



**NORTH FERRIBY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2016**



**Message from Mr Orr**

When I glance out of the window each day at the moment I have to remind myself what time of year it is. Right now bright blue sky peeps through the blossom of the trees and only the icy draft around my ankles reminds me that it's certainly not summer! In true Boy Scout fashion to 'be prepared' I purchased a set of 'Winter Trax' to slip over my school shoes in the event of adverse conditions. I think, therefore we can be safe in the knowledge that there will be no snow this season!

This term will be remembered as the term of famous visitors passing through. Just under a year ago the whole school stood out on Church Road and 'Cheered Off' those now famous footballers of North Ferriby United. Three weeks ago the school took to the street once more to welcome and support another celebrity. Passing the school, on the first leg of her successful attempt to walk across the country in aid of Sport Relief, was none other than Jo Brand. Despite the wind and the rain and the miles of walking that lay ahead of her she was fabulous, taking time out to pose for photos, shaking hands with the children and even telling a joke or two. The children were fabulous, not only with their enthusiastic support and encouragement but also with their last minute production of banners and messages.

Now you might think that this would be our quota of celebrities sewn up for the decade, but no because after the half term holiday another great person will be passing through. As you may know already, the Archbishop of York has embarked on a pilgrimage during which he is travelling the length and breadth of his diocese visiting each and every parish in turn. On the morning of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Archbishop John Sentamu's route passes through our very own village and what's more his itinerary includes a visit to our school. The children are very excited and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children of Y5 who have been researching about the Archbishop, about the various dioceses and all about the reasons behind his pilgrimage. One group even planned and delivered a 'whole school worship' this Tuesday which informed and prepared us all for the forthcoming event.



So after a short but eventful half term, I hope you are able to enjoy the half term holiday, spend time together as a family, keep well in spirits and health and re-join us again fit and well for the new half term.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Year 5/6 Girls Football:** Our Year 5/6 girls football team have done very well. They competed at South Hunsley School twice and on each occasion they got through to the next round with their final round of matches taking place at St. Mary's College, Hull.



They recently played a friendly match v Mount Pleasant Primary.

**Year 5/6 Boys Football:** Well done to the Year 5/6 team for winning a close encounter versus Old Clee Primary. The final score was 4 - 3! The best of luck to the team in the forthcoming Quarter Finals of the Humberside Cup.



**Year 5/6 Mixed Hockey:** We took 2 teams of enthusiastic players to play hockey at South Hunsley School last November. Both teams did very well. We only lost at the penalty stage in the final.



**Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics:** We took a Year 5/6 girls and boys team to South Hunsley School to compete in Sports Hall Athletics which included relay races, obstacle races and individual running races as well as long jump and triple jump etc. The children really seemed to enjoy competing in something a little different.



**Year 3 Dodgeball:** Some of our Year 3 children enjoyed their first taste of competing against children from other partnership schools. We took 2 teams both of which showed great sportsmanship.



**Cross Country:** Back in September KS2 children attended a cross country event at South Hunsley School. They did very well and our Year 5/6 boys team won and went through to the next round at Cottingham High School. We also had children reach the next round from every category, some of which went on to the third round at Hull University.



**Forthcoming events:**

- Year 4 Dance Festival
- Year 4 Benchball
- Year 5/6 Swimming Gala
- Year 5 Winter Festival of Sport
- Year 6 High Fives Netball



**World Book Day**  
**Thursday 3 March 2016**



Children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as a book character to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3 March.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016**

- Monday 22 February - School re-opens after half-term
- Thursday 3 March - World Book Day
- Friday 4 March - Reception: Dads' Afternoon
- Wednesday 16 March - School Choir Concert
- Friday 24 March - School closes for Easter
- Monday 11 April - Teachers' Training Day
- Tuesday 12 April - School re-opens for pupils

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**NUTS**

**NO NUTS IN SCHOOL PLEASE!**

We have several children in school who are allergic to nuts and nut products. The slightest trace of nut transferred to surfaces such as door handles, desks, pencils etc. could potentially provoke an allergic reaction in these children.

We therefore thank all parents for their continued understanding and support in helping us to protect these children from needless distress by ensuring that any packed lunches they provide for their own child **do not** include nuts or nut products.

Thank you for your support.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS**



Group photographs will be taken on the morning of

**MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016**

This is the day when Classes and Sports Teams are recorded for posterity - all we need are big smiles, clean uniform and clean kits!

**INTERNET SAFETY**

On Wednesday 10 February we held a free online safety workshop for parents to coincide with Internet Safety Week in school. It was run by the NSPCC and O<sub>2</sub> who provided hints and tips on how to keep children safe and educated about the internet. Thank you to the parents who attended. Owing to the popularity and positive response we will be holding another workshop in the near future.

In the meantime if you are concerned about the safety of your children whilst they are online the website link below will take you to a website full of helpful hints and tips. Alternatively you can ring the O<sub>2</sub> NSPCC helpline: **0808 8005002**

[www.o2.co.uk/nspec](http://www.o2.co.uk/nspec)

We also have a handful of booklet guides for parents left over from the workshop which are available from the school office on request.

**School Dinners**



A copy of the new menu for Spring/Summer 2016 has been given to all children and it can also be viewed on our school website on the Home Page where you can click on the Your School Meals icon.

Just a reminder school dinners are £2.20 per meal.

We welcome cheques payable to the "ERYC" and cash. To avoid outstanding balances building up dinner monies should either be paid on a day to day basis OR in advance (weekly, half-termly or termly for your convenience). Thank you.

**School Website**

The following plans are now available to view on our website together with various other school policies:

- Single Equality Plan
- Vision Plan
- Accessibility Plan

**A BIG THANK YOU**

Our "Christmas Jumper Day" last term raised £232.75 for charity. The variety and array of Christmas jumpers was truly impressive and helped everyone get in the "Christmas spirit". A lovely way to end the term.

**Sainsbury's**



**SAINBURY'S VOUCHERS**

We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. The voucher scheme will run until 4 May this year....so please help us to collect as many as we can. School can then redeem the vouchers for an array of equipment which we can use for the benefit of the children. Thank

## Dates for Sing & Service and Class-Led Worship

February	25	Miss Gibbs	Sing & Service
March	2	Mrs Canbay/Miss Marson/Mrs Sharkey	Class Led Worship
	3	Mr Rae	Sing & Service
	10	Mrs Chappelow	Sing & Service
	17	Mr Sweeney	Sing & Service
	24	<b>Mrs Dunn (whole school community invited)</b>	<b>EASTER SERVICE (All Saints Church)</b>
EASTER HOLIDAY			
April	21	Mrs Hill	Sing & Service
May	4	Mrs Hill	Class Led Worship
	5	Miss Marson/Mrs Sharkey	Sing & Service
	19	Mrs Canbay	Sing & Service
	26	Mrs Dunn	Sing & Service
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			
June	16	Mrs Chappelow	Sing & Service
	23	Miss Wilkinson	Class Led Worship
	29	Miss Gibbs	Class Led Worship
	30	Miss Walters	Sing & Service
July	7	Miss Wilkinson	Sing & Service

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **School Term Dates 2016/2017**

#### **Spring Term 2016**

Friday 12 February	School closes for Half-term
Monday 22 February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 24 March	School closes for Easter

#### **Summer Term 2016**

Monday 11 April	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 12 April	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 2 May	May Day
Friday 27 May	School closes for Half-term
Monday 6 June	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 22 July	School closes for summer

#### **Autumn Term 2016**

Monday 5 September	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 6 September	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 20 October	School closes for Half-term
Friday 21 October	Teachers' Training Day
Monday 31 October	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 16 December	School closes for Christmas

#### **Spring Term 2017**

Tuesday 3 January	Teachers' Training Day
Wednesday 4 January	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 17 February	School closes for Half-term
Monday 27 February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 6 April	School closes for Easter
Friday 7 April	Teachers' Training Day

#### **Summer Term 2017**

Monday 24 April	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 25 April	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 1 May	May Day
Friday 26 May	School closes for Half-term
Monday 5 June	School re-opens for pupils
Tuesday 25 July	School closes for summer

*These dates are provisional and may be subject to change*