

Beswick & Watton School Newsletter

Our Christian value for this half term is 'Love'

You shall love your neighbour as yourself"

John 4:8

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Welcome to the Autumn Term!

Thank you to everyone in the Federation community for the warm welcome I have received on joining The Wolds Federation team this term. It has been really lovely meeting everyone and getting to know the children, staff and families in all three of our wonderful schools. I am truly delighted to be here!

The return to school after a long break can be daunting, as can the first few days for new starters and it is a joy to see the children already settling in well and enjoying their learning. Thanks to the caring staff team who have provided support and enthusiasm to help the children find their feet so quickly at the start of the new year. The first newsletter of the school year shows how many great activities and events are already happening, with more planned for the near future.

An introductory meeting took place last week for the Federation's Governing Body and we had the pleasure of meeting some new Governors and welcoming them on board. Governors are a very important part of our Federation and we are grateful to them for supporting us in this way as valuable volunteers.

We are currently working on confirming key dates for some of the activities we have planned for this later this term and will share them with you as soon as possible. Upcoming events are explained later in this newsletter.

I am at the school on a regular basis. If we have not had the chance to meet as yet, and you would like to arrange to do so, please contact the school office.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our events soon!

Miss O'Mara
Executive Headteacher



Welcome Back! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We are very impressed with how the children have settled back into school and it is lovely to see them approach their work with such enthusiasm and determination. We offer a very warm welcome to our new starters in Reception.

A huge welcome also to Miss Whitworth, who has made a fantastic start teaching in KS2. We are delighted that she has joined our team and community.

Dinner Money

Dinner money (KS2 only) Autumn 1st half term is **£91.20** (32 days x £2.85). (8 week half term) All payments to be made on ParentPay in advance or on the day of the school dinner. Thank you for everyone who has paid any outstanding amounts on Parent Pay.

Parent Pay

To avoid any awkward conversations or letters being sent home please can any outstanding amounts owed on Parent Pay be cleared. We do not like having to send reminder texts or letters home so if payments can be kept up to date it avoids any issues. For clarity; dinners and breakfast club should be paid on the day in advance or by the end of the week. Music tuition should be paid within 7 days of the charge being entered on ParentPay.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again, we will be participating in the Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 25th September**. This is an important opportunity for the children to demonstrate our school value of Love and to live out our school motto 'Agents of Change'. All cake donations will be gratefully received and families are welcome to join us at

Children Starting School in September 2027

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 you will need to apply no later than 15 January 2027. www.eastriding.gov.uk/apply-for-a-school-place

P.E Lessons

P.E lessons will be on a Thursday afternoons and Friday morning this term for each class. All children should have their P.E kit in school on these days, including items suitable for cooler weather.

Individual Photos

Tempest photography will be visiting us on **29th September**. If you would like any siblings included in the photos, please let your class teacher know.

New Reading Books

We are introducing a new phonics scheme this year, 'Little Wandle', and in Reception and KS1 your child will be bringing home one of our brand-new books! They will have already read their books in school and will be confident to read aloud with you at home. The books will be in a plastic wallet to keep them safe and clean. Please keep the books in these wallets and in book bags for school. We will have to charge for lost or damaged books so please look after them carefully. In addition to this your child will bring home a reading for pleasure book to share.

Times Tables Rockstars Challenge!

The challenge is on! Please support your child to practice their times-tables at home. All KS2 children have been given login details for TT Rockstars. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any difficulties logging in.

Year 6 Open Evenings

Longcroft School – 30.09.2026
Market Weighton School – 29.09.2026
Driffild School – 01.10.2026

Family Support Team

East Riding Family support Team will be in Beswick & Watton school from 9.00am – 11.00am on **23rd September & 14th October**. They are here for anyone needing any support or guidance with family life. All conversations with the team are confidential.

23 rd September	Family Support Visit
29 th September	Individual photos
29 th September	Market Weighton Year 6 Open Evening
30 th September	Longcroft Year 6 Open Evening
1 st October	Driffield Secondary Year 6 Open Evening
2 nd October	Flu Vaccines
14 th October	Family support Visit
22 nd October	Last day of Half-term
23 rd Staff Training	Staff Training Day
2 nd November	School Reopens
11 th November	Remembrance Day
20 th November	Children in Need Day