



BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to the February edition of our school newsletter.

Firstly, may I say a Happy New Year to those of you I have not yet seen. I do hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and have had a positive start to 2026.

This half term has flown by and it seems unbelievable that we are approaching the 'halfway' point of the school year. The children have been working exceptionally hard and we are so proud of everything they are continuing to achieve. An enormous thank you for your support with homework. This is something that we have been working on in school and I am so pleased to see such improvement in the number of children handing their homework in on time each week.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new members of staff to our team. Miss Fletcher has officially joined us as the teacher in The Bridge. Many of you will have seen Miss Fletcher around school last term, as she was on a work placement with us, and we are delighted that she has been able to join us full time.

Mrs Collis has also started at the school in the last few weeks, joining our EYFS team as a teaching assistant. Mrs Collis has much experience of supporting children in the classroom and we are delighted that she has joined our staff team.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Pearson back after her extended maternity leave. Many of you will know Mrs Pearson (previously Miss Mason) as she has taught across the school, in many year groups, over her many years with us. Mrs Pearson recently had her second child and we are delighted that she is back at work with us, joining our EYFS team as an additional teacher.

As ever, if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions then please don't hesitate to get in touch, either via the school office or to me directly if it is after the office has closed.

Thank you

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MUSICAL THEATRE TRIP TO LONDON

Our Musical Theatre Group headed to London in January for an exciting and busy 3 days with a jam-packed itinerary! They headed to the theatre to watch Matilda the Musical, visited Shrek's Adventure and spent the day sightseeing in London, including a visit to the Lookout on the 50th floor to see the sights from up above. The visit finished with a spectacular trip to the Harry Potter Studio Tour. The trip was simply fantastic, and the children were a delight to spend time with.





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PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you will know, all children are entitled to a free school meal until the end of Y2. What you may not all know, is that for those children who are entitled to a free school meal, money is allocated to the school to support their educational provision. Therefore, we do urge any parents with children in EYFS and KS1, who feel that they meet the eligibility criteria for free school meals, to make an application as this can result in an additional £1515 per child which is paid to the school. This money is used to support educational provision.

Please see the information below regarding entitlement to free school meals.

Your child(ren) will be entitled to free school meals if you as the parent are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- *Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)*
- *Income Support*
- *Universal Credit - Your annual income assessed by the Department for Work and Pension must be less than £7,400. Any pupil eligible for free school meals before 1 April 2018 when the earned income threshold is introduced will retain their eligibility until the end of universal credit roll-out which is August 2026*
- *Child Tax Credit (but NOT receiving Working Tax Credit) – provided your annual income, assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190 (please note: this amount is subject to change in April every year)*
- *Employment Support Allowance (income-related)*
- *Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit*
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.*

Entitlement to free school meals is kept as confidential as possible. Many schools now have systems in place such as swipe cards or fingerprint identification systems, which do not identify to other pupils the fact that a child is receiving a free school meal.

The free school meal will remain in place for as long as your child continues to attend an East Riding of Yorkshire school and you continue to be entitled to one of the above qualifying benefits.

If you think you are entitled to free school meals for your child/children then please follow the link below to apply. Although children in EYFS and KS1 receive a free meal automatically, those in older years do not so it is vital that an application is made to ensure you continue to receive free meals.

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>

THE USE OF AI AND ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN (AND PARENTS)

We are keen to involve children and parents in understanding the use of AI, as well as how to stay safe online. We will be running some information sessions for the children and for parents about both of these and will be in touch in due course with dates and further details.



COLDER WEATHER

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, we ask that children all bring a coat to school now that the weather is colder and that all coats are named. In addition to coats, please send your child in wellies/boots, with a change of shoes for indoors, if it is particularly wet. We don't want any children to have cold and wet feet in school.

NUTS AND ALLERGIES

We have been a nut-free school for many years now as we have had, and continue to have, children in the school with severe nut allergies. I ask that all parents are vigilant around any packed lunch items containing nuts and ensure that these are not sent into school. Some children can have an airborne allergic reaction, so it is essential that there are no nuts, or nut products, in our school.

Year 3/4 SLEEPOVER AT THE DEEP

We are hoping to take our Y3/4 pupils to The Deep for a 'sleepover' on **Wednesday 10th June 2026**. This is an incredibly exciting visit and we are so pleased that we are able to offer it to the children.

The cost of the visit is **£44.40** this may be subject to change if we do not have sufficient pupils wishing to attend. If you would like your child to attend, please log into your Arbor app to pay the deposit of £10.00 by Friday, 27th February 2026, to secure your child's place.





We are on Facebook!!

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COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF

It has been brought to my attention that some staff receive emails very late at night, or over a weekend. As with any other job, teachers are entitled to a break and we have a policy of non-communication between school staff from 6pm to 7:30am each weekday and over a weekend, except in urgent cases.

I ask that parents/carers respect the above hours so that teaching staff can have a well-deserved break over evenings/weekends.

I understand that sometimes it is easier for a quick email to be sent at a convenient time but if this is outside of 6pm-7:30am I ask that you 'schedule send' or send it within working hours. If it has been previously agreed with a member of staff for emails to be sent then that is different but, in most cases, we do ask that parents/carers respect the above.

In the event of an emergency, or if something really cannot wait until the next day, then please send emails to me directly and I will make sure the relevant staff receive these.

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We care very much about our jobs and work very hard to provide the best possible education and care for your children, but teachers also have families and lives outside of work and part of my job is to support them in ensuring they have quality time away from work.

FOBS EVENTS

Friday 13th February – Wear Red or Pink in celebration of Valentines Day – we are asking donations of £1

Friday 6th March – Quiz Night. Tickets on sale now via the PTA website
www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbroughschool

Tickets include a fish and chip supper! £15 per adult. Teams of up to 8. Bring own drinks and snacks.

Thursday 26th March – Easter Disco! More details to be released soon!



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PARKING ON ELLOUGHTON ROAD

We have been made aware that, despite the signs displayed, and our previous messages, some parents are still parking dangerously on Elloughton Road. Thank you to those parents who have been in contact with us about this issue and have provided photographic evidence of cars parked illegally. We have contacted our local PCSO to seek further support with this matter to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children.

I include the information that we previously sent out below for your reference.

Parking on Elloughton Road

Please note that we continue to receive concerns about parking on Springfield Avenue and ask that all parents/carers are mindful of parking safely so as not to endanger any pupils or adults and to be respectful of local residents.

It has been brought to our attention that some parents/carers are stopping on the yellow 'keep clear' lines near the school entrance on Elloughton Road.

As I am sure you will realise, this is putting children, and any accompanying adults, at risk and we ask that anyone dropping their child off in this area does not stop on these markings.

It seems that there is a misconception that it is ok to stop on these markings if it is just to drop off, but not park. This isn't the case between the times indicated on the sign. The sign clearly states 'No stopping Mon-Fri 8.15-9.15am 3-4pm on entrance markings.'

We have been provided with clarity from East Riding of Yorkshire who have provided the following information.

The Keep Clear Marking to diagram 1027.1 as prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulation and General Directions 2016 is for use outside schools. The marking means no stopping and is advisory unless an upright sign is present, then it is mandatory and enforceable by civil enforcement officers and the police. Time periods will be shown on the upright supporting signs, generally there will be a morning time and an afternoon time for example 8.30-9.30am & 3-4pm during these times stopping by any motorists is an offence and can only stop in an emergency. Outside of the times vehicles are permitted and able to stop/park on the restrictions.

As this information clearly states, because there is also an upright sign present then it is an offence for motorists to stop on the entrance markings between the times shown.

Please can all adults who are dropping off or collecting from this entrance ensure that they are following the information on the sign and are not stopping on the lines between the times stated.

We appreciate your support in this matter.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Thursday 12th February marks Safer Internet Day.

This is something that is enormously important and something we always look at in school each year. There will be workshops happening for our older pupils, supporting them in knowing how to stay safe online, and each class will be learning about how to keep themselves safe online.

Thank you for your continued support with this incredibly important area of learning how to stay safe.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is held every year to celebrate books and a love of reading. This year, World Book Day is being held on Thursday 5th March in schools across the country.

On this day, the children can come dressed as their favourite book character, or decorate a t-shirt to represent their favourite book/story or character. We appreciate that not all children like getting dressed up, so as much or as little as they wish is absolutely fine with us.

We are also enjoying a special menu on Thursday 5th March – as per the poster.

On this day, our Y6 children have been invited to watch South Hunsley's performance of 'The Addams Family' so will be out of school on the afternoon of World Book Day.



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YOUNG VOICES 2026

As a school, we have attended the Young Voices concert for many years, and it is always a firm favourite with staff and children! January saw us heading off to the Sheffield Arena for this year's concert with songs from Wicked, a Pop Medley and Disco Fever! This trip is open to children in years 4 to 6 and everyone who attended had a fabulous time!



FEBRUARY

- Fri 13th: FOBS Wear Red/Pink for £1
Valentines Day Special Menu
Break up for half term
- Mon 23rd: Back to school

MARCH

- Thur 5th: Year 6 Middleton Hall – Addams Family
- Fri 6th: World Book Day
FOBS Quiz Night @ 6pm
- Tues 10th: Parents' Evening
- Mon 16th: Parents' Evening
- Thur 26th: FOBS Easter Disco
Break up for Easter

APRIL

- Mon 13th: Back to school
- Thur 30th: Y6 SHS Musical Showcase

MAY

- W/c 11th: Y6 SATs Week
- Tues 19th: Class Photographs & Y6 Leavers
- Fri 22nd: Break up for Half Term

JUNE

- Mon 1st: Back to school
- Weds 10th: Y3/4 Sleepover at the Deep
- 26th – 28th: Y5/6 High Adventure Visit

JULY

- Weds 1st: Theatre Group Matilda Night 1
- Thurs 2nd: Theatre Group Matilda Night 2
- Fri 17th: Break up for Summer