



BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to our March newsletter.

It is certainly starting to feel like Spring is on its way and we are hopeful that we will be able to use the school field at playtimes and lunchtimes in the coming weeks (weather permitting).

World Book Day was a wonderful event last week which showcased one of the best things about our school, the kind and caring natures of the children. Looking out of the window at playtime onto the KS1 playground, there was a sea of Disney princesses, Harry Potters, footballers and Stick Men playing together and enjoying each other's company. The children across the school were all so complimentary to their peers about their costumes and favourite books and it was lovely to hear so many conversations taking place about the stories they love and why they love them so much.

The Spring term always marks a turning point for many children in school, but particularly for our Y6 pupils. Transition visits to South Hunsley have already started and many of the children are starting to think about the changes that lie ahead of them in the coming months, especially now that they will have received confirmation of their secondary school places from the local authority.

Whilst it is an exciting, and sometimes worrying time for the Y6 pupils, we continue to support them until their very last day of primary school, ensuring that we do all we can to make the changes as 'easy' as possible for them.

We are lucky in our school to have two members of staff offering ELSA support, not just to Y6 but to any child who needs it. If you have worries about your child's wellbeing, please do get in touch with us – we will always do everything we can to help and offer advice/support.

Mrs Shepherdson

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PARENTS' EVENINGS

I do hope that you have all found the new booking system for parents' evening appointments (using Arbor) straightforward and have been able to get appointments booked.

If you haven't yet done this, a reminder that parents' evening meetings are on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March from 4pm to 7pm.



ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

We are all very much looking forward to our visit from the RSC this week and seeing their First Encounters production of The Tempest. There are still tickets available for the Thursday evening performance (6pm) if you haven't yet booked yours. These are available via your Arbor app or via the FOBS PTA website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbroughschool/index.cfm?event=shop>

All children in Y2-Y6 will be seeing the play in school on Thursday afternoon – we can't wait!

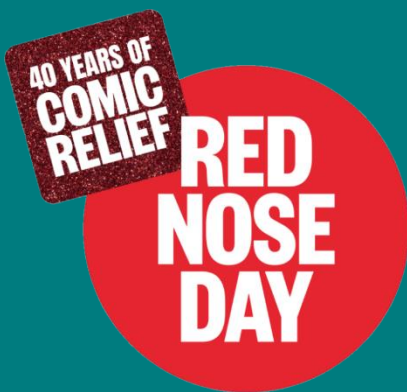


COMIC RELIEF

This year marks 40 years of Comic Relief, which takes place on Friday 21st March 2025.

The children can come to school wearing red, as well as their Comic Relief red nose (if they have one), for a £1 donation. This money will go directly to Comic Relief to support the work they do.

We will also be holding a bake sale, to celebrate Comic Relief's birthday, which will take place after school on Friday 21st March. If you are able to contribute baked goods to this, it would be very much appreciated.





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YOUNGMINDS – Young Designer Competition

Following on from Children's Mental Health Week, YOUNGMINDS (a charity who focus on young people's mental health) have teamed up with M&S to run a competition. Children and young people are invited to design a new hoodie or sweatshirt, with the winners having their design sold in M&S stores in preparation to World Mental Health Day later this year.

'What would you say to a friend who needs you, how would you brighten their day? Whether it's words, drawings, or doodles, we're looking for something that stands out and reminds everyone that one chat can change everything'

Don't forget – the sweatshirt will be yellow, not white!

The link below takes you to the design template or alternatively, there are paper copies in the school office if you would prefer.

Once completed, a photograph of the design can be uploaded (by a parent/carer) to the website (QR code on the template or follow the link below) for entry into the competition – entries must be submitted by 31st March 2025.

<https://mnsyoungdesignercompetition.powerappsportals.com/>



DINNER MONEY REMINDERS

You are now able to top up your child's dinner money account via the new Arbor app. You can also see the meal choices that your child has made as well as see the balance on their account.

Please could we ask that all dinners are paid for in advance of taking them.



CLOUGHTON PAYMENTS

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.

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TOWN COUNCIL SURVEY

We have been asked by the Town Council to share their Town Leisure Facilities survey with our school community. The link to the survey can be found below, it would be really helpful if you could please take the time to complete the survey.

<https://forms.gle/UxEkYBVJok5kuwqk9>



“It is imperative that we as the Town Council receive a strong number of completed surveys, across a range of demographics to ensure we can work to improve the local leisure facilities for the children and families in this area. It also supports any applications we submit towards grant funding for larger projects”.

MOBILE PHONES

Many of our older pupils bring their mobile phone to school to be left, turned off, in the school office for the duration of the school day. The agreement between home and school is that phones must be switched off at all times whilst on the school site.

We have noticed that some children are turning their phones on after collecting them from the office and using them whilst still on the site. We ask parents to remind children to leave their phone switched off until they are off the school site.

PARKING

Please can all parents/carers be considerate when dropping off and collecting at the start and end of the school day. We continue to have concerns raised about how some parents/carers are parking and the risks posed to children crossing the roads.

Whilst all roads around the school are affected by inconsiderate parking, the greatest concerns are parking on Springfield Avenue and on Elloughton Road.

In the interests of the safety of the children, and in ensuring legal parking requirements are adhered to, we do ask for your support with this at all times.





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FOBS EASTER EVENTS

FOBS have some exciting Easter events coming up. During w/c 31st March, there will be an egg decorating competition. Children can decorate an egg or design an easter egg from a template, which will be sent home with your child. Entry is £1 and the winners and prizes will be announced in the celebration assembly on the last day of the Spring term.

They are also hosting a family Easter disco at Blackburn Leisure on Thursday 17th April from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Tickets will be going on sale next week!

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.

PUPIL 'SNACKS' AND ALLERGIES

As you will be aware, many children bring snacks into school to have at break time. Whilst this is not required, we are happy to allow this as we appreciate it can be a long morning for the children without a snack. We do ask that you ensure the snacks brought in are a 'healthy' snack.

We also ask that no nuts or nut-based products are brought into school. This is due to the risk of allergic reactions to these products.

DOVE HOUSE HOSPICE

A group of Year 6 girls wanted to raise money for Dove House Hospice.

Over several lunchtimes and break times, the girls operated a tombola and created some mini games that the rest of the school could take part in.

They raised £63.98 which has been sent to Dove House Hospice. Well done girls!

EASTER HOLIDAYS

A reminder that the school closes for pupils on Thursday 3rd April and re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April.



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WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day last week, with some amazing costumes and decorated t-shirts. Thank you to FOBS for buying the t-shirts. Thank you for your support with this event – it is always a lovely day in school and we had great fun discussing our favourite books and stories.



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.

MARCH

Wednesday 12 th :	Y6 South Hunsley Transition Group 3
Thursday 13 th :	RSC The Tempest Performance 6pm Y5 Fire Safety Talk
Monday 17 th :	Y5/6 Girls Football
Tuesday 18 th :	Year 1 Church Visit (pm) Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 th :	Year 2 Church Visit (pm)
Thursday 20 th :	Parent's Evening
Friday 21 st :	Comic Relief World Poetry Day
Thursday 27 th :	SHS Partnership Spring Music Festival
Friday 21 st :	Comic Relief World Poetry Day
Tuesday 25 th :	Year 1 Handwashing – School Nurses Violin Concert – 2.30pm
Wednesday 26 th :	EYFS Mothers' Day Afternoon
Thursday 27 th :	SHS Spring Music Festival

APRIL

Tuesday 1 st :	Gymnastics Club Visit to Aspire
Thursday 3 rd :	EYFS Easter Bonnet Catwalk – 2.30pm
Thursday 3 rd :	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd :	Back to School
Tuesday 29 th :	Y6 South Hunsley Talk
Tuesday 29 th :	Y3/4 and Y5/6 Quad Kids @ SHS

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
23 rd – 30 th :	Y4 Swimming
23 rd – 25 th :	The Tempest to Parents

JULY

1 st – 4 th :	Y4 Swimming
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
w/c 14 th :	Sports Days