



Weekly Newsletter

Date: 25 September 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to our first parent breakfast. It was great to be able to chat with you in an informal way and get to know some of you better and of course, the delicious home made pastries by our cook, Mrs Greenwood, didn't hurt either! We'll be doing more of these over the school year so watch out for dates.



Our children will be on Your Harrogate radio next week as School of the Week. The feature runs at 7.35am and 8.35am so be sure to listen out.

Our Year 5 and 6 children have enjoyed a CSI Crime Investigation workshop this week courtesy of Harrogate International Festival. This is a creative writing workshop led by a published author.

I hope to see you at the Welcome Picnic on Saturday afternoon. Everyone is welcome between 1pm - 4pm. There will be games, crafts, uniform and book sales, a bar and food.

E Meadus

Parking

There is **NO PARKING** on the school drive, entryway or in front of the barrier.

I am having to look at spending school funds on having yellow lines painted there now as our messages are being repeatedly ignored. I'd rather be spending this money on the children's learning and experiences, as I'm sure you would too.

Mrs Meadus

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 1 October

7pm PTA Meeting

Friday 2 October

8.15am Choir



Homework Policy

Please look on our website [here](#) to see our policy in detail. We have simplified the policy to focus on the foundations of learning that matter the most for children's progress. The first and foremost is reading at home every day and recording this in their reading record. Learning spellings and maths facts/times tables is our next priority.

Overlearning and frequent practice in spelling and maths facts/tables makes a huge difference to the quality of the children's writing and their ability to solve maths problems.

Children in Year 5 and 6 get other pieces of homework as they prepare for SATs and high school.

Mrs Meadus

Health & Safety

Before and After School Safety Rules

1. Please keep children off the play equipment, trim trails and grass before and after school.
2. Ensure children do not ride their bikes and scooters until they have left the site.
3. Please keep your children with you as you wait for the teachers to open up.

These are the reasons we need to have these rules in place is for your health and safety.

- The site is open at drop off and pick up, with several gates open. Sometime car parks are open and vehicles are moving in and out of the site. This means, that children could run off the site or into the path of a car if they are not staying close to their parent/carer.
- At collection and drop off times, there can be upwards of 600 people on site, all moving around. Children on bikes and scooters can easily crash into people causing injury to both parties.
- We have rules for safe play at our breaks and lunchtimes (e.g. no climbing on the goal posts) to keep people safe or protect the environment and resources. Children don't tend to adhere to these when not under staff supervision, which causes confusion and accidents.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs Meadus

School Kitchen

We had an unannounced spot check in the kitchen this week from the local Council and we are delighted to report that we got 5 stars for hygiene.

Music Lessons

Music lessons can be booked via the link below through
North Yorkshire Council:

[Eepos: North Yorkshire Music Service](#)



Coming Soon!

Art Club

New afterschool club coming soon for Year's 1-6. Please see email for more information.

Owls Club

Please check your weekly plans and ensure that you have booked Owls to avoid disappointment. The club is starting to get very busy and close to maximum capacity.

Opening/Closing Times

Breakfast Club - starts at 7.30am / Afterschool Club - closes at 6pm

Bookings to be made via MCAS

Community Notices and Adverts

These can now be found on our Website

<https://www.aspinparkacademy.org/>

under Parents, Newsletter