



Newsletter – Friday 11th January 2019

Aim Aspire Achieve

Theme of the Week – Respect



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring Term. The classes have settled in well and are enjoying getting to know the new teachers. **Mrs Budiman** in Chestnut class and **Mrs Fee** in Willow class have made a fantastic start to the term. They are both settling into their new roles and hopefully you have all had a chance to say hello.



We have started new topics for the term – information and details of the learning will be placed on the Dojo so you can support your children. Our expectations for all pupils to complete homework will require your support and careful checking. All pupils are expected to read every day, and Y1–Y6 have weekly spelling and multiplication tests too (Mountain Challenge!). See the class Dojo for more information and how to access the IXL challenges.

The writing standards in our school are well below expectations when compared with National Standards. We need to make progress very quickly and the next two terms are going to become increasingly demanding. We will be explaining these standards and expectations to all of the pupils individually.

All pupils at North Tawton must **AIM, ASPIRE**, and **ACHIEVE** to reach their FULL potential,

and your support is crucial. We all need to work together with the children. To help them with reading, spelling and home learning projects. If work and learning are not properly continued

at home, your children will miss out on so many opportunities for progress and development. Please talk to us if you would like some help or advice to create the best possible learning environments for your children at home.

Monday 14 th January	PGCE placement student Miss Merchant
Tuesday 15 th January	
Wednesday 16 th January	
Thursday 17 th January	
Friday 18 th January	Little Seedlings 9–11am in school hall Miss Lamb to visit FSU

Dinner Tickets A QUICK REMINDER ABOUT DINNER TICKETS

COST: £2.30 per meal OR £11.50 per week (for 5 tickets).

HOW TO BUY

By cash or cheque

You can buy one or more tickets at the School Office **ONLY on Mondays 8:45 onwards.**

Online www@schoolgateway.com

Using the school system (minimum purchase is one book of 5 tickets at cost of £11.50) at any time. The office will issue the dinner tickets to the named pupils in a sealed envelope on the next working day. Issued tickets will be reconciled against 'Lilac' tickets.

If your child doesn't have a ticket (or money to buy one on a Monday) but wants a meal, then they should ask for a 'Lilac ticket'. This will allow them to have a Jacket Potato or Sandwich only; NOT a hot meal. Lilac tickets still cost £2.30 unless your child receives Free School Meals, and must be replaced by the usual ticket at the first available opportunity.

Your help in keeping to this system would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Appeal for Volunteer Readers

If you are interested in helping children read and are available in the afternoon to support Chestnut class, please leave your details in the office. We would really appreciate your help.

Finally...

The children are looking very smart in their school uniforms and have started the term well. Behaviour and conduct around the school have been excellent. The morning routine seems to be working well, but please do not let your children throw play equipment around before the start of the day. Recently a baby was almost hit when a child threw a ball across the playground.

Enjoy your weekend

Miss Chauhan