



BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to our February newsletter.

Here we are approaching the end of this first half term of the new year and midpoint of our school year – time certainly is flying by.

As you may know, we have many visitors into school providing all kinds of learning experiences for the children as well as supporting the subjects and topics the children are studying. In addition to this we like to go out on school visits, both local and further afield, to ensure we are giving the children the best education that we can provide. This all means that our children meet with and engage with a wide range of visitors to the school as well as representing our school in the community.

I have always known that our school is special, that our children are kind, polite and well-behaved and that our staff always go the extra mile, but I have been reminded of this on so many occasions over the past few months. Visitors into school, prospective parents that I have shown around and local authority visitors have all commented on how friendly our school is, how polite and kind our children are and how welcoming the children and adults are in all areas of the school.

As you may know, our Y5/6 Theatre Club have recently returned from a two-night residential visit to Edinburgh. On this visit we were complimented many times on the behaviour, manners and engagement of the children – by members of the public, the youth hostel staff and shop owners. In addition to this, staff from the RSC have commented on the enthusiasm, friendliness and behaviour of our Y3/4 children who have been working on *The Tempest* – knowing far more about the story and the characters than they would have expected (thank you Miss Roberts for your work across KS2 on *The Tempest*).

So, I wanted to take this opportunity, as we come to the mid-way point of the academic year, to thank you for your wonderful children and to share with you the pride we all feel every day working in such a brilliant school – with brilliant children and staff.

Have a great half term break everyone.

Mrs Shepherdson

YWTT TRAINEE TEACHERS

As many of you in Y5/6 will know, Miss Goodhall has now finished her placement with us and is moving onto her second trainee placement in a different East Riding primary school.

Miss Goodhall worked in Mrs Wilson's class but worked with many children across Y5 and Y6 over her time with us since September. Miss Goodhall also accompanied Theatre Club to Edinburgh and was a huge help and support to the children on the visit. Thank you Miss Goodhall, you will be missed but we wish you all the best in your next placement.

From Monday 10th February, Mr Davies will be starting his trainee placement with us, working with Miss Fraser in Y2. He has already completed a placement at another school working in KS2 and will be working with us for the remainder of this academic year.

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are delighted that the RSC are going to be performing First Encounters: The Tempest at our school in March. They are performing at Hull Truck earlier in the week and will be in our school on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th March.



During their time with us, our KS2 children will be able to see the performance as well as seeing how a professional theatre company put on a show.

We are selling tickets for the evening performance on Thursday 13th March (6pm start) for £6.50 each – these will be available very soon. If you wish to reserve a ticket, please visit the School Shop on the Arbor app to select the number of tickets required and make the payment.

KS2: The Tempest

In addition to the RSC performance of The Tempest, we are also putting on our own production of The Tempest, featuring all the children in KS2 (Y3-Y6). This will take place at the end of June and further information will come out to you all in due course.



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ONLINE GAMING

We recently sent a letter out to parents of children in Y5/6 regarding online gaming. Although this generally affects our older pupils, we are aware that some of our younger pupils are engaged in online gaming. I have added some of the information from the letter below if this is something that you are concerned about. If you have specific concerns about this, or any aspect of your child's safety online, please do get in touch with us and we will do all that we can to support.

There are a number of steps it would be wise for you to take if you are concerned about any gaming contacts your child may have: -

- 1). Ensure you have parental controls in place on all your child's devices, including those that are used for gaming.
- 2). Have a discussion with your child and take an interest in your child's gaming to ensure open communication between you and your child so they feel able to tell you about things they are not happy with.
- 3). Make sure that your child is playing age-appropriate games. This link can help you: [-Video game age restriction advice for parents and carers](#)

We are aware that online gaming is just one aspect of online safety that causes concern. #WakeUpWednesday has a weekly focus looking at different sites/games that children and young people may access. These guides provide information for parents/carers about the content children may see when accessing these sites, some of the risks associated with the sites and guidance on how parents/carers can support their child and make choices about what can be accessed.

WakeUpWednesday can be followed on Facebook and Twitter.

YEAR 5/6 CLOUGHTON VISIT

The payments for the remainder of the Cloughton visit have now been opened up on Arbor.

Please head to the Trips section of the Arbor app where you will be able to view and make payments, showing a reducing balance.

We ask that all payments be made in full by Friday 9th May 2025.

If you have any queries, please contact the School Office on 01482 667352.

ADDITIONAL PE TOPS

We have received several requests from parents to be able to purchase additional school purple PE tops.

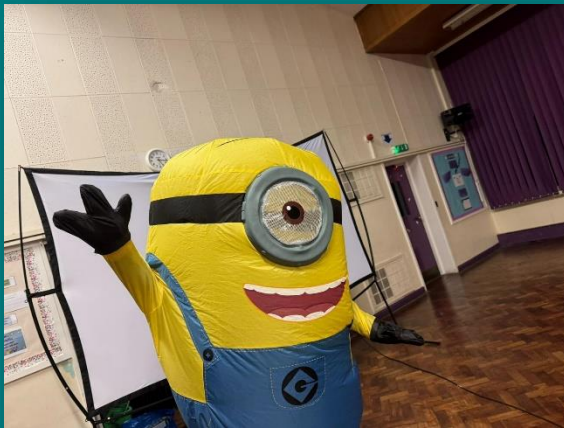
There is now a range of sizes available for you to purchase via the School Shop on the Arbor app with the suppliers recommended age.

Please ensure that you order the correct size for your child as we are unable to offer any refunds.

FOBS FILM NIGHT

What a fantastic time everyone had at the recent FOBS Movie night. The children enjoyed some popcorn on arrival before settling down with their cushions and blankets to watch the recently released Despicable Me 4!

There was a pause halfway through to make way for hot dogs, sweets and choccies! We hope all of the children enjoyed it as much as we did. We would like to say a very big thank you to our friendly minion for coming along to see the children and greet them as they made their way into the hall.



SOUTH HUNSLEY PARTNERSHIP

SPRING SHOWCASE

On the evening of Thursday 27th March, our Theatre Club members will be joining with other local schools to perform at South Hunsley school. This is the second year of running this event and it was very well received last year.

Pupils from all the local primary schools get together to perform songs to parents/carers around a theme – this year we are learning Disney songs. Further details will come out to you after half term.





We are on Facebook!!

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FOBS EVENTS

Thank you to the children for participating in the Wear Red/Pink Day as well as the book sharing event for International Book Giving Day. It was lovely to see the children all talking about the books they were choosing. Thank you for the many book donations.

FOBS have several exciting events coming up in the second Spring term including events focused around Easter with an egg decorating competition and an Easter disco as well as another film night to celebrate World Book Day. More details will be released after the half term.

If you are interested in becoming a team member of FOBS or have any ideas for fundraising events, please do get in touch via email at friendsofbroughschool@gmail.com or come and see a member of staff at the school office.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

Thank you to all the children that took part in 'Dressing for Digits' for the 20th anniversary of the NSPCC Number Day.

Children came to school wearing a wide variety of clothing all featuring numbers. We have raised £197.00 for the NSPCC who do some amazing work supporting children around the country.

LOST PROPERTY

We understand how frustrating it can be when items of school clothing go missing.

We have therefore created a new lost property area just inside the 'disco doors' in the corner of the main car park.

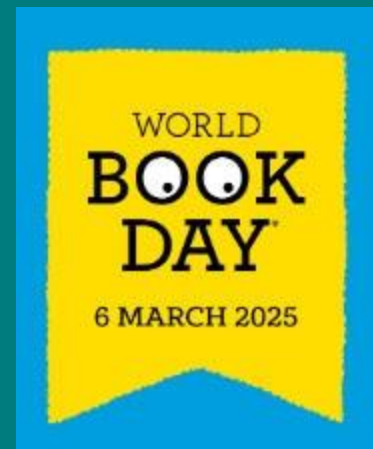
There are clearly labelled plastic boxes with trousers, jumpers and cardigans etc.

Any items that are found around the school will be placed in these boxes for parents to look through.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 6th March and will be giving the children the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character.

As we appreciate that not all children like to dress up, FOBS have very kindly offered to buy children who don't want to dress up a plain white t-shirt that they can decorate to show their favourite book or story character. T-shirts are coming home with children this evening for those who placed an order.



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EDINBURGH THEATRE CLUB VISIT

Here are just a few photographs from our fabulous trip to Edinburgh - it certainly was a trip with a very full itinerary! Amongst the places we visited were Houssteads Roman Fort, Edinburgh City Centre Tour including Calton Hill, The Dynamic Earth Experience and The National Museum of Scotland. Obviously the main purpose for the trip was seeing The Mary Poppins Musical which really was very special, especially when Mary came out flying above the audience, much to many of the children's amazement. It was a special trip that I hope we will all remember for a very long time!



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**.

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.

FEBRUARY

Friday 14 th :	FOBS Wear Something Red/Pink Day
Friday 14 th :	Special Valentines Day Lunch Menu
Friday 14 th :	Break up for half term
Monday 24 th :	Back to school
Wednesday 26 th :	Y6 South Hunsley Transition Group 1
Friday 28 th :	Y5 Bikeability Group 1 Day 1

MARCH

Monday 3 rd :	Y5 Bikeability Group 1 Day 2
Tuesday 4 th :	Y5 Bikeability Group 2 Day 1
Wednesday 5 th :	Y5 Bikeability Group 2 Day 2 Y6 South Hunsley Transition Group 2
Thursday 6 th :	World Book Day FOBS Film Night
Wednesday 12 th :	Y6 South Hunsley Transition Group 3
Thursday 13 th :	RSC The Tempest Performance Y5 Fire Safety Talk
w/c 17 th :	Parents' Evenings
Friday 21 st :	Comic Relief World Poetry Day
Thursday 27 th :	SHS Partnership Spring Music Festival
Friday 21 st :	Comic Relief World Poetry Day

APRIL

Thursday 3 rd :	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd :	Back to School
Tuesday 29 th :	Y6 South Hunsley Talk

MAY

Monday 5 th :	Bank Holiday
w/c 12 th :	Y6 SATS week
Tuesday 20 th :	Class & Y6 Friendship Group Photos
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