

Off to a flying start Our new reception starters have made a tremendous start to life in the main school and have settled in as if they've always been here. They are so confident and content and it just goes to show what a great job the team in pre-school have done in preparing them for the rigours of Reception! We have welcomed new colleagues into school too who have also made a great start here at Darley: Mrs



Katie Dolamore (Ribble Class teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays), Mrs Lois Murdoch (Ribble Class GTA on Mondays and Tuesdays), Miss Lucy Pringle (Swale and Wharfe Class GTA everyday) and Ms Nicola Evison (Pre-school assistant everyday).

29/9/21 - Flu vaccinations for children

8/10/21 - Walk to School Day

22/10/21 - Break up for half term

Covid update It has been really lovely to return to school and not have to restrict the children to their bubbles meaning that we can have assemblies together, playtimes together

and lunches together. The rules now state that 'if you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19'. That said, it is really important that if your child displays any symptoms then they really should stay at home and you should have them PCR tested. This will of course help reduce the risk of transmission in school. School's COVID-19 Operational Guidance states: 'In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Your decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice.'

School Lunches We have had a tremendous uptake on school lunches with 77% of the children now having a school lunch. This is a brilliant start to the kitchen re-opening at Darley. On Monday 27th September there will be a slight menu change as Aimee will unfortunately be attending a family funeral so lunch on that day will be a ham, cheese or tuna wrap with salad followed by a chocolate brownie or fruit. Please email the school office with your choice - admin@darley.n-yorks.sch.uk by Monday 20th September. Thank you.

On **Friday 8th October**, children from around the Harrogate area are being encouraged to walk, cycle or 'park and stride' to school. We have always been asked by the Parish Council to encourage parents to park at the Memorial Hall on Sheepcote Lane and walk down to school, so please do consider this on Friday 8th October (and before or thereafter if you can!) Thank you.



Pre School - Our theme this half term is:
'Castles'

Reception and Year 1 - Our theme this half term is:
'Castles'

Year 2 and 3 - Our theme this half term is:
'Explorers'

Year 4, 5 and 6 - Our theme this half term is:
'Ancient Egypt'