

Thursday 28th February 2019

PSA events

Another really successful disco was held just as we broke up for half term. We had well over 300 children attend and I am delighted to say that their behaviour was excellent. We raised £754.59 on that one evening which is a staggering amount! Thanks to Miss Hyde, our PSA chair, for organising the disco and all the parents and staff who came along to serve and supervise the children.

The next PSA event is the Easter Bingo on Friday 22nd March starting at 6.00pm.

Wear Red Day – 1st February

Thank you to Holly in year 6 who so politely requested that we should hold a non-uniform day in aid of the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. By wearing red for the day we managed to raise a fabulous £364.72. Thank you all for your support.

Visits

In addition to sporting events which you can read about on our school APP, all children were fortunate to experience at least one visit out of school during the last half term. Years 3 and 4 visited Driffield School so see a fabulous music performance, year 5 children visited Tesco to learn about bread making and also went to the Driffield Leisure Centre to experience first-hand the effects of water resistance and our year 6s took a tour of the town as part of their Victorian topic. I think you'll agree that taking part in school visits such as these really does bring learning to life for the children and adds so much enjoyment to their time at school.

Staffing update

Following the promotion of Mr Horsley and the current temporary situation where Mrs Dixon is year 3 leader, I am pleased to inform you that Mr Addy has been appointed as year leader, starting in September 2019. Congratulations Mr Addy!

Fairtrade Chocolate Sale – Thursday 7th March

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, Mrs Greenaway will be holding a Fairtrade Chocolate sale on Thursday 7th March. Divine Milk Chocolate Bars (40g) will be on sale at £1 each during morning break. If your child would like to buy a chocolate bar please send them with £1 on that day. All profits will go directly to Namadidi School in Malawi where the money will be put to excellent use for the benefits of the children who attend.



Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

As always we love to support Comic Relief's 'Red Nose Day'. Red noses (£1.25 each) go on sale from 5th March, each morning from 8.45am in the school main entrance. A limited number of noses are available so sales are on a first come first served basis.



In addition, Friday 15th March will be a non-uniform day where children can come to school in their causal clothes for a recommended donation of £1.00. Children are not to wear make-up please, and we ask that footwear is sensible so that we don't get any injuries! Thank you.

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day a little differently this year; instead of dressing up, the whole school will be reading *The Matchbox Diary* - a tale where a Grandfather shares his life story with his Granddaughter. We will spend the week reading the book and creating work based on the story in class. Due to other events in school, we are celebrating World Book Day a day early on Wednesday 6th March when classes will be arranged in mixed age groups (children from year 3 - 6 come together in one class) and we will complete art based activities around the story. Children are asked to bring in their favourite books to share with others in the class and children will have chance to read to each other during the morning.

In the afternoon children will return to their normal classes and will be given their £1 book token. WHSmith have kindly agreed to bring their selection of World Book Day books into school which children can buy using their token in school. They will not need any extra money.

Science Week

British Science Week is coming to Driffield Junior School from Friday 8th March. We are kicking this off with a Science assembly which will involve some amazing demonstrations lead by staff from the Education Alliance. The whole school will be sparking their curiosity by investigating Rocket Mice. For this investigation we need lots of milk bottle cartons like the ones in the picture. Please collect as many of these as you can in the next couple of weeks and hand them to class teachers. On Thursday 14th March, Driffield Junior School Science ambassadors are holding a Science



Festival after school for children and adults. This will involve 20 or so science experiments that both children and adults can get involved in together on the school playground (or in the hall if the weather is unkind to us) between 3.45pm and 4.45pm. Please join us!

Dates

Wed 6 th March	WHSmith pop up shop – children can use their World Book Day vouchers to ‘buy’ a book
Thursday 7 th March	Fairtrade Chocolate Sale (see above)
Mon 11 th – Wed 13 th March	Y6 residential visit to Robinwood Dobroyd Castle
Thursday 14 th March	Science Festival – 3.45pm to 4.45pm – all welcome (see above)
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose day (see above)
Wed 20 th March	Y4 visit to Jorvik and DIG, York
Friday 22 nd March	PSA Easter Bingo – 6.00pm
Friday 29 th March	Y3 Reaction Day at All Saints Church
Wed 3 rd April	Y4 Easter assembly – 9.20am – Y4 parents welcome
Thurs 4 th April	Egg Decorating day – eggs on display in classrooms after school for parents to view. Details to follow.
Fri 5 th April	Egg rolling competitions – details to follow
Fri 5 th April	Break up for Easter
Tues 23 rd April	School re-opens

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