

# SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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### Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

As parents and teachers, we often look to current affairs and events in the news as 'real life' examples of the morals and values that we wish our children to develop as they grow.

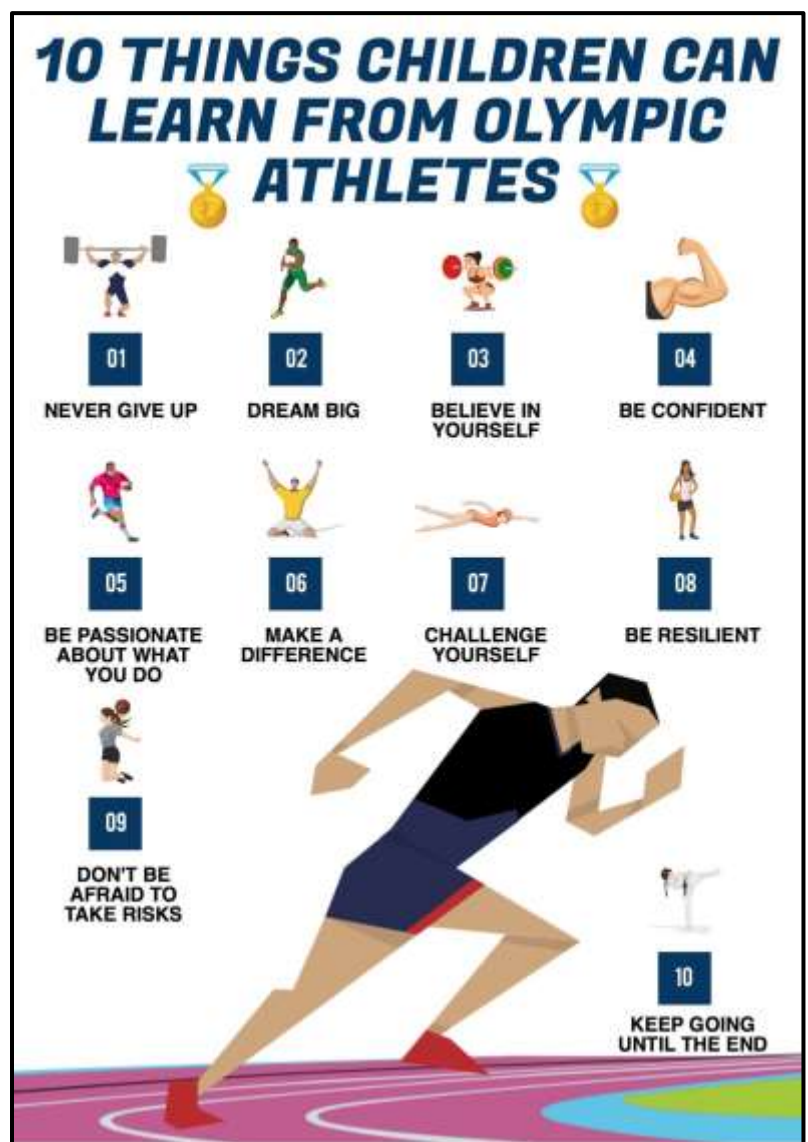
The Olympics and Para-Olympics held during August and September are such examples.

Often the focus is on winning medals, who was the best or who broke world records. For many of the athletes it has taken years and years of dedication, training and sacrifice just to be selected to represent their country at an Olympics. For many, this is the ultimate honour.

What is often missed by the media are the key characteristics of what makes a successful Olympian. Our children, and ourselves, can learn from and be inspired by our Olympians. Our challenge is to apply and model these principles in our own lives and encourage and develop them in our children.

Kind regards,

Nick Trussler – Headteacher



## Staffing Update

- **Support For Learning** – At the end of this term, Mrs McGregor will retire from her post as Support for Learning Teacher at Chirnside Primary School. Mrs McGregor has had a long association with Chirnside Primary School in this role, supporting many pupils both short term and longer term on their learning journeys.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs McGregor for her ongoing commitment to supporting pupils learning in our school, and her advice and guidance she has offered to parents and staff in her partnership working.

We wish her well in her future ventures.

The Support for Learning Teacher vacancy is currently advertised, with applications closing on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. We will endeavor to hold interviews and appoint a recommended candidate prior to the October break.

- **Miss Strachan** – Miss Strachan will be absent from school for the next few weeks as she recovers from an operation. During this time, Mrs Purvis, Ms. Johnson and Ms. McMurchie will cover different aspects of her weekly timetable.

## Parent Evenings

We are holding our parent evenings on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September between 5pm and 7pm. Appointment times have been sent home to parents. If you wish to change your arranged appointment time, please contact Mrs Gregory in the school office.

## Polite Parking Reminder

Parents are politely reminded that there is **no parent parking facility at the front of the school at the beginning or end of the school day or ELCC sessions**. All Early Learning and Childcare and Primary pupils and parents must enter and leave the school grounds by the pedestrian gate leading onto the school path.

- **There is no access at the front of the school for parents to bring children into or leave the playground at the beginning or end of the school day or ELC session.**
- **Do not bring your children from the A6105 into the school grounds. Please use pedestrian pathways leading to the school**



from the village.

- **Primary pupils can be dropped off in the 'D' at the beginning of the school day, but vehicles must not be parked or left unattended in the 'D' at any time.**

We appreciate your continued support and adherence in this matter to ensure the safety of all our pupils by keeping them away from the busy A6015 at the front of the school.

### **Parent Council Annual General Meeting**

Parents are invited to attend our Parent Council meeting this Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, at 7.30pm in the school.

### **Cycling helmets**

We have a long proud tradition at Chirnside of pupils taking active and healthy journeys to school. We have a high number of pupils who choose to travel to school by bike or scooter on a regular basis, especially in good weather. In the interests of safety, I write to remind parents to ensure that their child is wearing a helmet while cycling or scooting to school.

I have also requested pupils not to overtake pedestrians on the school path in order to avoid potential collisions. Your support in reinforcing both of these points with your child is gratefully appreciated.

### **OLYMPIC PASSPORT**

The Olympics Games are in full swing and the medals are flowing in for the GB team!

Don't forget there is still time left to get points on the Olympic Passport. The passport is now running until the 18<sup>th</sup> Sep (closing date of the Paralympics) to allow more time to gain valuable points especially when the schools are back- aim for those gold medals!

The passports will be collected in Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Sep - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2016! (More information will follow closer to the date)

**Marianne O'Brien - Active School Coordinator: Duns Cluster**

## **Upcoming Events**

14.09.16 Primary 6 Archaeological Dig (in school)

14.09.16 Primary 4 visit to The Hirsell

15.09.16 Primary 5 visit to The Hirsell

19.09.16 Primary 2 visit to Heatherslaw Mill

19.09.16 Olympic Passports to be handed into school

19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> September Primary Pupil Parent Appointments 17.00 – 19.00

20.09.16 Primary 6 at Berwick Museum (Flodden Project)

20.09.16 Primary 7 at Crucial Crew, Tweedbank

22.09.16 Parent Council AGM 19.30 in the school

22.09.16 Cheviot Class visit to Edinburgh Zoo

27.09.16 Rugby and Hockey Festival at BHS – P5-6-7 pupils

29.09.16 Primary 1 and Primary 2 visit to Berwickshire High School for Road Safety Roadshow

07.10.16 Berwickshire Local Holiday – School Closed

10-14.10.16 October Holiday Week – School Closed

17.10.16 School reopens for pupils and staff.

## BADMINTON OPPORTUNITY

P5 & P6 children are invited by David Rhind (coach) and Pete Hardie (coach/secretary) to attend badminton sessions for their age group at the Berwickshire High School, Duns on Friday nights at 5:30pm until 7pm. Each session costs £1.

Good rackets are provided for those who want to come along and try. It is a very successful club with at least 3 qualified coaches and 3 junior helpers in attendance.

## Class Assembly Dates for 2016-17

This session, class assemblies will be held on Fridays, starting at 9am and finishing at 9.30am. Parents are invited to attend and stay afterwards for refreshments in the canteen.

- Primary 1 - 27.01.17
- Primary 2 - 02.06.17
- Primary 3 - 17.03.17
- Primary 4 - 26.05.17
- Primary 5 - 24.02.17
- Primary 6 - 05.05.17
- Primary 7 - 25.11.16

## School Photographs – Parent Help Required

School photographs with Yid Photography, from Duns, will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We require the help of parents who will be able to help out on part of each day to collect pupils and siblings from classes for their photograph.

Please contact our Parent Council to indicate your availability to help at [chirnsidepc@aol.co.uk](mailto:chirnsidepc@aol.co.uk)

## Parent helpers needed to help relocate and organise resources in our new resources room

If you can help with the project above please complete the slip below by placing a cross to indicate your availability and hand into the office by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Alternatively, please contact Mr. Trussler to indicate your availability (01890 818274 or [nick.trussler@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:nick.trussler@scotborders.gov.uk))

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<b>TIME / DAY</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>
9.00 – 10.30				
11.00 – 12.30				
14.00-15.15				