



**NORTH FERRIBY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2018**



Message from Mr Orr

If it feels that the Christmas festival has only just finished and yet here we are setting off on another break from school, then there is a reason for that. And no it's not the fact that this has been a ridiculously short term (although it's true – it has been a slim one), it's because of Candlemas (ask your children). Still, we have packed a lot in (I know – I always say that – but it's true, we have)!

In the first week the Year 5 and 6 children visited York Minster, a trip we make every two years. As ever the children were an absolute credit to you and to the school and despite being bitterly cold it was a fantastic visit. Did you know that according to the Minster there were not only shepherds, sheep, wise men and angels, but also a Brachiosaurus present at our Lord's birth? (again – ask your children).

Next was another visit from 'CHOL Theatre North' who helped some more classes prepare for their topic work through the medium of drama. As you may know, thanks to our new Deputy Head, Mrs Atkinson, we have been lucky enough to be invited to take part in a national project which is looking at the use of arts to enhance the curriculum. Fitting in wonderfully with the 'creative' section of our Christian Values and Vision Plan this is already having a very positive impact on learning throughout our school.

Then we had a week of 'Come Dine with Me' when you had the chance to share a lunchtime with your children and to sample a school meal provided by our lunchtime staff. This is something that we have done in the past but it hasn't happened for a while. The event was extremely well received by everyone who took part and so we will be hoping not to leave it too long before the next one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our lunchtime team for all their hard-work and hospitality during those busy few days. Thank you particularly to Mrs Wilkinson, our cook, and her kitchen team for coping with the extra work and producing some fantastic fayre.

So hopefully you will have had the chance to pop in and see us this term either to eat with us, sing with us or even to act with us, but if you haven't and you're feeling left out then keep an eye out for future events in our school newsletters and on the calendar, and I am sure you will get another opportunity sometime later in the year.

So have a great week, pray for kind weather and I look forward to seeing you all safely and soon.

Come Dine With Us



Come Dine With Us was a huge success thanks to our wonderful catering and lunchtime teams! Here are a few examples of the fantastic comments and feedback we have received from parents and carers:

"Please may I have seconds?"

"I'm really looking forward to coming again tomorrow to dine with my other child!"

"Your cook and her assistant served me a lovely mixed vegetable meal and a delightful fruit salad. It was so kind of them to cater to my eating preferences."

"Come Dine With Us was probably my favourite event I've attended since [child's name] started at school. We always enjoy the Christmas plays and Sports Day, but this was really nice. It gave me an opportunity to see into [child's name] life at school... hope it's something you'll do again in future"



SPORTS NEWS

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Forthcoming Events:

- ◇ Year 4 Dance Competition
- ◇ Year 4 Benchball Tournament
- ◇ Year 5 Festival of Sport
- ◇ Hull City Ladies football (girls)
- ◇ Orienteering - Round 1



World Book Day
Thursday 1 March 2018



On Thursday 1 March the children will have the option to come to school dressed up linked to their chosen class book **OR** dressed up linked to their own favourite book.

Please refer to the information letter sent home with your child earlier this week for full details. A copy is also available to view on our website in the Newsletter folder.

Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

- Monday 19 February - School re-opens after half-term
- Thursday 1 March - World Book Day
- Friday 9 March - Reception: Dads' Afternoon
- Wednesday 21 March - School Choir Concert
- Thursday 22 March - Easter Service
- Thursday 22 March - School closes for Easter
- Friday 23 March - Teachers' Training Day
- Monday 9 April - School re-opens for pupils

SAVE THE DATE

for our annual Spring choir concert:

“ This Is Us”

on

Wednesday 21 March 2018



Future
FONFS Events 2018

- Friday 16 March..... Movie Night
- Sunday 15 April Ice Skating
- Wednesday 18 April FONFS Meeting
- Sunday 1 July Open Gardens
- Wednesday 4 July Sports Day Refreshments

School Dinners



A copy of the new menu for Spring/Summer 2018 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 £2.30 per meal.

We now have the facility for parents to pay for school dinners online but continue to offer the facility to pay with cheques payable to the "ERYC" or cash. If you require information about the online service please contact the school office.

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.

Mrs Oliver

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A HUGE THANK YOU

One of the many things we can be very proud of at North Ferriby Primary School is the support we receive for the various worthy fund raising events and appeals we hold throughout the school year. So far this academic year, with your help, we have raised the following monies:

- ◆ Children in Need (Nov) raised **£451**
- ◆ "Christmas Jumper Day" (Dec) raised **£213.93** for Save The Children
- ◆ Christingle Service (Dec) raised **£116.05** for the Children's Society
- ◆ Carol singing at the Co-op store (Dec) **£222.70**

AND we have had a good response to the following appeals:

- ◆ Harvest Festival for Hull Food Bank
- ◆ Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal
- ◆ Teddy Bear & Soft Toy Appeal for HERIB



We would also like to thank all those of you who have collected and continue to collect used postage stamps in aid of **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**

Please remember this appeal for postage stamps runs throughout the year and from year to year so please

"keep collecting"

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2018

Monday 19 February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 22 March	School closes for Easter
Friday 23 March	Teachers' Training Day

Summer Term 2018

Monday 9 April	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 7 May	May Day
Friday 25 May	School closes for Half-term
Monday 4 June	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 20 July	School closes for summer

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 4 September	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 26 October	School closes for Half-term
Monday 5 November	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 21 December	School closes for Christmas

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 8 January	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 15 February	School closes for Half-term
Monday 25 February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 4 April	School closes for Easter
Friday 5 April	Teachers' Training Day

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 6 May	May Day
Friday 24 May	School closes for Half-term
Monday 3 June	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 19 July	School closes for pupils
Monday 22 July	Teachers' Training Day
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POLITE REMINDER

All Planned Absence Forms must be completed well in advance of any planned absence.

School cannot authorise any absence retrospectively.

These dates are provisional and may be subject to change

Co-op Store - Local Causes

North Ferriby Riding for The Disabled and North Ferriby and Swanland Scout Group, which includes the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, have been chosen as two of the Co-op charities for this year. If you would like to support either of these local charities simply login at www.coop.co.uk or call 08000234708 and select the one you wish to support. Every time you shop at the store scan your Co-op card and the charity of your choice will receive 1% of what you spend on Co-op selected products and services.

Dates for Sing & Service and Class-Led Worship

March	1	Mrs Chappelow	Sing & Service
	8	Miss Gibbs	Class Led Worship
	15	Mrs Hill	Sing & Service
	22	Mr Pearson (whole school community invited)	EASTER SERVICE (All Saints Church)
EASTER HOLIDAY			
April	19	Mrs Atkinson	Class Led Worship
	26	Mrs Sharkey/Mrs Canbay	Sing & Service
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			
June	20	Mr Rae	Class Led Worship
	21	Mrs Atkinson	Sing & Service

All start times for the above services will be 2.55 pm unless otherwise advised

All Sing & Service in the KS2 Hall