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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so delightful on the first day to see all those happy eager faces at the gate and the staff, Governors and I are looking forward to another hard working, successful year here at Cliffe.

Curriculum

We have begun our year joining in with celebration of Roald Dahl and each class will be taking inspiration from one of his many books.

North + East – BFG

South – Fantastic Mr Fox

West – Boy

The children (and staff) are already really enjoying all the activities involved.

On **Fri 23rd September** for our final day we are having a dress up day and everyone is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald dahl character!

Our Topic for the term will be

“We are Time Detectives”

How has our local area changed?

To kick start this project we are having a special event: “Trip Down Memory Lane” in which we will be inviting any older villagers of Cliffe and Selby to join us at school and meet the pupils to tell us about life in the past.

We already have a number of people keen to come along but would ideally like as many as possible so the children can have a good understanding of life in Cliffe and Selby in the past. Invitations will be coming your way and if you know of any other people who would like to be involved please let us know so we can invite them too!

You will see that you are invited to a **Curriculum Parent meeting** for your child in the next few weeks. At these meetings the staff will have an opportunity to inform you of the plans and what the expectations are for each year group. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have.

I am sure this will be a very useful meeting to give you an even better understanding of what your child is learning in school and if you are unable to attend please feel free to ask whoever picks up your child to attend in your place

Breakfast Club / After School Club

The Governors and I are very aware that, as working parents, many find care before and after school a concern.

I am sending home a questionnaire (with the youngest child in the family) to gauge how many would be keen to have their child attend a club either before or after school or both. If there is enough interest we intend to run such a club on the school premises.

Could you please complete the form and return to say if you are or are not interested by **Monday 12th September**. This is not a commitment to attend, merely an expression of interest.

Parent Forum Meeting.

Last term's meeting was about communication and it was agreed that a closed Facebook Page account would be very useful as it would have the newsletters and school information on it. This will be updated on a Friday and will be a good opportunity to celebrate the successes of our Friday Assemblies also. No children's surnames will be posted. The annual consent form will be issued tomorrow, Friday 9th September, to be completed by Monday please and if you wish you can opt your child out. This will be another way to ensure good communication from school to home.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 15th November**. As before, we will draw names from a box for each year group. An invite will be sent to those parents to attend to discuss homework in school and after the event I will share the minutes with all.

School Logo

Firm Foundations for Life as a school motto has served the school well and we believe that 'working with yourselves' that is exactly what we deliver. Over this last year as the children have successfully shown a more growth mindset and attitude to learning we feel it is time for Cliffe VC to revamp our motto to show how more successful and aspiring we are as a school. I would like everyone to have an opportunity to put forward their ideas and the School Council will choose a new motto for the school.

We want to reflect the ethos of the school, our achievements and aspirations for all to succeed in life

All entries from families, individuals, Staff, Governors and residents of Cliffe to be handed into school by Friday 30th September and the School Council will vote.

Helpers?

If you, or a grandparent, finds they have some time on their hands they would be very welcome to come and join us at school to hear readers, help with activities etc. We have some fantastic volunteers who come in and enjoy spending time with the children and they are an invaluable. Please let any of the staff know if you have a talent to share or simply want to spend time helping in a class.

Dates for the diary

Please find below some dates for your diary

You will see that our Governors are continuing to visit the school on a Friday to meet with pupils, staff and parents and will be available at the gate if you have any questions / queries.

Autumn Term

On 12th Sept- Reception Year Curriculum Meeting for parents

Tues 13th Sept- Year 1 +Year 2 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Thur 15th Sept- Year 5 +6 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Fri 16th – Gov visit

Mon 19th Sept- Film Club

Year 3+4 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Wed 21st Sept- Book fair in school (after school to buy books)
 Fri 23rd Sept- Gov visit
 Roald Dahl Celebration Day- dress up as a favourite character
 Mon 26th Sept- M+M Theatre Group Play for the school "Twist in Time"
 Fri 30th Sept- Gov visit
 "Trip Down Memory Lane" Event
 Mon 3rd Oct- Film Club
 Fri 7th Oct- Gov Visit
 2.45pm MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (Charity event run by Year 6pupils)
 Mon 17th Oct- Film Club
 Fri 14th Oct- Gov visit
 2pm Harvest Festival
 Mon 17th Dec- Film Club
 Fri 21st Oct- Gov visit
 West Wing Sharing assembly
 3.30 School closes for half term
 Mon 31st Oct- School opens
 Fri 4th Nov- Gov visit
 South Wing Sharing Assembly
 Mon 7th Nov- Year 1,2 +3 Flu vaccinations
 Tues 8th Nov- Parent Evening Meetings
 Wed 9th Nov- Parent Evening Meetings
 Thur 10th Nov- Year 5 French day at Brayton High
 Fri 11th Nov- Gov visit
 East Wing Sharing assembly
 Mon 14th Nov- Film Club
 Tues 15th Nov- Class photos
 Fri 18th Nov- Gov visit
 Children in Need
 Fri 25th Nov- Gov visit
 North Wing Sharing Assembly
 Mon 28th Nov- Film Club
 Fri 2nd Dec- Gov visit
 Tues 6th Dec – 3.30pm KS1 Christmas Show
 Wed 7th Dec- 2pm KS1 Christmas Show
 Thur 8th Dec- 5.30pm KS1 Christmas Show
 Fri 9th Dec- Gov visit
 am Cinderella Pantomime in school
 Mon 12th Dec- Film Club
 Wed 14th Dec – Topic Curriculum Finale event
 Thur 15th Dec- Party Day (inc Christmas dinner)
 Fri 16th Dec- Gov visit
 Christmas Jumper Charity day
 School closes for Christmas

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle daily

I will be out in the playground but if there is anything you would like to see me about my door is always open!

Kind Regards

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Mrs S Hay