



The Wolds and Vale Federation

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'One federation family, with transformation at its heart'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another busy and actioned packed term. I do hope that everyone has had a good summer; the children have certainly 'bounced' through our doors with enthusiasm and plenty of stories to tell us.

This summer has seen great excitement for our schools.

Sherburn has now completed its building work and we will be welcoming children into the new classrooms from Monday. I would like to thank all the staff, children and parents for being so flexible and understanding in its slight delay.

I would also like to congratulate Miss Childs (our federation SENCO) who gave birth to Matilda Grace (Tilly) on 26th August. Both baby and mum are doing fine and I am sure it will not be too long before we have a visit from them both.

Miss Snaith (Class 2 teacher Sherburn) is now Mrs Fleming as she has 'tied the knot' over the summer. It is taking us all quite a bit of effort to remembering her new name. Congratulations!

You will also see many new faces around our schools this autumn. Mrs Buntin has joined us as senior administrator and will be working across both schools. Mrs St Pierre and Miss Duley have joined Class 3 at Sherburn. Mrs Walker-Stabler and Miss Pledger have joined Class 1 at Luttons. Please take time to get to know them and welcome them into our Federation.

As the country has now started to open up in regards to Covid 19 restrictions. It is now time that our schools must do so. The school has continued to ensure that enhanced hygiene systems are still in place but the use of bubbles is no longer necessary. Therefore I am pleased to say that I will be starting up our sharing/celebration assemblies on Friday.

Luttons Celebration Assembly will be at 9:00 AM on Fridays

Sherburn Celebration Assembly will be at 2:30 PM on Fridays (with an opportunity to look around the new build after)

Face masks are optional!

As ever my door is always open please do not hesitate to come and see me with questions or queries.

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Staffing Arrangements for September 2021 – Luttons

Class 1 Nursery/R/Y1/Y2	Miss K Fry Mon - Wed Mrs K Jarvis Wed - Fri	Mrs S Walker-Stabler Tue-Thur	Miss G Pledger EYFS
Class 2 Y3/4/5/6	Mrs K Ridley	Mrs L Massheder Nurture & Intervention AM	

Mrs S Stockill - HLTA	
Wednesday AM	PPA Cover

Mr T Ellis - Sports Specialist	Wednesday AM
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Mrs S Buntin Senior Admin
Mon-Fri (Flexible)

Afterschool Clubs

Please check your email for details regarding afterschool clubs and follow the link as required. These start from Tuesday and are limited spaces so it is on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Miss Fry would like any junk modelling items such as cereal/egg boxes, yogurt cartons and pieces of material. Please send these in to school with your child and we will pass them on.

Writing Competition with CER Education

In celebration of International Literacy Day, CER Education would like to invite you to take part in our Writing Competition! One lucky winner could be in with a chance of winning £25 worth of book vouchers! To enter, we would like pupils to create a short story, fact or fiction, around the subject of "Our Planet".

Maybe they have an interesting story surrounding the future of our planet, or what makes the planet a special place for them. To enter, please complete the attached sheet and return it to the email address stated on it. Good luck!

Message from Amber at Rainbows

1st Sherburn Rainbows has spaces for girls aged 5-7.

We meet on Thursday evenings. This term meetings are at Scampston Hall to make use of the last of the lighter evenings doing lots of fun outdoor activities, including campfires and den building. From October half term we will most likely return to meeting in Sherburn Methodist chapel.

For more information e-mail Amber Botham at amberleahbotham@gmail.com

Or register via the girl guiding website.



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Covid Arrangements for September 2021

As the country moves to Step 4 of the roadmap, the school will continue to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. This marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for two doses by mid-September.

Our priority is for the school to deliver face-to-face, high quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.

From the beginning of the **autumn term** we will no longer deem it necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, **this means that assemblies can resume, collective worship and whole school events.**

We will continue to have staggered break times and lunch times as this has been successful in reducing the number of accidents and playground disputes and enabled more high quality supervision.

The school will ensure that outbreak management plans cover the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.

From **16 August 2021**, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

The school will continue to:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Weekly Menu w/c 13th September

Monday – Fish & Chips
Tuesday – Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Wednesday – Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding
Thursday – Pasta Bolognaise
Friday – Chicken Quesadilla

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you again on Monday morning.