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Friday 31st January 2020

Dear Parents,

Earlier this week we received news of the sad passing of Steve Collis, who was much loved by both the staff and pupils of our school. Steve came into school regularly to hold assemblies and took family services at Irthington Church, which the children enjoyed taking part in. He will be much missed and we send our love to his family at this time.

As we approach the Spring half-term, with the children settled back into school routines, I wanted to take the opportunity to mention a few issues that have arisen lately and remind everyone of school procedures.

Parking outside of school:

Despite having been requested not to use the yellow zig zagged area outside of the school gates for parking or turning around upon, this continues to take place. The zig-zagged area outside of school gates is commonly referred to as the 'dead zone' as more children are killed or injured on the yellow zig zags between illegally parked cars and vans than anywhere else. No vehicles should be parked upon them during school hours, this being anytime when the school is open, apart from school transport. It is a ticketable offence.

The yellow zig zags are there to protect the children and keep the school entrance clear and visible at all times that the school is open. This is particularly important during the winter months when the days are darker and visibility is significantly reduced. We must therefore insist that no one parks in this zone to drop off or collect their children whether it be for a minute or two, or longer.

On numerous occasions vehicles have also been observed to turn around in the road outside of school, using both the school drive and those of local residents in their manoeuvres. Again this poses a danger, not only to themselves, but also to other road users and pedestrians, in the event of a collision. Please therefore can everyone be considerate to the local residents and other drivers and also for the safety of pedestrians, including our children.

Earrings:

The school policy states that children may wear one pair of studs, which must be removed for PE lessons. This is to avoid the possibility of injuries being sustained in the event that earrings are caught upon clothing or other objects during the lessons. If possible, please ensure that children's earrings are removed at home on the day that your child/ren have PE - for Class 3 pupils this is Tuesday and Thursday – as it can take up to 15 minutes of lesson time removing and storing them safely before lessons and then putting them back in afterwards.

Toys, books, games and notebooks:

We have had an increased number of these items being brought into school by the children. We would ask parents to not send their children in with them to avoid any upset if items get damaged or mislaid.

Apologies if it seems like we are having a moan, however, the welfare of your children are our priority at all times.

On to other matters.....

The children have been sent home with **World Book Day** vouchers earlier this week. These can be redeemed at participating book shops to obtain a free £1 book, details of those books are shown upon the voucher, or can be used to obtain a discount of £1 against books costing £2.99 or more. The vouchers are valid between **27th February – 29th March 2020**.

Just a gentle reminder that the January instalment of £50 for the **Residential to Hawse End** was due by today 31st January 2020. Thank you to those of you who have already sent money in. Can those who have not already made payment please do so next week?

A letter was sent out earlier this week relating to the trialling of **wraparound care provision** starting next half-term, the week commencing Monday 24th February. The deadline for receiving completed forms, together with pre-payment for sessions, is Friday 7th February 2020. If you have not received a letter, or mislaid it, and wish to book in for childcare provision before or after school next half-term please speak to Mrs Lawson in the office and she will arrange to send out a copy.

Finally, we have details of the After School Clubs on offer for next half-term:

Day:	Club:	Staff:	Who can attend:
Monday	Lego	Mr Harrison & Mrs Bryant	Only those who are currently attending. Please confirm if your child wishes to continue to attend on the form below.
Tuesday	Cross-stitch	Mrs Lupton	Years 3 – 6
Wednesday	Homework/Fun in Class 1	Mrs Harrison	Years 1 - 6
Thursday	Art	Mr Harrison	Years 2 – 6

Clubs will run for 5 weeks commencing in the week of Monday 24th February and concluding in the week commencing Monday 23rd March 2020.

Please complete the form attached with your After School Club choices by Monday 10th February so that clubs can be allocated later that week. **No payments should be sent in for After School Clubs until places have been allocated.**

Please note the following: If you intend to use the wraparound care provision during sessions that a club is running that your child/ren would wish to take part in, assuming that they are within the year groups allowed for in that club, there will be no fee payable in addition to those pre-paid fees charged for the wraparound care on that day.

Rowan's Football – This will be running on Tuesdays after school until 4.30pm. Forms will be distributed shortly to the children. Please take note of the weeks that the sessions will run. Each half-term a new form should be completed by parents for insurance purposes, this is regardless of the fact that they may have attended previously. Completed forms should be handed directly to Rowan and not handed into the school office.

Yours sincerely

Lynn Harrison

My child/ren.....would like to be considered for the following After School Clubs:

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