**SEPTEMBER 2018**

**WELCOME BACK.** *Welcome back, everyone!* We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It’s been lovely to welcome new children in to our school this week. All members of staff have been very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes to learning which has been seen around school this week, we all have a feeling this is going to be a wonderfully positive, action packed year! Well done, everyone - what a great start!

**Uniform.** [www.elizabethsembroidery.co.uk](http://www.elizabethsembroidery.co.uk)

It has been delightful to see all of the children wearing school uniform today. The children look so smart and it shows everybody in the local community that we are proud to be part of Stokesley Primary Academy. Just to remind you, our keystage 1 and keystage 2 uniform is as follows:

**Girls**: Navy/Tartan skirt, pinafore or navy tailored shorts or trousers. White shirt/blouse and year appropriate tie. Navy blue school jumper or cardigan. Plain white, navy or black socks. Black school shoes (**NO trainers or boots**) **NO SPORTS LOGOS**. Children may wear a watch and 1 pair of stud earrings, but no other jewellery may be worn. Prior to P.E. the children will be asked to remove all jewellery themselves. We would suggest that on P.E. days the children do not wear earrings to school as this avoids hassle and saves time! During P.E. lessons, long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories - plain navy blue, white or black hair bands, bobbles or slides – **No Large Bows.**

**Boys:** Navy trousers or shorts. White shirt with collar, and year appropriate tie. Navy blue school jumper. Black school shoes (NO trainers or boots) **NO SPORTS LOGOS**. Plain white, navy or black socks. Children may wear a watch and 1 stud earring, but no other jewellery may be worn. Prior to P.E. the children will be asked to remove all jewellery themselves. I would suggest that on P.E. days the children do not wear earrings to school as this avoids hassle and saves time! During P.E. lessons, long hair must be tied back. **No** **tramlines or shaved eyebrows.**

**PE kit consists of:**

School or plain white / Navy t-shirt (**no logos**), Navy shorts, Navy sweatshirt (or optional blue school PE hoodie available to order at the school office), Navy tracksuit bottoms, Trainers, **NO EARRINGS**

***‘****Each week we acquire a phenomenal amount of lost property; please help us to prevent this by naming or labelling all items of clothing, including coats and PE kits. Thank you!*’

**Attendance** -

**Thank You** to all the children and families who achieved 96% attendance or more last year! We really appreciate that some days aren’t easy, but you did it, Well Done!

At the end of the last academic year our whole school attendance was 92.31%, which is lower than at the same point last year and significantly lower than the Government defines as been acceptable. All schools are expected to reach 96% attendance at the end of the academic year. We have, however, been seriously hit by parents taking their children out of school during term time for family holidays. We very much appreciate the variation in the costs of holidays with them being so much cheaper within term time, but holidays in term time do have a real impact on your child’s learning and will never be authorised by the Principal.

Forms are at the front of school should you need to take your child out of school for either exceptional circumstances, a holiday or Travelling.

**Unauthorised Absence** – Unauthorised absence is considered as truancy, this will be dealt with according to the Governments Regulations. This could see families having referrals made to North Yorkshire Prevention Service or even prosecution. Please ensure ALL absences are notified, with a reason, to school on the first day of absence.

MIDDLESBROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB!!! - This year we will be working closely with Middlesbrough football club and Rory the Lion to improve attendance. Every child who has very good attendance or improving attendance will be eligible to win lots of goodies. These include match tickets, signed shirts, signed footballs, and lots more! *More info to follow!!*

**Lunchtime -** We will now only be accepting changes to your child’s lunch option half-termly. If your child has started on school lunch’s this half term, they will need to continue until we return to school on the 5th November 2018, when they will be able to change options if they wish to do so. Please notify the office if your child wishes to change their option in November. Please see the enclosed menu.

**Multi - Purpose Parental Consent Form –** Today you will have received a Multi - Purpose Parental Form, please could you complete, and return to school as soon as possible. Thank You.

**Home/School Agreement –** Please find enclosed a Home/School agreement for parents and children to sign – these need to be signed and returned to the class teacher. Many Thanks.

**Social Media Photography –** As you can understand not all families and children like having their photograph on social media. This can be for a number of reasons, some children are in Care, or there maybe Safeguarding reasons, if photographs were to be circulated this could cause lots of upset for many. The home/school agreement does request that mobile devices are not to be used on school site.

**Kids Club –** Kids Club, provide an outstanding service before and after school and also during school holidays. The good news is, they are moving – not far, you will now find the Kids Club team in the bungalow at the front of the school where service will continue as normal. Tel: 07967430108. *Hope you all enjoy your new space Kids Club!*

**Parking -** PARKING PLEA In 2018/19 - we would like to urge parents to park more considerately. Please don’t block drives or park on pavements and grass verges, especially on any yellow road markings outside of school. We must all ensure we keep our children safe!

**School Opening Hours -** Children can enter the school playground from 8.45am. Children will then be taken from the playground to their classroom at 8.55am. Any child arriving after 8.55am will be marked as late. Children arriving after 9.25 will receive an unauthorised mark; this will go against their overall attendance. School finishes at 3.10. Children must be collected promptly as staff often have meetings to attend so childcare cannot be provided.

**Academic Year 2018 / 2019**

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| **​2018 / 2019** | **​Last day in School** | **School re-opens** |
| Autumn Term |  | Tuesday 4th September |
| October half term holiday | Friday 26th October | Monday 5th November |
| Christmas Holidays | Friday 21st December | Tuesday 8th January |
| February half term holidays | Friday 15th February | Monday 25th February |
| Easter holiday | Thursday 4th April | Tuesday 23rd April |
| May half term holiday | Friday 24th May | Monday 3rd June |
| ​Summer holidays | Friday 19th July |  |

**\* School closed for May Day Monday 6th May 2019 \***

**​Inset Training Days (School closed to pupils for staff training)**

**Inset Day: Monday 3rd September 2018**

**Inset Day: Friday 30th November 2018** **Inset Day: Monday 7th January 2019**

**Inset Day: Friday 5th April 2019 Inset Day: Monday 22nd July 2019**