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Dear Families,

ParentPay - Online School Payment System

I am pleased to say that both of our schools will be moving to a simpler, cash-free system for all school payments over the coming days. The system is called ParentPay - some of you with children at secondary schools will be familiar with this. You can access online or through the app to pay for all school services, such as meals, uniform and trips. It can also be used to give permission for clubs and provide medical information, meaning that we will be using less paper. Over the next two weeks, our administrators will be sending out login information to parents/carers, so that they can set up their accounts. It is important that you setup your account even if your child receives Free School Meals, as the system, as mentioned, is used for lots of other services too.

We hope for the system to go live Friday 21st May. If you have any problems with setting up this new system, please contact the School Office and we will be more than willing to help. By the end of June, we hope to have all parents/carers using this as the only mode of providing payments to school, meaning that we will be completely cashless by this point! I hope you find it a more efficient and effective system.

Trips and Visits

You will be receiving letters about trips and visits the children will have an opportunity to go on in the near future. We are really pleased that we get to have these experiences again and, to make up for missed opportunities, we will try get as many of these into the school calendar as possible. The school will subsidise a lot of these visits, however we would appreciate voluntary parental contributions too, in order that these trips can go ahead and our children can enjoy the remainder of a very disrupted year.

New Governors

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed two new governors to our Governing Body. Alicia Hogarth and Tom Glasby have joined our already strong team and will offer a different dynamic and skillset, so that the strong work that goes on behind the scenes gets stronger. We were very pleased to see a number of applications to fill the role and are grateful to those applied even if they did not get selected. It is great to have such a strong and supportive community!

Fylingdales - Nut-free School

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, **Fylingdales** is in the process of becoming a completely nut-free school in the very near future. This is because we are due to have members of our school community with severe nut allergies and would like to keep them as safe as possible. Please can you start to act on this, in preparation for the complete banning of nuts from our site. (Please note: this does not include products containing traces of nuts). This includes items within school packed lunches, so that these do not come in contact with surfaces that may then be touched by students with nut allergies.

Fylingdales - May Queen

You may have seen on social media that we are practising for our May Queen celebrations. Unfortunately, this year, we will not be able to share this 'in-person' with parents/carers. We will, however, be having a May Queen Day on Thursday 27th May 2021, where we will be recording and viewing our May Queen celebrations, as well as having a special outside BBQ/picnic lunch outside (weather permitting!) We hope the children will really enjoy this, marking a special tradition in our school calendar.

Swimming Sessions

We are pleased to say that we will be starting swimming sessions again from Thursday 24th June for the last 5 weeks of the school year. Mrs Dixon's and Mrs Harrison's classes will be going from Hawsker and Miss Straw's and Mrs Robson's classes will be going from Fylingdales. We explored other 'options' for swimming, including Alpamere, however, the only viable option remains Whitby Leisure Centre. We have deliberately waited until later in the year so that we can have access to the shower facilities, meaning children with sensitive skin are able to rinse themselves after sessions.

Have a great weekend,



Mr Cooper

Interim Executive Headteacher