

Amotherby Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Start of the School Day

We'd like to remind families that staff will be on the playground from 8:30am each morning. This is a great time to say hello, settle in and get ready for the day ahead. To keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that children do not use any of the playground equipment before school starts. You will usually see Miss Cooper (Assistant Headteacher) or myself on the school gate each morning. If you have any quick messages or would like to raise something with us, please don't hesitate to come and say hello.

Between 8:40am and 8:50am, children complete their early morning work. This is an important part of the school day where pupils finish off tasks, revisit anything they have misunderstood, and prepare themselves for new learning. We strongly encourage all children to arrive promptly so that they don't miss out on this valuable time.

Thank you for your support in helping mornings run smoothly and ensuring children get the very best start to their school day.

500 Words Story Competition

We are very excited to share that the 500 Words 2025/26 competition is now open for entries! This is a wonderful opportunity for children to get creative and enjoy writing their very own short stories at home.

The competition is open from Tuesday 23 September at 8am until Friday 7 November at 9pm. There are two age categories: 5–7 and 8–11 years old. The best part is that spelling, punctuation and grammar are *not* marked – it's all about imagination and creativity!

There are fantastic prizes to be won, including bundles of books for winners and, for the gold prize winners, an incredible 500 books for our school library.

This is an at-home activity, and we hope as many children as possible will take part. Please see the attached poster for full details.

PTA News

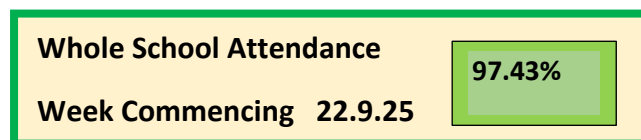
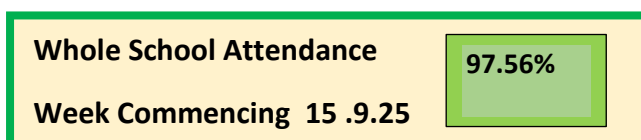
We are looking forward to another fantastic year with our PTA (Parents and Teachers Association). Last year saw some brilliant events and fundraising efforts, and we are excited to build on that success. We have already had our first meeting of the year and have lots of exciting events planned!

The PTA plays such an important role in supporting our school, helping to fund trips, resources and experiences that enrich the children's learning. We would love to welcome some new members this year – whether you can spare a little time or a lot, every bit of help makes a difference. Please do consider coming along to our next meeting if you would like to get involved. Our next meeting is at **7pm on Wednesday 22nd October** at The Talbot Hotel.

PE Uniform Reminder

At Amotherby, we pride ourselves on our high standards, and this includes our PE uniform. We ask that all children wear the correct kit: plain items with no logos. Please remember that 'skins' under t-shirts are not allowed. If a child is not wearing the required uniform, we will provide spare kit for them to use.

Following feedback from several parents, we are happy to confirm that plain black t-shirts will now be allowed, as we recognise how quickly white tops can become discoloured with regular use. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain high expectations across the school.



Yours Sincerely,

Mrs L Wade
Headteacher

