel part of the school community whilst helping to raise important funds.

I will post details of upcoming meetings on the parents Facebook page and look out for e-mails and letters in book bags. If you can help in any way with anything, please feel free to contact me on 01677 460205, 07730565036, amyf4flowers@yahoo.co.uk. Or Kay Brown regarding Fun Run, see attached.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours Sincerely,

Amy Fairburn
Chairperson

SNAPE FUN RUN – SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

BAKING – FUN RUN

Please tick if you can supply any of the following

1 Fatless Cream Sponge	
Tray bake - Flapjack	
Tray Bake – Lemon/Lemon Drizzle	
Tray Bake - Chocolate	
Tray Bake – Krispie	
Carrot Cake	
Chocolate Cake	
Coffee & Walnut Cake	
Date & Walnut Cake/Tray Bake	
Lemon Cake	
Scones	
Coffee Cake	
Other Cakes	

SNAPE FUN RUN – ROTA FOR HELP

Please tick if you can help

9 – 10 am	
10 - 11 am	
11 – 12 am	
12 - 1 pm	
1 – 2 pm	

Please drop off your baking at school on Friday 23rd or at Snape Institute between 9-10am on the day of the run, thank you.

Name

Contact telephone.....

Any questions please contact Kay Brown
Kaybrown488@gmail.com or 01677 470164/07712 586331

Please return this form to school asap, alternatively text or email Kay with your name and donation. Thank you

FUN RUN RACE FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD

Mon 19 Sept	Tue 20 Sept	Wed 21 Sept	Thur 22 Sept	Fri 23 Sept
Mon 26 Sept	Tue 27 Sept	Wed 28 Sept	Thur 29 Sept	Fri 30 Sept
Last day to book for a Community lunch	Y1 Music activity afternoon at Pickhill			Sunshine Corner
Mon 3 Oct	Tue 4 Oct	Wed 5 Oct	Thur 6 Oct	Fri 7 Oct
TW Harvest Festival - TBC				Snape Harvest Festival - TBC
Mon 10 Oct	Tue 11 Oct	Wed 12 Oct	Thur 13 Oct	Fri 14
		Y5/6 Crucial Crew TBC		Sunshine Corner
Mon 17 Oct	Tue 18 Oct	Wed 19 Oct	Thur 20 Oct	Fri 21 Oct
	TW Parents Evening - TBC	Open Morning at Snape - details to follow. Y5/6 boys football event S & TW Parents Evening TBC	Community lunch at Snape 12-1	Break up
Mon 24 Oct	Tue 25 Oct	Wed 26 Oct	Thur 27 Oct	Fri 28 Oct
Mon 31 Oct	Tue 1 Nov	Wed 2 Nov	Thur 3 Nov	Fri 4 Nov
School re-opens	Photographer in School - TBC			Sunshine Corner
Mon 7 Nov	Tue 8 Nov	Wed 9 Nov	Thur 10 Nov	Fri 11 Nov
				Remembrance Day - details of services to follow
Mon 14 Nov	Tue 15 Nov	Wed 16 Nov	Thur 17 Nov	Fri 18 November
		KS2 Swimming gala		Children in Need - Federation Day Sunshine Corner

24th Sept - Saturday - Snape Fun Run

Holiday Dates 2016/17

2016

Friday	21 October	School closes for half term
Monday	31 October	School opens
Friday	16 December	School closes for Christmas Holidays

2017

Monday	2 January	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday	3 January	Training day/School closed
Wednesday	4 January	School opens for Spring term
Friday	17 February	School closes for half term
Monday	27 February	School opens
Friday	7 April	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday	24 April	Training day/School closed
Tuesday	25 April	School opens for Summer term
Monday	1 May	School closed/Bank holiday
Friday	26 May	School closes for half term
Monday	5 June	School opens
Friday	21 July	School closes for Summer holidays
Monday	24 July	Training day/School closed
Tuesday	25 July	Training day/School closed



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Community & Parents Lunch



Thursday 20th October at Snape Community Primary School

Beef Cobbler

Mashed carrot and swede, savoy cabbage and creamed potatoes

Crusty white bread

Yogurt and a home baked oat cookie or fresh fruit



Cost per adult £2.76

If you would like to join us for a lovely lunch please complete and return the attached form along with payment for your meal.

Booking closes Thursday 22 September

Many thanks

Please return this booking form and payment to your school office before Thursday 22 September.

I would like adult meals & £2.76
.....additional children's meals @ £2.10

I enclose £.....

Signed

**The Federation of Snape Community and
Thornton Watlass Church of England Primary Schools**
Class One Newsletter

September 2016

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to our new children and families and welcome back to those who have been here before! We hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and that your children are raring to go! Please find below our plans for this term.

The children will be starting mathematics with sequencing, place value, addition and subtraction. In English they will be learning about stories in familiar settings starting with *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*.

Our history topic for the first half term is *The Great Fire of London* and then we will be finding out about *Guy Fawkes* after half term. In science the children will be learning about animals including humans. We will also be comparing the artwork of Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky and copying some of their paintings.

The most important focus for all children in Key Stage One is reading. Children will usually be listened to, in school, at least twice a week and their books will be changed at this time. In addition to this they will complete small tasks, to develop their understanding, based on the book they have read - for example, they may be asked to sequence the story or find certain words and the older children will be working on comprehension style questions. We would like parents and carers to read the book provided by us with your child at home a minimum of three times a week (whenever possible but we do appreciate that children can be tired especially during the autumn term). When you do this please record it in your child's yellow Reading Record. If they have read three times in a week their names will be entered into a reading raffle, usually on a Friday, with a chance to win a small prize. In addition, when they have read three times a week for ten weeks they will be allowed to choose a free book as a reward for their hard work. **This time spent at home (which does not need to be more than a few minutes) has such a huge impact on developing their reading skills and confidence as well as an enjoyment of reading. Please note - the books sent home are books that the children should be able to read fairly confidently (using their phonic sounds to work out a word where necessary), for them to enjoy sharing with someone. In school the children are taught a variety of skills to help them read more challenging books with us.** In addition to reading, the children will be given weekly spellings to learn (usually on a Monday) through some activities to be completed at home before a test on a Friday. For mathematics, they need to know the times tables (The 2014 National Curriculum requires them to know at least their 10s, 2s and 5s confidently by the end of Year 2).

Please keep an eye on the school website www.stwschools.org for updates, photographs and further information.

Parents' evenings will be held later this term but if any of you have any queries at all before then please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or in person, before school for a brief conversation or after school if you need a longer discussion. We would also love to see you in school to show you around the building and so you can see your children's work on display.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Miller and Mrs Ball