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Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher Newsletter – March

We have a very busy half term ahead of us with lots of events/activities planned and some already taken place. I know the KS1/EYFS children and staff all enjoyed their den building day last week as part of their fairy tales – 3 little pigs topic and Year 5 enjoyed their afternoon of ‘Festival of Sport’ this week. We have 3 dressing up days coming up with world book day, comic relief day and pyjama day (linked to the Spring Fair tombola). Year 6 have some events coming up linked to their move to Hunsley - with bread making workshops and maths investigation workshops planned. Year 5 have their Bikeability training coming up and we also have parents evenings and the Spring Fair in the last week of term. As you can see a lot to fit into the next 5 weeks!

Curriculum

Theme weeks this half term

We began the Spring term with another whole school theme week ‘Science Rocks!’ and look forward to our 2nd theme week at the end of term ‘festivals’ when we will be looking at important festivals around the world at this time of year, including our own Easter/Spring festival. All the children will take part in a special Spring/Easter celebration assembly on the Thursday and we have arranged for the children to take part in a dance/RE workshop on Monday 1st April to introduce our theme of festivals. We have a dancer from ‘Bollywood Vibes’ who will be doing workshops with the children linked to the festival of Holi. The children will enjoy learning about Indian culture in an energetic and fun way.

We will then have 2 final whole school theme weeks in the summer term to look forward to. One of these will be ‘Land art’ linked to the build up to the ‘Tour de Yorkshire’ and one will have a sport theme linked to the Cricket World Cup due to be held in the Summer.

Development of reading

We have begun our class visits to the library each Friday afternoon, so far class 3 and 4 have visited the library and enjoyed their visits very much. Robyn (librarian) has been very complimentary about the children and their attitude to reading.

We also look forward to our visit from Guy Bass (children’s author) next Monday afternoon, when he will be doing workshops with some of the older children. We also have our World book day celebration this Thursday, when the children can bring their favourite book to school to share with others as well as dress up as a character from the book. We have arranged for the KS2 children to come and read with the KS1 children during the day. We also look forward to seeing your entries into the photo competition, which is supported by the PTA, with one child from every year group winning a free book of their choice from the book fair the following week.

School Values

We continue to look for children who ‘SHINE’ by showing all our values:

truSt; tHankfulness; compassIon; eNdurance and respEct.

Below is a table identifying the children who received a certificate during Praise Assembly, during the Spring term, because they were recognised by staff for displaying these values. Well done to those children for being good examples to others. I must also apologise to the following Y5 pupils who were missed off the list for Autumn term: Joshua B x2; Callum H; Harvey S-C; Oliver W; Oliver C and Elsie S – sorry!



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EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6	
Andrew H Noah S Anna M-H Kara B Poppy E Ralph L William H Holly H Hazel H Sylvia S Harry W	Harrison B Sophia C Xavier D Elena D Demi H Emilia R Joey S Indea E K Chloe B Zara F Toby H Alfie T	Finley B George F Daisy H Lucy P Alfie S Sienna S C Annabel W Jamie R Maya D Lottie N Ruby H Nate C	Harrison T-H Harry B Alyssa K Olivia W Isaac O'N Harriet B Daisy H Poppy H Lillie-Mae M Ben R William R Lilly T Luca M Felix R Louis P Megan C Joseph B	Lizzie C Holly H Oscar S Abi S Will B Lydia G Dieter R Jake S Tom S Jack W Primrose P Harrison R Heidi S Jacob R	Addison B Jack B Sadie E Tom G Sofia H Autumn 2018 – sorry missed off the list Joshua B Callum H Harvey S-C Oliver W Oliver C Elsie S

During praise assembly we also recognise those children who have received a 'WOW' certificate, given to those children placed on the 'WOW' section of the behaviour chart in the classroom, for exemplary work/attitude/behaviour. They are given the 'honour' of sitting on benches at the back of assembly and feel proud to have the opportunity to tell everyone in school what they did to earn their 'WOW'

Class assemblies

We have so far held 4 parent assemblies this year and I must thank parents who continue to support this brief opportunity to find out what your child has been doing in class over the last few weeks, again I received many positive comments from parents last term.

We have 1 more planned this term, the assembly for parents will start at 9.30am, however parents are welcome to stay for a coffee (in the community room) after dropping children off at the start of the school day, rather than coming back again for 9.30am. We will then have the assemblies for the four KS1/EYFS classes to look forward to in the summer term.

We have the following remaining assembly arranged for this term:

- Wednesday 27th March – Class 5 (Miss Davy)

Church visits

Our KS1 and KS2 collective worship at the church this term will take place on the following dates, this information is to make you aware when your child will be visiting the church so that they can have appropriate footwear and coat for their walk to church, unfortunately we are not able to invite parents to these sessions as the church is not big enough to accommodate the whole key stage and parents:

- Tuesday 5th March – KS2
- Tuesday 12th March – KS1

Communication with parents

Parent Forum

The next meeting of the Parent Forum group will take place in a couple of weeks time. We will be focusing on our current behaviour/rewards/sanctions policy. It has been pleasing to see that the new systems introduced almost 2 years ago have had a great impact on behaviour around school with the number of children receiving sanctions and the number of sanctions falling by more than 50%, however, as with any system we are always open to suggestions to improve things even further. If you have any

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comments that you would like passed on in the meeting then please feel free to e-mail them to me at school, drop them into the suggestion box in the main office or let a member of the parent forum know your views.

The parents on the group have asked me to remind you that the purpose of these meetings is linked to the pre-agreed focus and contacting members of the group via whatsapp to bring up other areas/issues is not the intention. If you have any comments/issues linked to other areas of school life then this should be brought up directly with the school (via the office e-mail). The parents on the group are more than happy to receive your comments relating to the focus agenda item and always share your views/ideas within the group meetings. As I will not be in school for the next meeting, Mrs Worthington will be leading this meeting for me. Below is a reminder of the parents who are part of the parent forum

	parent	class
Foundation	Heather Edgar	1 (JA)
	Sara Holdcroft	1
	Jose Arnett	2 (LS)
	Marie Smith	2
	Aliice Maltby	1
Year 1	Marie Cattle	2 (LS)
	Sarah Kemp	3 (LJ)
Year 2	Sara Holdcroft	4 (CSC)
	Ruth Brocklebank	4
Year 3	Marie Smith	5 (WT)
Year 4	Jennie Ellis	5 (WT)
	Emma Thornton	5 (WT)
	Ruth Brocklebank	6 (AD)
Year 5	Marie Smith	7 (SC)
	Carol Anne Holmes	9 (KM)
	Hannah Leahy	9 (KM)
Year 6	Jennie Ellis	7 (SC)
	Emma Thornton	8 (CS)
	Wendy Goode	8 (CS)

Parent Questionnaire - Homework

I would like to thank those parents who have completed the online questionnaire about homework. I have so far received 86 responses, but there is still time to have your say as the survey is open until this Friday. I will then collate the results and share the outcome with staff and parents, we will then review our current policy in school and share any changes with parents.

We are still waiting to receive our published report from Ofsted. The LA are now involved in trying to find out why the report is taking so long to arrive, as Ofsted are in breach of their own timescales. It is a very difficult time for staff and governors, who still do not know the outcome. Once it arrives we will share it with parents and keep you informed about our plan to work on areas identified for further development.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you on my return after Easter following my 'long awaited' knee operation!

J. Newby

Comments box

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