

# Misson Primary School

*You already have your wings, we will help you fly*



Dear Parents and Carers

As our first half term come to a very bright and sunny end, I would like to say how pleased I am with the way all the children have settled into their new classes, and are working hard. If you attended our special mentions assembly today, you will have heard about the excellent sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour of our Year 5&6 children at a local rugby competition. This is something we should all be very proud of, and reflects the personal qualities of our children and the values of the school.

## **Mr Jones**

For the first 2 weeks after the half term holiday, Mr Jones will be doing his civic duty, and undertaking jury service. During his absence, Mr Cooper will be teaching his class on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and Mr Roberts will be teaching on Thursday and Friday.

## **Parent's evenings**

Both our parents' evenings will be face to face this year, as this was almost all parents preferred choice last year. A limited number of online appointments will be available. Parents' evenings are on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. A letter explaining how to book appointments will be sent after half term.

## **Before & After School Clubs**

Our before and after school clubs are busier than ever. This makes it really important to let us know if you no longer need a place that has been booked so we can give it to someone else. Unfortunately, if we are not informed that you want to cancel a booking, we will have to charge for that session.

## **ParentPay**

Please could you help Mrs Mitchell by paying for School meals, sports/craft clubs and breakfast & after school clubs in advance, so she does not have to spend time sending reminder messages.

## **Start of the School Day**

Please can I remind you that school now starts at 8.45 and children should be ready to come into school at that time. A considerable number of children are coming to school late, which makes the start of the school day more difficult than it should be.

Whilst we understand occasionally, life happens and this may result in a child being late, there are some families that arrive late almost every day.

Being a few minutes late each day may not seem like too much of an issue to parents, but it has consequences for your child and the smooth running of the school day. The problems caused are listed below

- Your child feels embarrassed when they walk into a silent classroom, or assembly hall.
- Your child learns that punctuality is not important, this means they will get into trouble when they get to secondary school and their lateness becomes their responsibility rather than their parent's.
- Teachers take longer to complete registration and this reduces learning time.
- Dinner numbers are inaccurate, which results in not enough meals being cooked.
- Staff time is taken away from their normal duties to collect and escort children to their classrooms.

## **Parking**

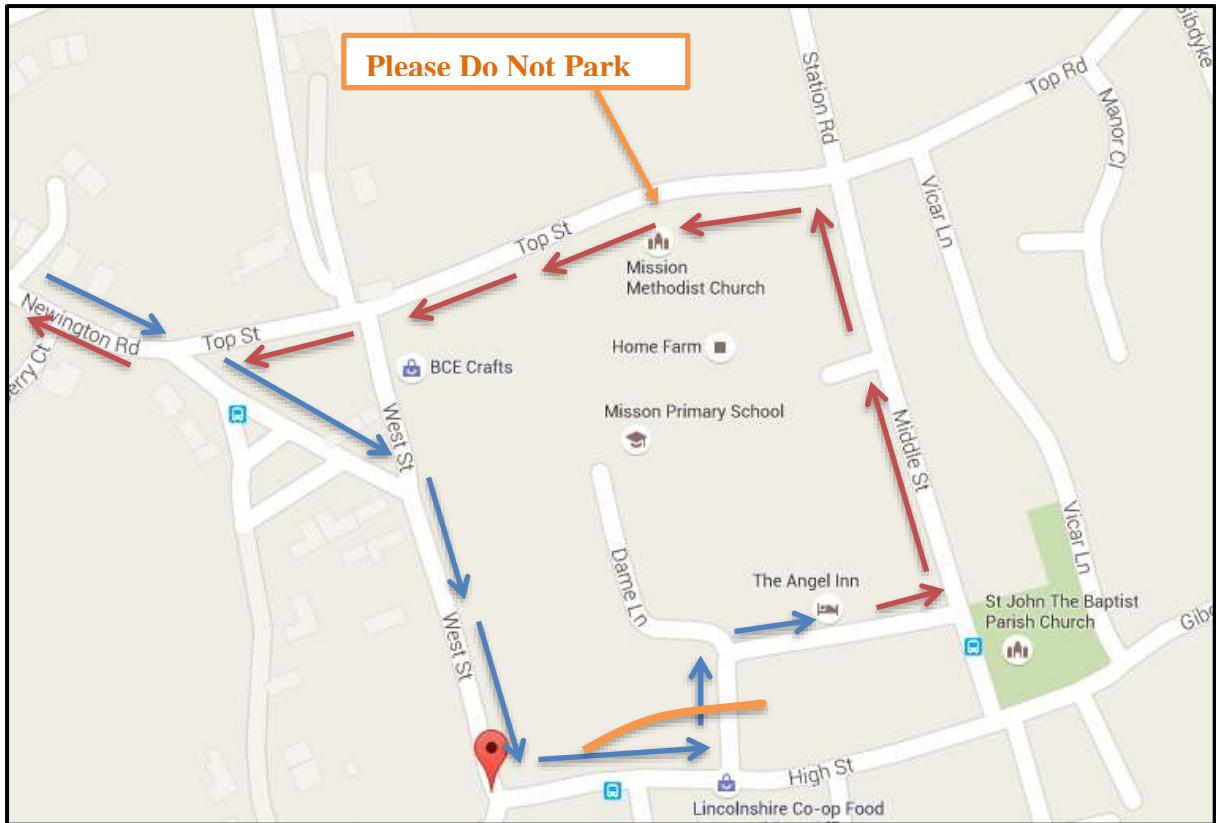
Parking around schools is always an important issue, and generally, it works well in Misson. However, we have had some issues reported to us recently by local residents, which are of concern. On more than one occasion, parent parking on High Street (the road with the White Horse Inn on) has made the road unpassable for large vehicles, including the service bus. Whilst on these occasions, an inconvenience was caused, if an emergency vehicle had been blocked, the consequences could have been serious.

Andy and Adel, the landlords of the Angel Inn, have kindly agreed to let parents continue to park in their carpark. They have also extended in invitation for families to call in to sample their food and drink. The carpark is not available on Thursday mornings as the pub has deliveries at that time.

Please do not bring your car up dame lane, or into the staff carpark. Parents who do this, struggle to turn their car round and are mixing with pedestrians coming to and from Pre School.

The key points to highlight are:

- Please do not park on the bend by the Old Methodist Church
- Please do not park on the bend in Dame Lane by the entrance to the school drive
- Please do not block High Street for large vehicles
- Do not drive up Dame Lane
- Please use the one-way system shown below.



Using this route stops cars turning around in Top Street and ease congestion in Dame Lane.

Wishing you a good half term break

John Birch