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School Newsletter 2- September 2015

Assembly Changes

We all enjoyed welcoming our newest recruits during the new starters' assembly last week. It was excellent to see some of their first achievements in school and to hear about how well they have settled in already. Thank you to all of the parents who came along.

This year we have decided to change the format of our Friday 'Show Me' assembly. Parents will instead be invited to attend a class assembly where the children will showcase their excellent speaking skills whilst sharing their class learning journey. In addition to this we will be organising class open mornings which will provide an opportunity for parents to come into the classroom to take part in specific lessons or activities. Parents of children in Nursery and Reception children will continue to receive regular invites to our popular 'Stay and Play' sessions. I have included dates of all upcoming assemblies and open mornings this term in the planner below.

Harvest Time



I'm pleased to inform you that we will be returning to celebrate Harvest at Selby Abbey following the success of the event last year. It will be taking place on Wednesday 7th October at 10.00am. Please feel free to invite grandparents and other family along too. If you would like to send a canned or dried food item into school these will be taken to the Abbey and donated to local community causes. After the service this year we will be collecting donations for Children's Cancer Awareness.

Independent learners at BBS

It has been excellent to see the children in Venus and Earth developing their independence skills and coming into the classrooms by themselves.

Part of our school development this year is centred around promoting thinking skills and being an independent learner is a key part to this.

We will be running an information evening about this for parents later on in the term.



School Attendance

Regular school attendance is extremely important and impacts heavily upon children's progress and outcomes in school. You can help your child by ensuring they arrive punctually and regularly- this year we are aiming for 98% as a minimum attendance rate.

Christmas already you say!

I'm afraid to say that as the nights are beginning to draw in we've started to think about our Christmas performances. The children in KS2 will be taking part in a joint Christmas pantomime this year - Mr Chappell is currently busy researching his part! As usual there will also be a separate KS1, Reception and Nursery performance.

Dates for all performances are included in the planner section. We will send information about reserving performance tickets later on in the term.

Basic Skills in Maths

I wrote recently with information about our new mental maths sessions. I'm pleased to report that these groups are already working well. You can support your child by practising these key skills with them at home too. Class teachers will be happy to share ideas about games you can play to make this learning more fun. Please also keep an eye on the maths section of the website which has links to different online maths games your child can access at home. The NumberGym access details are:

User: barlbyb

Password: yo85aa



Important Dates for your Diary

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| Wednesday 7th October | Harvest celebration at Selby Abbey- 10am |
| Friday 9th October | Venus class assembly |
| Friday 16th October | Neptune class open morning |
| Friday 6th November | Earth Class Assembly |
| Friday 13th November | Saturn class open morning |
| Friday 27th November | Mars class assembly |
| Friday 4th December | Jupiter class open morning |
| Monday 7th December | FOBBS Christmas fair |
| Tuesday 15th December | Reception Christmas performance:- 10.00am |
| Tuesday 15th December | KS2 afternoon pantomime:- 2.00pm |
| Tuesday 15th December | KS1 evening performance:- 6.00pm |
| Wednesday 16th December | KS1 afternoon performance:- 2.00pm |
| Wednesday 16th December | KS2 evening performance:- 6.00pm |
| Thursday 17th December | Party day and Christmas lunch |

Have your say...

Remember there is a parent suggestion box located outside Venus class in the main corridor. We welcome your ideas and contributions. Any suggestions will be brought to our 'Chance to Chat' session in October.

