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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all our new Wrenthorpe families, the new children in Reception class have made a very confident start to school. All children across school are now very well settled in their new classes and are enjoying getting back to learning. Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart and ready to learn. It is wonderful to once again have a busy, vibrant school where children can mix in large groups, join after school clubs and take a full and active part in all that our planned school curriculum has to offer.

Our Extended School Curriculum Offer

As part of our commitment to building an extended school curriculum which interests and engages children we have planned the following events:

- **Class Assemblies**

You will be invited to come to school to watch your child take part in a class assembly. This will be an opportunity for you to see a presentation of some of the learning which has taken place. Please drop your child off at the usual time, follow the one way system and then come into school by the main entrance. You will then be directed to take a seat in the school hall.

- **Inspire Mornings**

This is an opportunity for you to come into school to work alongside your child. You may for example work together to design and make something as part of their planned topic work or complete a problem solving activity. This session will take place in the school hall rather than the classroom so that we have more space to work in. Again, please drop your child off at the usual time, follow the one way system and then enter school by the main entrance. You will then be directed to take a seat in the school hall and wait for the class of children to arrive in the hall after registration.

- **Outdoor Learning Days**

This is an opportunity for children to spend the whole day outside, engaging in their learning in a different way - a 'no pen day'! It is rather like having a school trip – but on our own school site. On this planned day the class teacher will ask that children attend school in suitable outdoor clothing.

- **Other opportunities to learn outdoors**

Across the year, the teacher will plan in additional opportunities to take the classroom learning outdoors. For example: in Science, children may investigate the trees in the Wildlife Area, in Geography children may complete some orienteering exercises, in Reading, children may be inspired to use the outdoors to bring their class text to life ('The Bog Baby' in KS1 and 'Stig of the Dump' in LKS2)

- **Workshops**

Every class in school will take part in a workshop to broaden their learning experiences by giving children access to a subject specific teacher. For example, KS1 will take part in a Music Workshop, a learning and engagement project led by 'Leeds International Piano Competition'. Children benefit from learning from a lead teacher with an expertise in a specific subject.

- **Performances**

As well as Class Assemblies, identified cohorts of children will perform across the year: Musical Extravaganza and Year 6 Pantomime for example.

- **School trips and Residential for Year 6**

Every teacher will plan two school trips across the year which are linked to the class topics. We do ask that parents make a voluntary contribution to this please. We recognise that if there is insufficient parent support for this it *may* be that the trip cannot go ahead. Please note: families who are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding will not be asked for a contribution.

On-line pay system

Waterton Trust have now set up all Waterton Schools with an on-line payment system (called STRIPE). We hope you are finding this a useful and convenient way to make all payments to school: School Meals, Reading Folders, School Trips etc will all be paid using the **STRIPE** App. If you experience any difficulties please get in touch with the school office who will do their best to help you.

Staffing Changes

- Mrs Armitage (our Senior Admin Officer) has left our employment to start a new career. We wish her all the best and know that she will be great asset to the company she will join.
- **Mrs Farrar** (formerly Mrs Waddington) has been promoted to become our new Senior Admin Officer. Congratulations Mrs Farrar, we know that you will do a fantastic job.
- **Mr Kelly** (our School Caretaker) has been promoted to another role in the Trust. Mr Kelly will work as Estates Supervisor which will involve overseeing a number of Academies in the Trust, including Wrenthorpe Academy. Mr Kelly will start his new role when we have secured a new School Caretaker.

New School Library

Mr Kelly is currently working very hard to prepare three areas in school which will become new library and group reading areas. The new library installation will be fitted over the October half term holiday. We look forward to sharing this with you when you visit school for Parent Consultations in November.

New Perimeter Fencing

Phase one of our school perimeter fence is now complete (around the school field and alongside the small Wildlife Area). We intend to complete the remainder of the fencing within this academic year.

Staying in touch with School

The best way of keeping in touch with the many activities and celebrations that take place in school is to follow us on TWITTER **@Wrenthorpe_SCH**

All classes in school are either already using Twitter, or have just set up a Class Twitter Page so you can follow their page too. As Twitter provides an immediate platform for teachers to share class activities with you, this will replace teachers using a Class Page on the school website.

If you would like to speak with the class teacher, often morning drop-off is very busy, so please call the school office and Mrs Farrar will arrange for a time for the teacher to call you or for you to pop in and speak directly with the teacher.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Coyle
Headteacher
Wrenthorpe Academy

Dates for your Diary 2021/22

| Autumn Term ONE | | |
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| Friday 1 st October | INSET DAY | School Closed |
| Friday 8 th October | Year 1 | Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park |
| Wednesday 13 th October | 5 – 6pm | Parent Meeting for Reception Class |
| Friday 15 th October | Year 2 | Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park |
| Friday 22 nd October | Last day of half term | |
| SCHOOL CLOSED – 1 WEEK HOLIDAY | | |
| Autumn Term TWO | | |
| Monday 1 st November | School Opens | |
| Saturday 6 th November | 10am | Pre-School Open Morning |
| Tuesday 9 th November | 6 – 8:30pm | Parent Consultation Evening (face to face) |
| Wednesday 10 th November | 3:30 – 6pm | Parent Consultation Afternoon (face to face) |
| Saturday 20 th November | 9am | Wrenthorpe Academy Open Morning |
| Monday 6 th December | Year 1 & Year 2 | Music Performance & Workshops 'Skylar's Missing Note' |
| Tuesday 7 th December | Choir group | Community Choir Performance at Silcoates School |
| Wednesday 8 th December | Reception | 9:30am Christmas Performance for Parents |
| Thursday 9 th December | Reception | 9:30am Christmas Performance for Parents |
| Monday 13 th December | Year 1 and 2 | Christmas Party Day – details to follow |
| Tuesday 14 th December | Reception | Christmas Party Day – details to follow |
| | Y4 – Y6 | 6:30pm Musical Extravaganza Performance for Parents |
| Wednesday 15 th December | Year 3 and 4 | Christmas Party Day – details to follow |
| | Y4 – Y6 | 6:30pm Musical Extravaganza Performance for Parents |
| Thursday 16 th December | Year 5 and 6 | Christmas Party Day – details to follow |
| Friday 17 th December | Last day of half term | |
| SCHOOL CLOSED – 2 WEEKS and 1 DAY HOLIDAY | | |
| Spring Term ONE | | |
| Tuesday 4 th January | School Opens | |
| Early January | CHOIR | Young Voices (Sheffield) – tbc, details to follow |
| Friday 14 th January | Class 5/6P | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| Friday 21 st January | Class 6C | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| Friday 28 th January | Class 5B | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| Friday 4 th February | Class 1/2C | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| Friday 11 th February | Class 2B | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| Friday 18 th February | Class 1H | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| | Last day of half term | |
| SCHOOL CLOSED – 1 WEEK HOLIDAY | | |
| Spring Term TWO | | |
| Monday 28 th February | School Opens | |
| Friday 4 th March | Class 3/4M | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| Tuesday 8 th March | 6 – 8:30pm | Parent Consultation Evening (face to face) |
| Wednesday 9 th March | 3:30 – 6pm | Parent Consultation Afternoon (face to face) |
| Friday 11 th March | Class 4D | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| Friday 18 th March | Class 3C | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| Friday 25 th March | Reception | 9:20am Class Assembly |
| Tuesday 5 th April | Year 2 | 9:30am Performance for Parents |
| Wednesday 6 th April | Year 2 | 9:30am Performance for Parents |
| Friday 8 th April | Last day of half term | |

SCHOOL CLOSED – 2 WEEKS HOLIDAY

Summer Term ONE

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| Monday 25 th April | School Opens | |
| Friday 29 th April | School BOOK FAYRE – details to follow | |
| Monday 2 nd May | BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED | |
| Thursday 5 th May | Possible School Closure for Election Day – we will keep you updated | |
| Monday 9 th May | YEAR 6 | KS2 SATS EXAM WEEK |
| Friday 13 th May | Reception | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| | Class 6C | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Monday 16 th May | Class 4D | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| | Class 5/6P | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Tuesday 17 th May | Class 3/4M | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| Wednesday 18 th May | Class 3C | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| Thursday 19 th May | Class 2B | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| Friday 20 th May | Class 1/2C | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| | Class 5B | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Monday 23 rd May | Class 1H | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| | Class 4D | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Tuesday 24 th May | Class 5B | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| Wednesday 25 th May | Class 5/6P | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| Thursday 26 th May | Class 6C | 9:15 – 10:30am Class Inspire Morning |
| Friday 27 th May | Last day of half term | |

SCHOOL CLOSED – 1 WEEK HOLIDAY

Summer Term TWO

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| Monday 6 th June | School Opens | |
| Friday 10 th June | Class 3/4M | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Monday 13 th June | Class 3C | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Friday 17 th June | Class 2B | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Monday 20 th June | Class 1/2C | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Wednesday 22 nd June | Year 6 | 3 day Residential Visit to Dearne Valley |
| Friday 24 th June | Class 1H | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Friday 1 st July | Reception | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Monday 11 th July | Transition morning with new class teacher. End of Year Reports home | |
| Tuesday 12 th July | Reception | 9:20 start - Sports Day |
| Wednesday 13 th July | Year 1 and 2 | 9:20 start - Sports Day |
| | Year 6 | 6:30pm Pantomime |
| Thursday 14 th July | Year 5 and 6 | 9:20 start – Sports Day |
| | Year 6 | 6:30pm Pantomime |
| Friday 15 th July | Year 3 and 4 | 9:20 start – Sports Day |
| Monday 18 th July | Transition morning with new class teacher. | |
| Thursday 21 st July | Reception | 2:40pm Class Assembly |
| Friday 22 nd July | Year 6 | Presentation Assembly |
| | Last day of half term | |

SCHOOL CLOSED – 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAY

Wednesday 7th September 2022 – New Academic Year Starts

PLEASE NOTE:

- I hope you find these diary dates useful for planning time to visit school. We do appreciate that many of our parents are busy working parents and therefore we will provide you with as much notice as possible if any of the dates listed are required to change.
- Other dates are yet to be confirmed, such as Workshops and Class Trips for some of the classes.