



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

Two great schools, together



C of E Primary School

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Happy New Year and welcome back!

During the Christmas break, TW School has had a face lift with the two classrooms, library and cloakroom areas being decorated. The alterations to the office will take place over the February half term and the final decorations to the school will be completed during the Easter break.

Website

Our School website www.stwschools.org has now been in operation for a year. There are some interesting facts on the usage of the site: 1,895 people have visited the site and a total of 5,626 visits have been made. The site has been visited by people in USA, India, Australia, Ukraine, Brazil, Spain, Canada and Indonesia! Pages on our site were viewed a total of 25,423 times with the URGENT page viewed 1,510 times. Parents are contributing their views on activities and events in schools. If you wish to add your comments then simply go to the home page and register by pressing the "register" button, near the bottom right and then this will allow you to leave comments.

Staff changes

At Snape Mrs Moodie is now teaching in Class 1 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Miller will be teaching Art and French in Class 2 on a Tuesday afternoon.

At TW- Mr Monteagle, is teaching Class 2 on a Tuesday afternoon for Art/DT and supporting Mrs Rhodes with music.

Medicines

Administering medicines in school- medicines prescribed by a doctor can be administered by school staff. Parents must complete a form setting out details of what, when and how medicines should to be given to their child before we can give them. The forms are available on the website in the section PARENTS /IMPORTANT FORMS.

Reminder

Children need to be kept away from school **48** hours from the last episode of diarrhea or sickness to prevent the spread of infections.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs will commence next week. All clubs are open to both schools and will run from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. You will be responsible for transporting your child between schools to attend the clubs.

S -	Wednesday	- Y3-6 Chess Club (until 4.30pm)
	Thursday	- Y3-6 Craft Club
TW -	Monday	- Y2-6 Recorder Club
	Wednesday	- Y1-6 Board Games
	Wednesday	- Reception-Y3 Nature Club

The breakfast club and after-school club are now fully operational, the forms are on our website and places can be booked by contacting the school or telephoning Emma direct on 07512775384.

Topics

The topic this term is local history of their own villages for the classes in both schools. Class 1 will focus on the local churches and farming. Class 2 will start by looking at Roman history and then moving through time, dipping into Medieval and Victorian history. This will include visits to various local places of interest together with a visit to York Museum and the County Record Office in Northallerton.

There will be a trip to kick start the topic for Class 2 children

Date of visit: Thursday 17th January

Time: Leaving Snape at 8.50am, TW 9.00am, returning for 3.30pm

Where: York Museum (www.yorkshireremuseum.org.uk)

Why: Starting point for our Local history topics - We are going to be doing a forensic/archaeological workshop called "Who were you?" and having a look around the museum.

Who: Class 2 from both schools

Please ensure your child comes to school in their usual school uniform with waterproof coat (we may have a little walk from the bus to the museum) and brings a packed lunch.

Cost: £8.00 per child for workshop and entry to the museum. Please note that the Federation receives a travel grant towards joint federation activities and therefore the costs of transport have been covered. Please complete a permission form.

PE

TW and S, Class 2 will be playing Tag Rugby in their PE lessons this half term. Please ensure children have warm kit and trainers in which they can get muddy, as most lessons will take place on the field.

Parentpay - TW

Parent pay not available at Thornton Watlass yet-sorry. Technical hitch.

Special lunches in school for Parents/Carers/Grandparents and the Community

Due to popular demand, Karen our cook, has agreed to prepare meals in school for special events such as Parents Lunch (PCG) and Community Lunch. We are keen to increase the numbers of meals cooked on the premises and appreciate extra mouths to fill. Each term we plan to have a lunch where we can invite visitors into school to share our lovely home-cooked food! As Karen needs to order extra food 2 weeks in advance, we ask you to book you and your child's special meal in advance on this form. Unfortunately last minute bookings cannot be accepted.

Parents/Carers/Grandparents have been allocated dates below as this will be a slightly different format for the Community seating arrangements. The adults attending our PCG lunches will be sitting alongside their own children whereas on the Community lunches, the adults will be sitting on a separate table. Your child will also give you a guided tour of the school.

The adult meals are £2.76 for 2 courses, and we require notice and payment in advance to ensure that we have enough food to go round on the day! Thanks.

Parents/Carers/Grandparents dates are:

Thursday 14th February at noon (please book by 1st Feb) Roast beef and Yorkshire Puddings.

Thursday 14th March at noon (please book by 1st March) Shepherds pie.

Community dates are:

Please could you tell the local community about our Community lunches? These are available for those local people who would like to join with the children for a delicious meal and be given a guided tour of the school. The meals are £2.76 each.

The dates are:

Tuesday 5th February at 12 noon (please book by 18th Jan)

Tuesday 5th March at 12 noon (please book by 15th Feb)

Please complete the attached booking form. Thank you

BAD WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLANS

In the event of heavy snow falling we cannot guarantee that the schools can be open for children.

At Snape the majority of staff live outside the local area, and therefore are unlikely to be able to travel safely into school. There needs to be a minimum of two staff members on site for health and safety reasons.

At TW some staff live nearby and therefore may be available to open the school. The decision as to whether the schools will be open when the snow starts to fall and settle will be made by 7.30am each day. The school website www.stwschools.org will be updated each day during bad weather. Karen, our cook is likely to be able to travel into school and so meals will be prepared as normal, again if this is different then the information will be on the website. Parents are asked to bring their children to school only if it is safe to do so. If parents cannot access the internet to check for updates, please let the school know so we will make alternative arrangements to contact you.

UNEXPECTED SCHOOL CLOSURE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

If for any unforeseeable reason, such as burst pipes or the boiler breaks down and the schools needs to be closed with no notice; you will be telephoned immediately by staff or governors.

UNEXPECTED SCHOOL CLOSURE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If for any reason the school needs to be closed (e.g. heavy downpour of snow or flooding) during the school day, the staff will ring you or those identified on your emergency contact sheet to make arrangements for your child to be collected from school asap.

DATES OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

14 Jan Mon	Toddler Group at TW
17 Jan Thu	S&TW Class 2 York trip
21 Jan Mon	Toddler Group at Snape
28 Jan Mon	Toddler Group at TW
4 Feb Mon	Toddler Group at S
5 Feb Tue	Special meal- Community lunch at S & TW
11 Feb Mon	Toddler Group at TW
14 Feb Thu	Special meal-Parents lunch at S & TW
15 Feb Fri	Break Up
25 Feb Mon	Back to school!
25 Feb Mon	Toddler Group at S
5 Mar Tue	Special meal- Community lunch at S & TW
6 Mar Wed	Y5/6 SATs information evening for all parents 6.30 - 7.30pm
14 Mar Thu	Fundraising Cinema evening at Snape - Details to follow
14 March Thu	Special meal - Parents meal at S & TW
21 Mar Thu	Cross Country Catterick Class 2, S & TW
27 Mar Wed	Y6 Parents Evening at both schools
28 Mar Thu	Break up
15 April Mon	Back to school

Permission forms

I give my permission forto attend the following.

S - Wednesday - Y3-6 Chess Club

Thursday - Y3-6 Craft Club

TW - Monday - Y2-6 Recorder Club

Wednesday - Y2-Y6 Board Games

Wednesday - Reception-Y3 Nature Club

Class 2 TW & S
History trip to York, Thurs 17th Jan. I also enclose £8
Voluntary contribution towards costs.

If your child is attending any of the above please list below who will be collecting them if it isn't Mum or Dad.

1)or

2)

Please telephone the school if someone, not named above, will be collecting them

My child would like a special lunch on:

5th February - Beef Cobbler

14th February - Roast beef and Yorkshire Puddings.

5th March - Pork Loin

14th March - Shepherds pie

I would like to join my child for a meal on:

14th February

14th March

and enclose £2.76 per adult meal.

Signed.....