

**Parents' Evening** Parent Consultations will take place in the first two weeks of November once we return to school after October half term. These meetings will be conducted via zoom as I am mindful that cases may rise and we may need to put certain control measures (such as reducing visitors to school) back in place. Better to plan now to hold the meetings remotely, than to have to re-arrange them later. Parents will be invited to come into school in the Spring to look at their children's work and to have another parent consultation evening then. Your child's class teacher will contact you directly to set up the meetings.



8/10/21 - Walk to School Day

13/10/21 - Flu vaccinations for children

16/10/21 - Coffee morning at school 10am - 12pm

20/10/21 - Halloween Craft Night after school

22/10/21 - Break up for half term

01/11/21 - Return to school

**Safeguarding in school** Some of you may have recently read in the media about disturbing cases involving NYCC staff. Whilst incidents of such nature are thankfully very rare, it is important to remind you that as an adult associated with the school, you too have a duty to safeguard children. Keeping children safe is the responsibility of all of us. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of children in our school then please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence via email

**headteacher@darley.n-yorks.sch.uk** Three useful documents you may wish to have a look at are our **Safeguarding Policy**, **Child Protection Policy** and the DfE '**Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021**'.

**Covid Cases in school** As we see a rise in cases nationally here at school we too have had a couple of positive cases. Unfortunately it was always going to be inevitable and it was always a case of 'when' rather than 'if' but we need to be mindful of the precautionary measures we can take to keep ourselves from harm. If a child has **any symptoms** then they must take a PCR and remain at home in isolation pending the outcome of the test. I appreciate that this is very challenging as primary school children often have coughs and colds at this time of the year and we can't tell the difference between a 'normal' cough and covid cough, but we need to be extra cautious. Persistent cough, loss of taste and smell and a temperature are the main symptoms that you must look out for and help us keep the virus under control. We wish those members of our school community currently with covid, a speedy recovery.

**And finally** We seem to have had an increase of toys being brought into school from home. Please can I ask that children keep their toys safe at home and not bring them in? I know that it sounds really miserable to make such a request but a lost or broken toy causes huge upset here in school! 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'**