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Dear Families,

What an interesting start to the Term it has been, but the community spirit within our fantastic Federation has really shone through. I can't thank you all enough for your flexibility and support, which has ensured that we've had a really smooth start to the Term. I would like to thank you all for giving me such a warm welcome and it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the staff, parents and children in our Federation family. I feel so privileged to be working with such incredible school communities and I am looking forward to the journey ahead with you all.

I have enjoyed having the opportunity to meet parents/ carers at drop off and collection times and I look forward to working closely with you all. I would like to assure you that my door is always open. I am eager to really foster an ethos of partnership working and will be seeking your views on areas that you would like to see being developed within the Federation. With this in mind, I will be setting up a new 'Solve it' group which will be open to all parents / carers. We will have one meeting each half term and I will arrange these at different times of the day over the course of the year to ensure that there will be at least one session that you may be able to attend to fit around working patterns. In addition, we will look at re-establishing the PTA group. More details about both of these will follow soon.

The collaborative working has been a real asset this week and it is something that we will look to build upon in the coming months. We are all looking forward to providing your wonderful children with engaging and exciting learning opportunities which will ensure that they will live our motto of flourishing, succeeding and letting their lights truly shine. I am delighted to inform you that we will be having some new 'Shining Stars' awards for your children to aspire to. There will be two of these awards for each class, each half term which will be presented in a special assembly; we will look forward to seeing who our first recipients will be.

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Flood Update

I am pleased to say that the hot weather has definitely been our friend this week and it is really helping the drying process at Fylingdales. We worked with the LA to ensure that a series of industrial dehumidifiers have been working around the clock since Monday and we seem to be making pleasing progress at the moment. We are still awaiting an input from the loss adjustors for the next steps, but the LA are organising some industrial carpet cleaners to see whether this will also help the process. We will keep you informed as any more information becomes available. We will continue with the same provision next week and the staggered drop off and collection times will all remain the same. If any of our Fylingdales are struggling to get to the Hawsker site, please let me know so that we can see how we can help.

Fylingdales Portacabin Art Project - We need your help

I am sure that many of you may have noticed that our lovely prefab is looking more than a little tired! I am liaising the LA and hope that we will be getting some new doors in the near future, but we still feel that the building needs a facelift. We are delighted that we will have a very talented artist from Scarborough helping us to create something special, but we really need lots of artwork from your children to give him the inspiration. The idea is that we will create four thematically-connected murals to depict our local heritage and life in our beautiful area along with a woodland and moorland scene on the gable end. Please talk to your children about our local heritage and encourage them to send in their ideas in any format, so that Slim can create a design which is truly representative of us and our brilliant school. The completed design will then be painted by our whole school community. If you would like to make a small contribution towards the costs of materials for this project, we will add this as an option on Parentpay for you.

Amended School Dinner Menu

As we have a very small kitchen at Hawsker, we are needing to make some slight amendments to our lunch menu for next week to ensure that we can cater for the increased numbers. Our cook has been able to confirm that the main courses for next week will now be as follows to as below. Please note that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes continue to receive a free school meal. The price for a school meal for KS2 children has increased slightly this term and is now £2.73 per day, or £13.65 per week. The cost for this half-term for school lunches totals £90.09. This can be paid through the ParentPay website. Thank you.

Day	Revised Menu
Monday	Burger and chips
Tuesday	Pasta and Bolognese
Wednesday	Sausage and baby potatoes
Thursday	Pizza
Friday	Fish fingers

Nut-Free School

Thank you to everyone for your help in keeping pupils with allergies in our school safe by making sure that snacks and packed lunches do not contain products with nuts in them. We really appreciate your vigilance and understanding.

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Cool Milk Scheme

At the moment Hawsker School are subscribed to the Cool Milk Scheme and we are pleased to let you know that we have now registered Fylingdales School to take part in this scheme too, however due to set up times, etc, Fylingdales School will have their first delivery of milk for 4th October 2021. All children under the age of 5 and who are entitled to free school meals will receive milk at break time. All children over the age of 5 can purchase milk through the Cool Milk website, more details on how to register your child will follow in the near future.

Parking

The staggered start and finish times have worked well this week and it has ensured that there has not been too much congestion on the road outside school. However, have been made aware of an incident where the road became blocked as a result of cars being parked opposite each other. We appreciate that there is very limited parking outside school, but please could we remind parents to park considerately to ensure the safety of the children and other road users. The Highways Team are going to put some additional temporary signage along the road to remind drivers to reduce their speed while we have an increased number of pupils at the Hawsker site.

Grass Verges

Please take care if you are walking along the grass verges, as we have been made aware that there has been quite a lot of dog excrement in some areas. I have spoken to both the Parish and Borough Council about this and asked if a dog waste bin can be placed by the school to provide a more permanent solution to this ongoing issue. I will keep you updated about this.

Safeguarding Procedures

Safeguarding is a key priority in any school and we would just like to give a couple of polite reminders at the start of the year. We understand there are many reasons why children are collected by different people; especially when you may have children at two sites at the moment. It is important that staff know who is authorised to collect your child, as we will not release your child to someone if we have not been informed that they will be collecting. Please inform your child's teacher or contact the school office if someone different will be collecting your child.

Please can I also remind parents/carers to inform the office by 9am if your child is going to be absent. If we have not received a call/ message, the office will try to make contact with you as part of our safeguarding procedures or we may need to make a home visit to ensure that your child and the family are safe. Although it is unlikely, this procedure could help in the event of an emergency (especially where we have some of our older children who walk to school alone).

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Helen Thompson
Executive Headteacher
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