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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all those parents who were able to join us for the **Curriculum Evening** last night, for those who were unable to attend please ask your child's class teacher for the information.

Last week we attached a copy of the term dates for this school year **2017-2018**, please now find attached a copy of next years dates for **2018-2019**; both sets of dates are also on the school website.

Regular **attendance** is essential for children to gain the most from their time at Askwith Primary School. Parents are reminded to please arrange routine medical appointments during holidays or in the afternoons if possible and not to plan holidays during term time. If authorisation for an absence is required then the DfE procedures must be followed; please complete and return the application for absence form in advance of the absence (forms available in the office). Authorisation will only be given for the reasons set out on the form and will not normally be given for holidays. A letter either authorising the absence or not authorising will then be sent to parents. Absences of more than 5 days over a 4 month period will require the headteacher to contact the LA and a Penalty Notice of £60 may be issued. Please ask Mrs Nayler if you would like further information about this matter.

A couple of points to help keep the children safe;

- If you visit the school during the day please ensure you close the gates behind you.
- Please note that once children have been collected from their teachers they are the responsibility of the parent/carer who collected them, please do not allow children to climb on the railings or walls as this is dangerous and something they are not allowed to do during the school day.

We are pleased to announce the venue for the **KS2 Pantomime**; this year the children will be performing at the Clarke Foley Centre in Ilkley. The dress rehearsal will be in the afternoon on Wednesday 6th December at 1.30pm and the evening performance on Friday 8th December at 7pm. Further details will follow.

Yours faithfully, Mrs E Nayler

PTA NEWS—The PTA AGM is being held tonight in The Yew Tree pub in Otley at 7.30pm, all parents welcome.

NASAL SPRAY FLU IMMUNISATIONS—years Reception, 1, 2, 3 & 4—Letters were sent home to parents on Monday. Consent this year is via an online form. A link to the form is on the school website. Please give consent before the end of September, it only takes approx. 5-10 mins. **Handy hints**—Once on the website you need **flu consent online form**, select North Yorkshire / Askwith / then your child's year group, age, name & date of birth (you don't need NHS number). You will then be asked for your GP name, address & telephone, your home address & contact details, you then give consent and complete any relevant medical history. Please ask in the office for any further help.

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PARENT PAY

A polite reminder that payment for September school lunches for children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 is now due, £43.70 per child. School meals should be paid for in advance.

Would all parents please keep their Parent Pay accounts in credit and clear all outstanding items at the end of each half term.

Parents of children new to the school will receive their Parent Pay log in details next week.

Thank you

CLUBS UNTIL HALF TERM (Teacher led, no charge)

GARDENING CLUB—years 1 & 2, Tuesday lunchtime from 19th Sept with Mrs Burgess

COOKING CLUB—years R, 1 & 2, Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm from 19th September with Miss Fox, booking essential, see separate letter

FOOTBALL CLUB—years 3,4,5 & 6, Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.15pm from 26th September with Mr Corrigan

ALL YEAR ROUND CLUBS (Please pay on Parent Pay, no need to book)

BREAKFAST CLUB—Years Reception to year 6 from 8am, breakfast provided, £2 per child

CEDAR CLUB—Reception to year 6, Mon, Tue, Wed until 5.30pm in Cedar Hall, £3 until 4.30pm, £4 until 5pm, £6 until 5.30pm

THURSDAY SPORTS CLUB—Reception to year 6, Thursday until 5pm with Mr Finch, £4 per child

TERM DATES

School closes for half term—Friday 20th October at 3.30pm

School re-opens—Monday 30th October

School closes for Christmas—Friday 22nd December at 2pm