

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter.

We try to include as much information as we can in our newsletter, to keep you fully informed and updated about what is happening in school. If you have any suggestions for other information you might like to see in the newsletter, please get in touch via the school office.

READING CHAMPIONS QUIZ

Last Friday, four of our Y6 pupils took part in the National Reading Champions Quiz. This is a competition open to children aged 10-14 from across the region and this is the first year that we have taken part.

The children were a little nervous and unsure of what to expect, but they soon got into it and were amazing. We finished joint thirteenth out of twenty seven teams (mostly secondary schools) and were the joint highest scoring primary school.

Well done to our four Y6 'readers' – you were all amazing.



OFSTED

As you know, we had our OFSTED inspection at the end of January. We have had our draft report through and are just awaiting the final version which we will share with you all as soon as possible.

Once again, thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback given to the inspector both in person and through Parentview.



SOUTH HUNSLEY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS SPRING FESTIVAL

This Wednesday, our Theatre Club members performed, along with other local primary schools, at the South Hunsley Partnership Schools Spring Festival.

There were performances from six local schools and a final song performed by all the schools.

It was a wonderful evening and our pupils were fabulous. We are very proud of them and can't wait to perform The Lion King to you all in the Summer term.



YEAR 1/2 SHARE DAYS

Our Share Days for KS1 are on the following dates:

- Monday 18th March @ 1.35pm to 2.45pm
- Tuesday 19th March @ 9.15am to 10.30am
- Wednesday 20th March @ 1.30pm to 2.45pm
- Thursday 21st March @ 9.15am to 10.30am

If you haven't already signed up for one, please do so as soon as possible – these really are lovely sessions for both the children and parents/carers.

PRISON! ME! NO WAY!

Next week, our Y5/6 pupils will be participating in workshops provided by Prison! Me! No Way! (PMNW).

This is a trust, based in Hull, that was established with the following aims:

- To raise awareness amongst young people, aged 8 to 18, about the causes, consequences, penalties and impact of crime.
- Wants young people to stay safe, aspire and become law abiding citizens.
- Seeks to be the leading youth crime prevention/learning for life charity in the country.

We are very much looking forward to these workshops and think that the children will learn so much about being positive role models and members of society.

Please may we remind you to log into your School Gateway app to make your £5.00 contribution for this workshop. Thank you.

YEAR 5 CYCLE TRAINING

Our cycle training for Y5 starts on Monday 15th April 2024.

The children have been placed into 3 groups and will complete their training over a 2 day period. The training dates applicable for your child has been sent out in a letter along with a bike check information sheet.



If you need any further information about what is required then please do get in touch with the school office.

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WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you for your support with our recent World Book Day celebrations. There were some incredible costumes worn last Thursday along with some fabulous book-related activities happening across the school. Thank you to those children who brought in their favourite book or an item related to their favourite book, it was really lovely to hear why they loved the book so much.

We appreciate the time and effort that goes into putting costumes together, so thank you so much for your continued support.





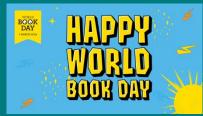


















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EYFS EASTER BONNETS

We are very much looking forward to seeing our EYFS children's Easter Bonnet parade on the last day of term – Thursday 21st March. I am sure they are going to be amazing!

EYFS parents are invited into the school hall at 2.45pm ready for the parade at 3pm. Refreshments will be on sale.



EYFS BEDTIME STORIES

Our EYFS children had a lovely time on Friday evening when they came back to school for their 'bedtime story' session with Mrs Skilleter and Mrs Harrison, dressed in their pyjamas and dressing gowns. They even had hot chocolate and biscuits!

This was a lovely event and something we hope the children will remember in years to come.





SPECIAL EASTER MENU Thursday 21st March



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WHAT'S APP

We have had a number of issues involving pupils' use of What's App over the past few weeks, mostly our older pupils in Y5/6, and a letter was sent out to all parents in Y5/6.

I do urge you all to monitor your child's mobile phone usage and consider which apps and platforms they are able to access. What's App for example has an age recommendation of 16, and many other platforms used by the children are recommended for much older children.

We do fully appreciate that it is often a difficult decision for parents to make, especially when your child's friends are all using such apps and platforms, but the associated risks of social media are very well documented in the press and there are many resources available to support parents in making decisions about mobile phone usage by younger children.

From a school perspective, although these issues and incidents happen outside of school, the 'fallout' from unkind words/messages/voice notes very often comes into school and is something that we will always work with parents and children to address.

If any of you would like to discuss this issue further, or would like some additional support/information, please do get in touch and we will be happy to help.

END OF TERM

Please be aware that we close at 3.30pm on Thursday 21st March 2024 for the Easter break.

We return to school on Monday 8th April 2024.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

FOBS QUIZ NIGHT

The FOBS quiz night is being held on Friday 26th April in the school hall.

Tickets are £12.50 per person and includes your entry into the quiz as well as a fish and chip supper! You are also welcome to bring you own drinks and snacks.

Maximum of 8 per team with prizes to be won!

This is always a fun night so please see the communications from FOBS, via their Facebook page, for further details.



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THEATRE CLUB VISIT TO LONDON

At the end of February, our Theatre Club members visited London for two days. This was linked to our production of The Lion King, which will be taking place in July. During our visit to London, we went to see The Lion King at The Lyceum theatre in London's West End. It is fair to say that the children (and accompanying staff) had an amazing time and loved seeing the production – it really was quite something.

Whilst in London, we also went on The London Eye and had a 'whistlestop tour' of many of the famous sights of London. Despite being very tired, and getting a bit wet from the rain, we had an amazing time and I was so proud of how well behaved the children were, how much they enjoyed the theatre visit and how enthusiastic they were throughout the two days. We even had other theatre-goers commenting on how well-behaved and wellmannered our pupils were.

























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DIARY DATES 2023-2024

MARCH

Friday 15th: Red Nose Day – wear red for £1 Monday 18th: 1.30pm-2.45pm KS1 Share Day

Monday 18th: Aspire Gymnastics Trip

Tuesday 19th:

9.15am-10.30am KS1 Share Day

Wednesday 20th:

1.30pm-2.45pm KS1 Share Day

Wednesday 20th:

Y5/6 Prison Me No Way Workshop

Thursday 21st:

9.15am-10.30am KS1 Share Day

EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 21st: Break up

APRIL

Monday 8th: Back to school

MAY

Monday 6th: Closed for Bank Holiday w/c 13th: Y6 SATs testing week

Tuesday 21st: Class Photos and Year 6 Groups Wednesday 22nd: Y3/4 Sleepover at The Deep

Friday 24th: Break up

JUNE

Monday 3rd: Back to school

w/c 3rd / 10th: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check w/c 10th: Y1 Phonics Screening Check week

Mon 24th – Fri 28th: Y4 Swimming

Thursday 27th: Year 6 Hunsley Transition Day Fri 28th – Sun 30th: Y5/6 visit to High Adventure

JULY

Mon 1st – Fri 5th: Y4 Swimming Friday 5th: Summer Soiree

Monday 8th: Reports to parents out this week Thursday 11th: Exhibition of Work evening

Friday 19th: Break up

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