



 Airy Hill Primary School

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*Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We would like to wish all of our families a very happy, safe, family Christmas and our very best wishes for a brighter 2021!



### **Reporting Covid Symptoms/ Tests**

If your child develops Covid 19 symptoms within the **first 48 hours of the holidays (Thursday night, Friday or Saturday)**, you **MUST** have your child tested and report the outcome of this test to Headteacher. Mrs Matthewman will be on call for the first six days of the holiday to inform the parents of any contacts of your child. Please email [headteacher.airyhill@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.airyhill@yeat.co.uk). Please **do NOT** leave messages on the school answerphone as this is not monitored over the school holidays. Thank you.

## Booking a Covid Test

If anyone in your household starts to develop symptoms you are advised get booked into a **walk in or drive through test centre**. [Symptomatic or asymptomatic - GOV.UK \(test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk) You can usually get a test very quickly, if none are immediately available **keep checking** back on an hourly basis as more can be released. Results from walk in and drive through test centres are usually **received within 24-48 hours**, quicker than the several days it can take for the postal testing.

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## January – Revised Timings

In January, we will be implementing our **NEW staggered drop off and collection times** for children. We hope that this new approach will mean less waiting around for parents/ carers and their children. **These timings will begin on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. Nursery classes remain unchanged.



## Start times

8:50am	Reception Class	Reception Door
	Year 3 Class	Y3 Door
	Year 4 Class	KS2 Door
	Year 6 Class	KS2 Door
9:00am	Year 1 Class	KS1 Door
	Year 2 Class	KS2 Door
	Year 5 Class	KS2 Door

## End Times

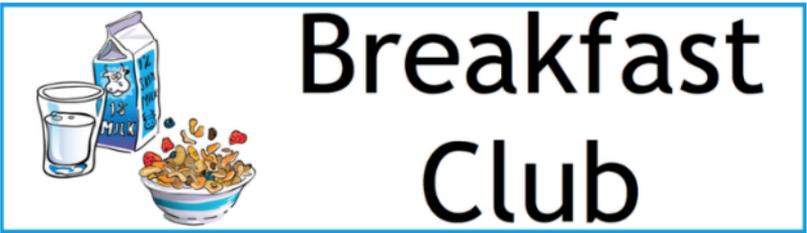
3:20pm – 3:30pm	Reception Class	Reception Door
3:30pm	Year 3 Class	Y3 Door
	Year 4 Class	KS2 Door
	Year 6 Class	KS2 Door
3:40pm	Year 1 Class	KS1 Door
	Year 2 Class	KS2 Door
	Year 5 Class	KS2 Door

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## January Update

In January, school will no longer close on Monday afternoons – thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this.

## Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club will re-open on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. Breakfast Club starts at **7:50am** and is **£2.00** per session including breakfast. Please note **breakfast is served until 8:20am** only. Please book sessions and pay via MCAS.

Breakfast Club offers your child a healthy breakfast in a fun and stimulating environment. Attendance at Breakfast Club can have a positive impact on pupil's concentration and performance throughout the day and can lead to improved motivation and self-confidence.

*Come join us for breakfast!*

## PE Timetable

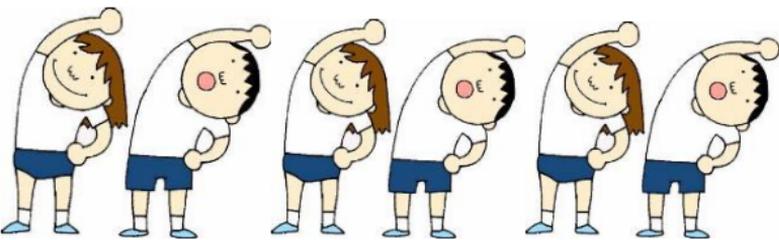
Please see below time table for PE from January.

Please ensure children attend school on these days in their PE kit of **black or navy joggers, plain white T shirt and either a dark hoodie or their school jumper** as well as appropriate footwear.

<b>Year 1</b>	Monday & Friday
<b>Year 2</b>	Tuesday & Thursday
<b>Year 3</b>	Tuesday & Thursday
<b>Year 4</b>	Wednesday & Friday
<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday & Thursday
<b>Year 6</b>	Thursday (swimming) & Friday

**Reception** children will be getting changed for PE every **Wednesday**. They will only need a **white T-shirt and black or navy shorts**. No PE shoes are necessary.

**Please make sure that all PE kit and uniform are clearly labelled.**



## Forest School



There are many benefits to Forest School and we are pleased to be able to offer within our dedicated area on school grounds. **Next term Year 3 will have Forest School every Wednesday morning.** Benefits include;

1. ***Building confidence and independence***

Activities such as building dens, whittling sticks and leaf showers are just some activities that inspire children with confidence and a sense of independence.

2. ***Feeling empathy for others and nature***

Working together in an outdoor natural environment helps children to create bonds and build friendships.

3. ***Physical Fitness/Activity***

As you would expect with children running around and climbing trees this helps to develop muscle strength, aerobic fitness and coordination.

4. ***Improved Mental Health***

In today's world children are experiencing increased stress caused by a range of pressures, from school exams to social media.

5. ***Not just children who learn***

Forest Schools is also highly beneficial to staff and not just children. Observing children learn in an outside environment allows staff to gain a new perspective and understanding.

6. ***Increases learning outcomes***

Not only does Forest Schools improve learning outcomes for children but also for parents/carers. Naturally children are really engaged with Forest School sessions and they will often take their learnings home to share with friends and family.

7. ***Having fun***

Ultimately, Forest Schools are fun! From first-hand experience we know that our pupils love Forest Schools. Although the main benefits of Forest Schools are educational, Forest School sessions also allow children to play, explore and discover.

Next term **Year 3** will have **Forest School** on a **Wednesday** morning.

**Please remember old clothes and wellies!**

## Children's University



**Don't forget....** The Children's University have an activity **EVERY DAY** until Christmas Eve. Please see Children's University Facebook and Twitter pages for more information.

[www.facebook.com/ScarboroughCU](http://www.facebook.com/ScarboroughCU)

[www.twitter.com/ChildrensUniSca](http://www.twitter.com/ChildrensUniSca)

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### School Dinners in the first week after Christmas:

#### Tuesday:

Pasta & Tomato Sauce  
Carrots & Broccoli  
Fruit & Yogurt

#### Wednesday:

Sausage Roll  
Jacket Wedges, Baked Beans  
Cheese & Cracker with Apple

#### Thursday:

Beef Lasagne  
Carrot & Cucumber Sticks  
Fruity Gingerbread & Custard

#### Friday:

Battered Fish  
Chips  
Peas & Sweetcorn  
Shortbread



### Snacks for KS2 children

Snack costs 50p per day and consists of a carton of juice and half a bagel. Snacks need to be purchased monthly and in advance – paid for via 'My Child at School'. **We cannot accept any cash.** If you pay for the month and your child is absent from school for three or more days, we will carry the balance over to the following month. We will not be able to refund/carry forward funds for any other reason.

**If you would like your child to have snack in January, please purchase 'January snack' on MCAS by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Attendance

**School attendance has never been more important. There is a strong correlation between a child's level of attendance and school achievement.**

We have put together a clear guide to the strategies we are using to support each child at Airy Hill to have a consistently strong school attendance. You can read this on the 'Attend and Achieve' section of our school website here: <http://airyhill.n-yorks.sch.uk/attend-achieve/>



**Good School Attendance is linked to success in all aspects of school life**

Our Whole School Attendance Target is **96%**

This week's whole school attendance was: \_\_\_\_\_%

## REMINDERS

### Nursery Training – Advance Notice

**Nursery will be closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** whilst all staff renew their paediatric first aid training.

### Masks on the playground

We strongly encourage adults to **wear a mask or face covering when on our school playground.** Children are still not permitted to use masks in school and if worn when travelling, should be taken home with parents.

### Parking outside St. Hilda's

Please can parents **refrain** from blocking the entrance to St. Hilda's school car park or the surrounding pavements when parking their cars. This is in the interests of the safety of pupils and parents from both schools.

### Chilly weather – wear a base layer

Part of our Covid Risk Assessment is to have our windows open as much as possible, to provide ventilation. As the weather is becoming colder, we recommend that children **wear a base layer** (vest, long sleeved top) under their uniform to help keep them warm.



# School reopens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021! We can't wait to see you all!

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## The School Mission Statement 2019-2020

Dream, Believe, Aspire, Achieve

Airy Hill Primary School's vision is to develop enthusiastic and ambitious citizens of the future equipped with the knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve their true potential.

Airy Hill's Mission 2019-2020

**A**mbitious teaching and learning is delivered to ensure that every child meets their true potential

**I**ndependent learning skills are developed and promoted throughout the school

**R**eadng is at the centre of all learning at school and at home

**Y**oung children are developed into positive, conscientious citizens with thoughtful behaviour and attitudes

**H**ave a zero-tolerance approach to poor school attendance

**I**nvolve the community in extending a broad and balanced curriculum that excites children

**L**ink the skills of fluency, reasoning and problem solving to create efficient mathematicians

**L**et children experience success and failure to create resilient individuals

Kind Regards,

*C Matthewman*

**Mrs C. Matthewman**  
**Headteacher**

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## Contacts

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## Safeguarding Statement

Airy Hill Primary School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all children in school.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

**Mrs Catherine Matthewman**, Headteacher

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

**Miss Sarah Green**, Engagement & Attendance Leader

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### It's good to talk!

We pride ourselves on working with parents to achieve the best possible outcomes for our pupils so if you have any concern, no matter how big or small, please contact a member of staff. Your concerns will be taken seriously.

### Keeping Safe!

If you have any concerns around your child's safety in or out of school, we hope that you will feel comfortable to come in and discuss this with a member of school staff.

There is almost always something we can do to help or signpost you to another professional for advice.

Below are some useful links for further information around topics such as bullying, E-safety and abuse.

NSPCC - [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

CEOP - [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/)

Childline - [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Safer Internet Centre -  
[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

### Anti-bullying

Miss Locker is our anti-bullying lead teacher and we have a dedicated team of anti-bullying ambassadors in school. If your child has any concerns about bullying, please encourage them to speak up to someone, a member of staff or a friend. You can also speak to Miss Locker, your child's class teacher or to myself directly.

## Useful Contact details

Airy Hill Primary School  
Useful Contacts in the event of self-isolation or school closure

**In case of an emergency**  
Call 999

**Police non-emergency number:** 101

**NHS Direct:** 111

**Spring Vale Medical Centre:** 01947 820888

**Whitby Food Bank:** Chris 07789 765696 or Barry 07810 205014

**NSPCC Helpline:** 0808 800 5000

**NSPCC Childline:** 0800 1111

**North Yorkshire County Council Child Protection:** 01609 780780

**Early Help Team:** 01609 534852

**North Yorkshire Healthy Child team:** 01609 780780

### **Food Delivery**

Sainsburys offer a telephone ordering service.  
The phone number is 08009178557 (option 1)  
You pay over the phone and the delivery charge is £2.95  
(This might be useful to families with no internet access)

**School Email:** [admin.airyhill@yeat.co.uk](mailto:admin.airyhill@yeat.co.uk)

**School Mobile Phone:** 07852 985990