

# ST PETER'S BRAFFERTON CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Helperbees Preschool

*Small school, big heart*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **New Academic Year 25/25**

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the start of the new school year. We warmly welcome our new families joining us in Reception and Helperbees and we look forward to seeing all the children back, smart and ready to learn.

From next week, your child will need: Wellies (please put them on the class welly rack); PE Kits (from Wednesday); Forest School kit (Class 1 on Tuesdays this half term- 2<sup>nd</sup> week back); Water bottles (water only please- children will bring these home each day to be washed and refilled) and a morning snack (see below).

Please could all clothes, including uniform be labelled so we can re-unite them with their owners if lost!

We provide book bags for new Reception children/ new children to school (please ask Miss Ellis if you haven't received yours) and we would like children to keep using these until the end of Year 2 (they are welcome to use them for longer if they wish!). A small backpack or drawstring bag is needed for PE kits but nothing too big please – our cloakrooms have limited space.

## **Fruit/School Meals**

Reception-Year 2 receive a free fruit snack (as per the government initiative). Deliveries are not always with us in the first couple of days so please could you send your child with a piece of fresh fruit they can eat.

Year 3 upwards need to bring their own fresh fruit snack (please refrain from bringing biscuits/chocolate).



**School lunches-** Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch as well as children eligible for Free School Meals (means tested- you can apply for this through North Yorkshire Council).

Thank you to everyone for the lunch pre-orders- this helps the kitchen order the meal choices. If your child has any food allergies, please do let school know asap.

Please could packed lunches be 'nut free' and follow our 'healthy eating' policy (no chocolate bars or fizzy drinks).

**Medical information-** if there has been any updated medical information school need to know about your child, please inform the school office. All medicines must go to the school office with a consent form.

**Milk-** Children under 5 are eligible for free milk every day (this comes automatically to school). Once a child turns 5, parents need to sign up and pay for their child to receive milk at breaktime. This can be done through Cool Milk [Cool Milk – Little Sips, Big Adventures](#)

### **Before and After School Club**

Our before and after school club (BASE) will begin on Tuesday morning at 8am.

If your child is in **Class 2 or 3** and booked into breakfast club on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**, they will need to come in the hall door. Due to demand, we are going to split breakfast club over main school and the Helperbees building.

Class 1 children will go to the Helperbees building on Tuesdays. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### **Other school clubs**

Our offer of other lunchtime and after school clubs will be sent out early next week for you to sign your child up.

### **Staffing news**

We are delighted Mrs Garthwaite will be returning to Class 3 next week, initially for a couple of days, and then Mrs Moss will teach the other days until Mrs Garthwaite fully returns.

On another note, we are sorry to announce Mrs Lee will be leaving us on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September to move onto an exciting opportunity that has arisen over the summer. I am sure you will support me in wishing Mrs Lee the very best. We will miss her very much!

### **Dates for your diary**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Training Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept All children return to school. Doors open at 8.50am for Reception-Year 6 and Helperbees at 9am.

6<sup>th</sup> Sept Celebration Assembly- families welcome to join us in the school hall

17<sup>th</sup> Sept-19<sup>th</sup> Sept Scholastic Book Fair – after school 3.30-4pm

20<sup>th</sup> Sept NSPCC workshop Class 3

10<sup>th</sup> October Open Morning (please share the date with friends interested in a school place for Helperbees/Reception- a flyer to follow)

17<sup>th</sup> October Year 5/6 Football Competition – Thirsk High School

*25<sup>th</sup> October Break up for October half term*

We will update these each week on the newsletter and on the website.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Anderson*

Mrs Sarah Anderson