



## School Newsletter January 2018



Dear Parents and Carers



### Happy New Year to you all

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and to see how quickly they have settled down to their work and got back into routine. Thank you for all your gifts of cakes, biscuits and chocolates which were a welcome treat in the staffroom. I was delighted to hear from some of the children about their Christmas gifts including those who received books for Christmas. It is great to hear how keen they are to read. If you haven't taken the opportunity to view the recommended reading lists for each year group they can be found on the class pages on the school website.

On behalf of everyone at school may I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2018.

### Staffing update

Mrs Sara Bristow will be returning to school following her maternity leave on 20 March 2018. Mrs Bristow is part of the Senior Leadership Team in her role of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDco) and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. You will see her in school this term during her Keeping in Touch (KIT) Days when she will be working with children in reception. In her role as Phonics Lead she will also be monitoring the impact of phonics teaching in reception and Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) and in to Y3. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her back as we look forward to her return.

For clarification, Mrs Emily Mayer will continue in the role of SENDco until Mrs Sara Bristow is back full time after Easter. This will enable a smooth handover at the end of March.



### Parent Consultation Evenings

Parents of children in reception class have had notification of parents evening this term. All other year groups will have Parent Consultation Evenings on Tuesday 13th March and Thursday 15th March.

### Focus for learning

Our recent Ofsted inspection highlighted our curriculum saying it, 'promotes pupils' skills, interests, knowledge and understanding' enabling learning to be set in a meaningful context. Please visit your child's class page to view the curriculum overview for Term 3.

Our key focus remains writing, in particular enabling children to write at greater depth. Training with both teachers and teaching assistants has focused on the skills needed to demonstrate greater depth with a key feature being a broad and sophisticated vocabulary. You can support this work by discussing with your child the meaning of words and thinking about alternatives which still make sense.

Thank you for supporting your child/ren with home learning – practice of basic skills including multiplication, key words and spelling make a big difference for your child working more confidently in class.

If you need further guidance on this please don't hesitate to speak with the classteacher.

### Pupil Progress

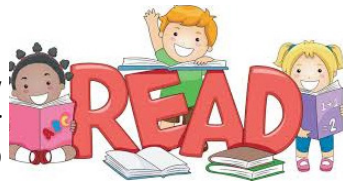
Teachers and our highly skilled teaching assistants know the children well and continue to work together to ensure all children make progress based on their prior attainment. In particular we continue to work on stamina for writing including consistent handwriting and application of punctuation, reasoning and problem solving in maths. This term we want to promote mathematics to enable children to recognize when they use and apply their mathematical knowledge. Therefore we would like to invite you to send in photographs of you and your family being mathematical beyond the school. We hope to display these at Parent Consultation Evenings to raise the profile of maths to promote positive attitudes and enjoyment. If you have a photograph please email your child's classteacher. Their email address is on your child's class page.



There will be a flyer coming home soon with more information regarding maths in school.

## Volunteers

If you, or someone you know are able to give some of your time we would be pleased to welcome new volunteers into school. In particular we are looking for adults who enjoy sharing books, reading to or listening to children read. Please speak to the School Office for more information.



## Parking

Please be aware that although you may be parking legally I often get calls from local residents about the difficulty they sometimes have getting on and off their drives. Please can you bear this in mind when parking your vehicle. I understand that in some areas of Dunholme local residents are working closely with the Parish Council to look at the condition of the road surface and the volume of traffic on the roads.

## Young Voices

A huge thank you to Mr Parkin and all of the staff who came with us to Sheffield Arena on Tuesday 16th January as part of the Young Voices choir. What an amazing experience for everyone who attended! The children all really enjoyed themselves and to hear them singing as part of a 5,000 strong choir was fantastic! Well done to everyone involved!



## Shoe Box Appeal 2017!

We were delighted to welcome Mr and Mrs Rawson into a school assembly last week when they shared the amazing news that we collected 115 boxes last year! We have pledged to increase the number created this year and will keep you posted when the new appeal starts later in the year. It's worth starting to set aside small toys that might be suitable to use over the next few months.

## World Book Day

Thursday 1 March is World Book Day; in addition to usual story-related activities (including dressing up as book characters), individual teachers may plan to focus on story telling or poetry, to complement World Story Telling Day (Tuesday 20th March) and World Poetry Day (Wednesday 21st March).

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## Flute Lessons

We currently have spaces available in flute lessons. Please ask at the school office for more information.



## Afternoon Tea and Cake!

Friday 26th January, 3.20pm -  
4.30pm in aid of St Barnabas

This term will be a short but productive one as we break up on 9th February. We return for term 4 on Monday 19th February.

Patricia Ruff

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Headteacher



All of our dates are on the school calendar on our website. Sometimes dates will change for reasons beyond our control so please check the website for the most up to date information!

## January

Friday 26th St Barnabas Afternoon Tea and Cake (3.20pm)  
Monday 29th RAB Parents evening  
Wednesday 31st RAB Parents evening

## February

Thursday 8th FODs Valentine Disco  
Friday 9th Last day of term 3  
Monday 19th First day of term 4

## March

Thursday 1st World Book Day  
Friday 2nd St Chad's Day  
Wednesday 7th Y4 visit to Mosque  
Tuesday 13th Parent consultation evening  
Thursday 15th Parent consultation evening  
Wednesday 21st RAB Visit to Pink Pig  
Wednesday 21st Y3/Y4 Performance (6.30pm)  
Thursday 22nd Y3/Y4 Performance (6.30pm)  
Friday 23rd Golden Ticket Day  
Monday 26th Easter Service  
Wednesday 28th Easter Parade and Fayre  
Wednesday 28th End of term 4

## April

Monday 16th Start of term 5  
Thursday 26th Paralympian Carl Blackman Visiting School

## May

Thursday 10th Y3 visit to Snipedales  
W/c 14th KS2 SATs and Y2 SATs  
W/c 21st Y2 SATs  
Thursday 24th FODs disco  
Friday 25th Last day of term 5

## June

Monday 4th First day of term 6  
Monday 4th Athletics am (children only)  
Wednesday 6th Sports afternoon (1pm)  
Thursday 7th Reserve Sports Afternoon  
Thursday 12th RAB visit to Skegness  
20th and 21st Y6 at Lincolnshire Show  
Lincolnshire Schools' Challenge

## July

2nd to 4th Y4 Residential  
Thursday 19th Y6 leavers service (9.30am)  
Thursday 19th FODs disco  
Friday 20th End of academic year