



## Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

This week I spent time in school visiting lessons accompanied by teachers from Mackie Hill Junior and Infant school and I was overwhelmed with the positive attitudes to learning that I witnessed from the pupils who were all responding to the learning challenges being put before them by their teachers. It was great to see and it certainly reinforces the huge gains in learning and progress we are now seeing across the whole school community. Very well done to all the pupils and their teachers here. I am impressed.

This week our school moved closer to securing its own future following the decision made by the Governing Body and Wakefield Local Authority to disband and remove the School Improvement Committee that has been working with the school to secure improvements following the Ofsted inspection in December 2017. This now means that a newly formed Governing Body will be in place for the start of the summer term. It will be chaired by Mr Denis Barry and the vice chair will be Mrs Helen Crooks. I have no doubt that they will be updating us all next term with their plans for the continued improvement of our school.

I have, however, saved the best bit of news until last! The Governing Body have now formally agreed to a permanent headteacher for Mackie Hill Junior and Infant School who will start in post from Friday 1st March 2019. This decision has been made with the full support of Dane Royd Junior and Infant School and Wakefield Local Authority and now allows the school to move forward under the direct leadership and guidance of a permanent headteacher.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Jayne Elliott with her success in obtaining the headship of Mackie Hill Junior and Infant School and wish her every success into the future with school. It is certainly well deserved and from the responses from pupils and staff in assembly yesterday morning when I informed them of this news, it is a choice that has everyone's full approval.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and all it does. Be sure to enjoy the half-term break.

Very best wishes

Tudor Griffiths : Acting Executive Headteacher.



## Magic Breakfast The National School Breakfast Programme

### Where is it?

The Magic Breakfast Bagels will be served outside in the pagoda and by Breakfast Monitors walking around the school playground.

### How Much is it ?

The Magic Breakfast Bagels are free!

# EASTER EGG APPEAL



## FLAG FUNDRAISING HAVE ONE GOAL

TO BRING SMILES TO THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN THIS EASTER.  
LAST YEAR WE SENT 4000 EASTER EGGS TO CHILDREN  
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### Donation Boxes

Mrs Teasdale has been working closely with Wakefield Hospice and is making donation boxes of toiletries for patients to use. I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic idea and we fully support Mrs Teasdale with her charity work. Many parents and staff have already expressed an interest in supporting her. If you would like to donate any of the following items then please bring them into school. Thank you!

- Roll on deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Soaps
- Body lotion or creams
- Flannels



## Upcoming Events

**Friday 15th February** - School closed for INSET Day

**Wednesday 27th February**—Y5 Printing workshop with the Hepworth in school.

**Friday 1st March**—Year 2 Class Assembly. 9am

**Thursday 7th March**—**World Book Day**. Dress up as your favourite book character. Children will be enjoying a variety of reading activities in school.

**Friday 8th March**—Year 3 Class Assembly. 9am.

**Friday 14th March**—Year 2 educational visit from Leeds Mosque in school.

**Friday 15th March**—Year 4 Class Assembly. 9am.

**Friday 15th March**—**Comic Relief**. Children can wear red clothing and donate a contribution of £1 to comic Relief.

**Friday 15th March**—Year 3 educational visit to Murton Park.

**Friday 15th March**—Year 6 educational visit to York St Johns University

**Wednesday 20th March**—Class Photographs.

**Friday 22nd March**—Early Years Class Assembly. 9am.

**Tuesday 26th March**—Parent Consultation Evening. 3:30—7pm. Additional letter to follow.

**Wednesday 27th March**—Parent Consultation Evening. 3:30—5pm. Additional letter to follow.

**Wednesday 27th March**—Year 1 educational visit to Manchester Airport.

**Thursday 28th March**—Year 5 educational visit to Hepworth Gallery

**Monday 1st April**—Year 5 educational visit in school. Workshop for Ancient Greece.

**Thursday 4th April**—Early Years Educational visit to St James Church for an Easter Egg Hunt. Additional letter to follow.

**Friday 5th April**—School closes for Easter Break.

**Tuesday 23rd April**—School Opens for Summer Term.

Thank you for you continued support.

*Mrs J Elliott*