



School Newsletter

March 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Consultation Evenings

We were pleased 97% of parents/carers were able to attend our recent Parent Consultation Evenings. We hope you are clear about the next steps for your children and that you appreciate the importance of the next few months as we work towards the end of year expectations. The National Curriculum has high expectations for every year group and it's important that no opportunity is missed for learning as was acknowledged in our Ofsted Report October 2017.

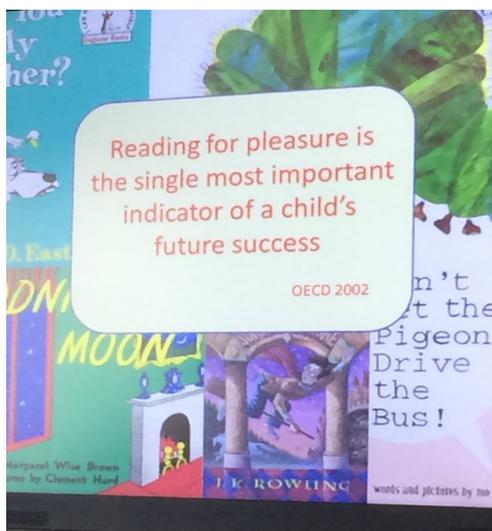
If, for any reason, you were not able to meet with your child's classteacher please get in touch with the School Office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Report card Acknowledge Slip

Thank you to those parents who have already returned the report card acknowledgement slips, your comments are very helpful. Please can I ask you to return your slip by Wednesday 28 March if you haven't already done so.

Recommended Reading - Sponsor a Book Scheme

After the launch of the Sponsor a Book Scheme FODs are delighted to say the pile of donated books is growing. Listed books are from recommended reading lists for each year group. Each donation will be acknowledged through a personalised sticker in the front cover with the benefactor's name on so the book is remembered as having been donated in that person's family's name. If every family donates one book that would result in 218 recommended reads!



Easter Hat Parade - Wednesday 28 March

We hope that you are enjoying family time and the opportunity to design and make Easter Bonnets. Just to remind you our theme this year is, 'What Easter Means to Me.' Children wishing to parade need to bring their headwear to school on Wednesday 28 March - families and friends are invited to join us at 2.40pm to see all the creations being paraded.

Easter Service - Monday 26 March

A whole school Easter Service for children and staff will take place at 9.30am on Monday 26 March. This will be led by Rev Paul. A sincere thank you to Rev Paul who has also led Collective Worship focusing on the Easter Story over the last couple of weeks.

Welcome back - Wednesday 28 March

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Sara Bristow following her maternity leave. A huge thank you to Mrs Atkinson, who stepped up to increase her teaching time in reception, and also to her partner teacher Miss Shani Bell. Also thank you to Mrs Emily Mayer who took on the role of acting Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator in Mrs Bristow's absence. I'm sure you will agree they have all shown huge commitment and done a fantastic job in maintaining continuity of provision and a team approach.

Alongside our teachers we have a strong team of support staff including our Learning Mentor, Sports Innovator and Teaching Assistants who have such a lot of expertise to offer. I would particularly like to say thank you to Mrs Juliet Manterfield who, as a qualified teacher, joined us in a teaching assistant role in 2013 and who will be leaving us at the end of term. Over recent years Juliet had been based predominantly in our Y5 class and has used her expertise and knowledge to support and extend learning. Mrs Manterfield is leaving us to take the opportunity to spend more time with her family and particularly her new grandson. We will be saying thank you to Mrs Manterfield in Collective Worship on Wednesday 28 March at 10.10am - family and friends are welcome to join us.



The Bee Musical

Year 3 and 4 parents enjoyed our production of the Bee Musical this week, which was very well received. A fantastic evening was had by all as the children entertained us with amazing songs, acting and choreography. There was a real buzz about the place!

School Fencing

We are currently in talks with Malc Firth Landscapes regarding the issues we have been experiencing with the fence on the KS2 playground. We will keep you posted when we have further information regarding this.

Residential Visit Payments

Please can I remind parents of children in Y4 and Y5 to keep checking on Wisepay for when scheduled payment dates are due. If you need any assistance accessing Wisepay please speak to Mrs Wallace. If you would like to discuss your payment plan please feel to speak to myself or Mrs Wallace in confidence.

Thursday 29th March - Inset Day

Teachers and Teaching Assistants from across our primary network (Dunholme St Chad's, Ellison Boulter's and Welton St Mary's) will be working together to look at standards in writing on our inset day next Thursday. Our partnership provides valuable opportunities to moderate our standards and work together to increase the number of children working at greater depth. We recognise the important link between reading and writing to extend vocabulary - we hope you enjoy spending time sharing books from the recommended book lists to increase the range of books your child enjoys.

Maths Beyond the School

Thank you to everyone who has sent photographs of maths beyond the classroom There have been a wide variety of photographs and hopefully you were able to see them on display when you came to our recent parent's evening.

Golden Ticket Day

Thank you once again to Mrs Tipping, our Learning Mentor, for orchestrating our Golden Ticket Morning. A huge thank you to all of the staff and volunteers for all of their support, it would not be possible to put on so many activities for the children without their support.



We wish you an enjoyable Easter break.
School re-opens for term 5 on Monday 16th April.

Patricia Ruff

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Headteacher



DIARY DATES

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!

April

Monday 16th	Start of term 5
Friday 20th	FODs Bags 2 School collection
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 May	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
Tuesday 12th	RAB visit to Skegness
Saturday 16th	Dunholme Village Fete
20th and 21st	Y6 at Lincolnshire Show Lincolnshire Schools' Challenge

July

2nd to 4th	Y4 Residential
Tuesday 10th	Transition Evening for Parents
Thursday 19th	Y6 leavers service (9.30am)
Thursday 19th	FODs disco
Friday 20th	End of academic year



Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 28th March
2.40pm



As part of the preparations for Easter all children are invited to create an Easter hat for our annual Easter Parade. The theme this year is, 'What Easter means to me.' Children should bring their hats to school on morning of the parade.

Hats will be paraded on the Key Stage 2 playground at 2.40pm—parents and friends are invited to join us for the parade followed by the Easter Fayre hosted by Friends of Dunholme School (FODs)

