



BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to the November edition of our school newsletter. I do hope that you have all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed Halloween. It was certainly wonderful seeing so many children dressed up on the last day of term, as well as those who attended the FOBS Halloween disco. This raised £902 which is incredible. A big thank you to our wonderful FOBS volunteers who work so hard on behalf of the children to make sure these events can happen.

As we see the weather turning colder, the evenings getting darker and the hours of daylight reduced, I would like to remind all parents/carers to send children with a coat and appropriate footwear for playtimes. We really do try to get the children outside as often as we can at playtimes and lunchtimes, weather permitting, and appreciate your support in making sure they have warm and suitable clothing for this. Can I also remind all parents/carers to make sure coats are labelled with your child's name – it makes it so much easier to return them to their owner if they are labelled.

Thank you

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are hosting the Scholastic Book Fair again this year from Tuesday 19th November to Monday 25th November each afternoon at 3.30pm in the school library.

Your child is coming home tonight with a leaflet showing some of the books available. You can order books in advance online using the following link.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1437113>

These fairs are always popular with the children and it is lovely to see them looking at and choosing their books.



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PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Thank you to everybody for taking part in the FOBS pumpkin competition.

There were so many lovely entries and we would like to thank everybody for taking part.

Congratulations to our two winners who each took home a lovely hamper full of Halloween treats!



HARVEST FESTIVAL – FOOD BANK

The East Riding Food Bank team have sent us a lovely thank you following all of your kind donations from our Harvest Festival. They were overwhelmed with the amount of donations that we gathered for them and wanted us to relay back to you how much of a difference this has made for those people and families in need.

East Yorkshire Foodbank gives people in crisis hope, practical help, and a brighter future. They provide emergency food and support to local men, women and children living in absolute poverty. Their vision is to ensure that no-one in the East Riding of Yorkshire has to go hungry.

Thank you for helping make a difference!



YEAR 6 SPORTS CHAMPIONS

Some of our Year Sixes recently took on the role of 'Sports Champion' within our school.

The responsibilities of this role involve running a weekly lunchtime club with up to ten Year 4 children participating (and Mr Miller supervising).

The club will consist of a range of multi-sport activities and will prepare those Year 6 participants for when they potentially become a Sports Leader during their time at Secondary School.

The role of 'Sports Champions' will be shared across the school year between those pupils in Y6 who have shown a keen interest. We will keep you up to date with their progress throughout the year.





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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

As you will know from the last newsletter, we are delighted that we will be hosting the RSC on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th March 2025. During these two days, they will be putting on four performances of The Tempest, one of which will be open to parents/carers and the wider school community.

The link below is to the RSC website with further information about First Encounters: The Tempest.

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/first-encounters-the-tempest/>

Before we open up ticket sales to the wider community, we would like to offer parents/carers the opportunity to purchase tickets for the evening performance on Thursday 13th March (times TBC). These will be offered for sale at £6.50 per ticket and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to reserve tickets, then please log into your school gateway app and select the PAYMENTS section where you will be able to make your purchase.

If you are unable to attend to see The Tempest at school, it is being performed by the same cast at Hull Truck Theatre earlier in the same week.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FOBS are holding the school's Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December.

There will be a range of craft and food stalls as well as raffles, tombolas and student craft stalls too!

The school will be open from 10.30am to 2pm and we hope to see you all there!



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CHILDREN IN NEED

This year's Children in Need appeal is on Friday 15th November and we will be supporting this incredible charity in school. On Friday 15th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day to support Children in Need. For a £1 contribution, children can come to school dressed however they like with the aim of 'making their class smile' – something that I know our pupils will excel at.

Take inspiration from Pudsey and go for yellow and spotty outfits, or choose to side with the Gladiators and go for superhero style! You can get as creative as you like!

Whatever you choose, wear something that will make your whole class smile!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week, (w/c 11th November) is Anti-Bullying Week. Over the course of the week, the children will be learning about bullying and how to prevent it from happening. We will look at what bullying behaviour is, what they should do if they are being bullied, how adults will help them if they are being bullied and how to report it both in and out of school. We will also look at online bullying, including the use of What's App and other social media platforms.

It is vital that every child is able to be themselves and that, as a world, we celebrate and value the differences between us. To mark this, we are asking the children to come to school wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November.

The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying week is 'Choose Respect' – something that we promote all year round.



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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Please find below the dates for this year's Christmas performances:

Year 5/6 – Wednesday 4th December @ 1.30pm

Year 5/6 – Thursday 5th December @ 6pm

EYFS – Wednesday 11th December @ 2pm

Tickets for all of the performances will be going on sale shortly and we will send further details when they are available.



CRAZY HAIR DAY

FOBS are hosting a Crazy Hair Day on Friday 22nd November.

The children always love to take part in this event and the school staff enjoy seeing all of their creations!

To take part all we ask is that children bring into school a chocolate donation for our chocolate tombola at The Christmas fayre.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

FOBS are also hosting a wreath making evening on Thursday 28th November @ 6.30pm in the school hall.

All materials are provided and the price even includes a glass of fizz on arrival.

We will also be running a bar on the evening. Tickets are £30.00 each and are available to purchase now via the following link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbroughschool>



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance at school is essential and something that we monitor very closely. In addition to attendance, we monitor when children are arriving to school late frequently. In both cases, we will always strive to work with families to look at the reasons for absence or being late and to put in any support that we are able to offer.

As you may know, the guidance to schools changed in August 2024, along with the processes associated with unauthorised absence. The information below is taken from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's website and applies to our school as well as other local authority maintained schools.

All children between the ages of 5 and 16 (compulsory school age) are required, by law, to attend the school at which they are registered. Legal action can be taken, if it is considered that a parent or carer is not fulfilling their parental responsibility to ensure their child receives a full time education.

Failure to ensure regular attendance may result in the matter being placed before the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1a) of the Education Act 1996. Penalties can include fines up to £2,500 for each parent, **consideration of a parenting order or a period of imprisonment**. A parent is defined as a person with day-to-day care under the Education Act 1996.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced penalty notices as an additional sanction to address the problem of poor school attendance and absence accrued due to taking a term-time holiday. This means that for pupils with unauthorised absence from school (ie. any absence that the school has not given permission for) their parents or carers may be subject to a fine.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into effect for Penalty Notice Fines issued after the 19 August 2024. Penalty Notices are issued to change behaviour and reduce the number of school days lost during term time for the purpose of a holiday. The pathway below outlines the decision-making process regarding the action that will be taken when a penalty notice referral is received from your child's school. However, please be aware that action will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may not follow this path.

Per Parent Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent for each child that was absent.

Example: three siblings absent for term-time leave would result in each parent receiving three separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term-time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be **£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days**.

Reduced to **£80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days**.

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Second Offence (within three years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term-time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be **£160 per parent per child within 28 days**.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within three years)

The third time an offence is committed for term-time leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to the **'failure to safeguard a child's education'**.

5 Consecutive Days of Term-Time Leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term-time leave of **5 or more consecutive days**.

Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term-time leave.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-Week Period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

For more information from the Government please visit:

[GOV.UK Guidance: Working together to improve school attendance \(external website\)](#)

As a reminder to all parents, our doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am for children to enter school. Any children arriving after 8:55am will need to enter school via the main entrance. Here the time of arrival and reason for being late will be recorded for monitoring purposes.

We do accept that sometimes things happen which make being late unavoidable and our purpose is not to cause unnecessary worry or stress on a busy morning. We also accept that there are some children who find it more difficult than others to come into school. Where this is the case we will always work with families to support them and find solutions together. Instead we are monitoring for patterns of being late repeatedly and will contact parents directly to discuss strategies to support to ensure all children are in school on time, ready to learn.

NOVEMBER

Thursday 7 th :	Diwali Performance (evening)
Monday 11 th :	Flu Vaccinations
	Remembrance Assembly – 9.00am
Tuesday 12 th :	Y3/4 Benchball @ South Hunsley
Friday 15 th :	Children in Need
Monday 18 th :	Y5/6 Humberside Police Talk
Monday 18 th :	Parents' Evening (2 AR/RM only)
Tuesday 19 th :	Parents' Evening
Tues 19 th – Mon 25 th :	Book Fair
Thursday 21 st :	Parents' Evening
Friday 22 nd :	FOBS Crazy Hair Day

DECEMBER

Wednesday 4 th :	Y5/6 Christmas Performance @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 4 th :	French Day
Thursday 5 th :	Y5/6 Christmas Performance @ 6pm
Saturday 7 th :	FOBS Christmas Fayre. 10.30-2pm
Monday 9 th :	Fairview House Nativity Choir
Wednesday 11 th :	EYFS Christmas Performance @ 2pm
Thursday 12 th :	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Dinner
w/c 16 th :	Christmas Parties
Friday 20 th :	Break up for Christmas

JANUARY

Tuesday 7 th :	Children back to school
29 th – 31 st :	Theatre Club visit to Edinburgh

FEBRUARY

Friday 7 th :	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 11 th :	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th :	Break up for half term
Monday 24 th :	Back to school

MARCH

Thursday 6 th :	World Book Day
w/c 17 th :	Parents' Evenings
Friday 21 st :	Comic Relief
	World Poetry Day

APRIL

Thursday 3 rd :	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd :	Back to school

MAY

Monday 5 th :	Bank Holiday
w/c 12 th :	Y6 SATS week
Friday 23 rd :	Break up for half term

JUNE

Monday 2 nd :	Back to school
w/c 9 th :	Multiplication Tables Check - Y4
10 th – 13 th :	Y5/6 Residential visit to Cloughton

JULY

2 nd & 3 rd :	Theatre Productions – Mary Poppins
w/c 7 th :	Reports out to parents
Thursday 10 th :	Exhibition of Work Evening
Friday 11 th :	Summer Soiree