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Dear Parents

April Newsletter

It is unbelievable to think we are beginning the final term of this academic year!

Hopefully we will see some sunshine, which will allow the children to use the grounds of the school in their learning as well as allow us to get out the playtime equipment and use the grass a bit more than we have so far this year!

I must start by saying 'well done' to Mrs Sykes-Cook for her successful bid to Tesco for funding for the Foundation Stage outdoor area (and thanks to all of you for posting your tokens at the Market Weighton store over the last 2 months). Mrs Sykes-Cook heard during the holidays that we had won the highest amount of £4000! She and Mrs Askew are busy spending the money to improve their outdoor provision area and have already had a large sandpit installed for the children to enjoy and I am sure they have other plans for the rest of the money!

Curriculum

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Commonwealth Games theme week at the end of last term and it was wonderful to see the whole school outside enjoying a variety of sporting activities on the final afternoon.

We have lots of things for each year group to look forward to in the summer term with 2 more whole school theme weeks planned with 'food glorious food' being our science based theme at the end of this half term (I know Mrs Jones has a very exciting first day planned, with a visit from a chocolatier to hold workshops for each year group throughout the day!) We will also continue to hold our STEM challenge days each month too. We will conclude the term with 'The Proms' theme week, with a music focus to coincide with the BBC Proms week in July.

I know staff across the school are also planning visits/visitors linked to their topics and the Year 6 pupils also have the residential visit to France to look forward to. We will also have our usual sports days towards the end of term (dates will be sent out next week).

Behaviour Policy

It has now been a year since we introduced our new behaviour policy, with 'SHINE' being our aim, with the children being encouraged to remember our 5 Christian Values of Trust, Thankfulness, Compassion, Endurance and Respect.

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The certificates for showing our 5 values and 'WOW' certificates for going above and beyond expectation have been very popular with children and they are always keen to tell me in the Praise assembly on a Friday why they have got their certificates. The new system of sanctions has also been very successful over the past year, with the number of detentions falling from 52 in the first term to 25 last term, halving the number across the school. It is also pleasing to note that the number of sanctions for answering back/disregarding adults instructions, which had been a concern for staff, has dropped from 32 in the first term to 5 last term. I must thank the staff for their support in the implementation of this policy and for parents for their support of our system. I am always very proud, when visitors to the school make a point of telling me how well behaved they find our children when working with them in school.

School Improvement

We have continued to work with Ebor, who have been focusing their work on further developing leaders across the school. I must thank all staff involved in this and for the hard work they have done to ensure teaching and learning and leadership across the school continues to go from strength to strength. In recent visits to the school from our local authority advisor it has been noted that 'there is clear progress and impact in leadership' and that following our successful HMI Ofsted monitoring visit in December 'leaders have acted swiftly to develop an additional action plan'. I was also pleased that the work of the school has been acknowledged by the Head of Children and Education for the Local Authority who in his annual review of schools has categorised our school as category 2, which identifies schools 'currently judged by Ofsted to be requires improvement but with a strong likelihood of achieving good at next inspection'.

Parent Forum

I thought I would give you an update on the parent forum. As I explained before Christmas, a group of 11 parents, representing all year groups offered to join the forum. We have set agenda items for each meeting and this gives parents the opportunity to share their views on specific aspects of the school that involve parents the most, so that I can then take these views to staff and amend or adapt our policies or procedures if we feel this would be useful.

I have found the meetings held so far very useful, and must thank those parents for giving up their time. We have, so far, discussed homework and I have shared their ideas regarding homework with staff and we are going to incorporate some of these ideas into our review of the homework policy. We have also looked at the school website in detail and parents have given me their views and opinions on its usefulness and usability. As a result the school website has been reviewed further (still not finalised). I hope you have had chance to look at our new website design, hopefully you will find everything you want on the site, but if you do feel there is some information missing from the site, please let me know and we will see what we can do.

The next items that we will be discussing are the format for the end of year school report and what parents should expect from a parents evening, so that, moving forward, we can ensure that all parents receive consistent information from staff whichever class/year group that they are in. If you would like to add your opinion to this discussion please feel free to complete the parent comment box attached to this newsletter and post it in the post box in the main entrance, or alternatively e-mail it to the office and they will pass it on to me.



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Curriculum Workshops

We had planned to run our next parent workshop in the spring term on our new approach to teaching writing, 'Talk for Writing', unfortunately Mrs McNeil (English subject leader) was off school with a broken ankle so this had to be postponed. I am very pleased that she is back in school and working hard with her class to support them in the lead up to Year 6 SATs in May. We will therefore be holding this workshop in June (the date will follow in the 'dates for your diary' which will be sent out next week).

Year Group News

As you will recall the usual information from each year group or phase in school has previously been within this newsletter but is now sent out separately by each teaching team. Please look out for the year group information for this term later this week.

Thank you for your continued support

J. Newby

Comments box

Name.....Child's name..... Class.....