

Westfield Way Loftus Saltburn by Sea TS13 4XD

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2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

School has been lovely with lots of exciting learning going on. Please find below some important updates and information. Have a lovely weekend!

School in a snapshot

- Children have looked at ways to handle their emotions, particularly if they feel angry about something as part of their assemblies this week.
- Y5 have enjoyed an afternoon with the inflatables at Loftus Leisure Centre
- Y1 showed us their football skills during their football session
- Y3 have visited the library for a book workshop.

Reminder of holiday dates/PD Day

PD Day - Friday 9th February and school will be closed to pupils.

Children will therefore *break up for half term on Thursday 8th February at 3:10pm and return to school on Monday 19th February.*

Safeguarding Updates

Home time Collection

In our previous newsletter, we made parents/carers aware of some changes to our safeguarding practices. This include our procedures for home time collection to ensure that our children get home safely from school.

As from today, children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 are able to walk home on their own with written consent. If you have not already completed this then please contact the school office to ensure your child will be able to walk home next week.

Children in Nursery, Reception Y1 and Y2 can only be collected by someone over the age of 16 years old. This is a policy which the majority of schools follow to ensure our youngest and most vulnerable children are kept safe.

Morning drop off

We are aware that many of you like to drop your child/ren off in the classroom and assist with their Mental Maths, and we are keen to continue this as it is an ideal opportunity for you to engage with your child's teachers and also see the work they are completing.

However, we now request that once your child is settled in class that parents / carers leave the building by the nearest exit, which should be the same used to enter the building, and not walk through into other classrooms or school areas. Please ensure that mobile phones are not checked or used while inside the school building.

In the case of more than one child being dropped off, please drop off at the youngest child's classroom and have the elder children make their own way through school to their own classes. You can always contact the office if you wish to speak to a teacher about your child and a call back with the teacher can be arranged at a convenient time.

If you arrive late to school please take your child/ren at the office and a member of staff will take them to their class if required.

Thank you for your support in keeping all of our children safe.

Reporting of Absence.

In the event of your child/ren being ill, or unable to attend school for any reason you must call or email school before 9.00am to notify us of the reason for absence. Also, part of our new Attendance Policy and safeguarding procedures is that in the event of an absence of 3 days or more, a home visit may be made by the Attendance Officer or member of the Senior Leadership Team to sight the child.

Notice of roadworks

We have been informed of some resurfacing work being carried out on the A174 between the Job Centre Building and Stone Masons Bank starting on Monday 26th February for 5 days between 9am and 3:30pm. Diversions will be in place as Station Road/Westfield Terrace will be closed during this time so please factor in some extra time for school drop off and collection that week.

Hummersea Curriculum Events.

- Our Reception class continue to enjoy some fun weekly visits this term from Budding Starts where they have been learning to sing and dance to songs.
- Year 4 are due to visit Rock Antics in Middlesbrough for some fun on the climbing walls on Wednesday 7^{th} February.
- Year 1 will be going to Gymworld on Thursday 8th February for some gymnastics activities.
- Years 1 and 2 have also enjoyed a football festival at Skelton during this term.
- Zoolab will also be visiting our 2 Year Old & Nursery classes on Thursday 8th Feb.

Yours sincerely,

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