



# The Wolds and Vale Federation



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*'Working Together, Putting Children First within our Christian Family'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **School lunches next week**

Monday – Chicken wrap  
Tuesday – Korma  
Wednesday – Roast pork  
Thursday – Pasta bolognaise  
Friday – Fish and chips

## **Awards for this week**

Well done to the following pupils who have won awards this week –  
Pupil of the week for Class 1 – Jacob  
Pupil of the week for Class 2 - Alex  
Headteachers award - Morgan  
Lunchtime award – Mason

## **From Mr Taylor**

The last few weeks have been very rewarding for me as I have seen the coming together of our two schools in different guises. The joint performance at Athletics was amazing and the shared trip to the Rotunda museum highlighted the benefits that a federation can bring. Shared partnership and collaboration can only bring success to these already GOOD schools and it is with the help and support of you and your children that we can make this possible. If you have any thoughts and ideas regarding how you can support the communities that we live in, please feel free to share them with me.

## **Rotunda visit**

Class 2 children from across the Federation have enjoyed a visit to the Rotunda museum in Scarborough this week. They have been able to study the artefacts at the museum and learn more about their current topic The Stone Age.

## **Thank you from Class 1**

Class 1 would like to say a big thank you for the fantastic response to the Junk Modelling request. As we are coming to the end of our invention topic, we will not need any more junk (our cupboard and shed is actually still full of items!). A big thank you for your generosity, the children have really enjoyed exploring and creating their own inventions.

## **Parents evening 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Our parents evening will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, booking forms are available in the school reception, please reply to this email or call in to book. You will be able to talk to your child's class



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teacher about their progress so far this year and see a sample of work in their books. It is important you make every effort to attend.

## **Outdoor afternoon Class 2 6<sup>th</sup> February**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February children from Miss Boustead's class, will be spending the afternoon out on the school field creating an exciting new feature in our wonderful outdoor space. Please can children bring some old clothes they don't mind getting muddy, wellies and a waterproof coat.

## **PE lessons**

After the half term holiday Mr Ellis will be teaching Class 2 some netball skills and Class 1 will be 'outdoor and adventurous'. Please ensure your child has a suitable outdoor PE kit and trainers for when we return after the holidays.

## **School shoes**

We have noticed that a few children are coming to school in trainers, the school uniform is black or brown shoes or boots. A pair of outdoor boots, wellies or trainers must also be kept at school for playtimes on the field and changed when children come back into the building.

## **Parent Pay**

Starting in April we will be introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, breakfast club and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay.

ParentPay will be live at school on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and from this date we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash or cheque may do so for now. Please look out for your activation letter in March.

For further information on ParentPay please see the FAQs overleaf or visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

## **Diary dates**

### **FEBRUARY**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening
9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the half term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
20 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake making with FOSS, 50p each child

Have a lovely weekend.

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## ParentPay FAQs

- **When can I log in to my account?**

Once you have received your activation letter from school with your activation login details you will be able to activate your account and start making payments. This letter will be sent to you soon by your school.

- **Which cards can I use?**

ParentPay accepts MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards, and Maestro, Switch, Delta, Electron, Solo and Visa debit cards. Some schools may limit the use of credit cards for some transactions; you will be informed by the school directly of any such restrictions.

- **Is it safe to make payments on the internet?**

Yes. ParentPay uses leading technology to process your card transactions securely. All communication with the bank is encrypted and neither ParentPay nor the school have access to your card details.

- **How can I check that it's secure?**

Standard website addresses begin with *http*: the address for a secure site will always begin with *https*. You will also see a padlock at the bottom/top right of the screen on our login page and after you have logged into your account; never enter your card details or personal data on any web page whose address does not start *https*.

- **What about our personal information?**

ParentPay holds a very limited amount of information about you and your child solely for the purpose of administering your account however; ParentPay does not use your personal information other than for supporting the school. We do not share or give information to any other organisations. We operate under strict guidelines set out by the Data Protection Act 1998.

ParentPay will NEVER contact you by phone, email or mail and ask you to divulge confidential information like passwords or card numbers. If you are ever contacted by someone claiming to be from ParentPay, please contact us immediately on 02476 994 820.

- **I do not have a home PC so how can I use ParentPay?**

Why not visit your local library, internet café or see if you can get access to a computer at work. Alternatively ask if you can use your school's computers. Many schools have computers available for parents and will be happy to show you how to use them.

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