



# BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to the November edition of our school newsletter. I do hope that you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed Halloween and Bonfire Night.

As ever, this is going to be an incredibly busy half term – but with so many wonderful events. As we fast approach Christmas, we get ready to welcome many of you into school for Christmas plays, the Christmas Fayre, FOBS Wreath Making and many more festive events. In addition to these, we have our Autumn term parents' evening meetings taking place over two weeks. You should have had information about booking a meeting with your child/children's teacher(s) but please do get in touch if you still need to book an appointment – we hope to see most of you there.

As we approach the festive period, we are reminded of those that we love, and those who are no longer with us. With this in mind, I have some sad, yet incredible, news to share with you all.

Nearly two years ago, I was contacted by a firm of solicitors to say that the school had been left some money in someone's will. There were very few details, and the benefactor was someone unknown to me or other school staff. After speaking with the solicitors further, it seems that a local couple who lived in Elloughton, could not have children of their own but always wished to and, in their will, left money to two local schools, and to three different charities. Whilst we were very touched by this gesture, we were not prepared for the amount of money left to us which is over £140,000. This is a staggering amount of money, which we are incredibly grateful for and will put to good use, developing play and outdoor provision for the children. This is something that will benefit all children for many years to come.

I wish that there was some way that we could say thank you to our very kind and generous benefactors but hopefully knowing that their money was being left to support the next generation brought them comfort. It certainly serves to remind us that there are great acts of kindness every day – many that go unnoticed – that impact so significantly on the lives of others. So, on behalf of the children, staff and governors, I thank this incredibly kind couple and promise that we will put the money to great use.

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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## STAFFING UPDATE - MISS BAIRD

Sadly, for us, Miss Baird left our school this week to take up a new position in her own local school. Miss Baird has worked across our whole school and is well known by all the children. We are very sad to see Miss Baird go but wish her all the very best at her new school. Thank you for everything, Miss Baird.

## PEDESTRIAN AND SCOOTER TRAINING & YEAR 6 MOVING ON

The East Riding Road Safety Team is coming into school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November to deliver the following training:

- EYFS Mini Pedestrian Training
- Year 2 Scooter Training
- Year 4 Pedestrian Training
- Year 6 Moving Up Talks

We will send further information nearer the time.



## 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.

## COLDER WEATHER

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we ask that children all bring a coat to school now that the weather is turning cold 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.





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## YEAR 4 VISIT TO STRATFORD-UPON AVON

We took many of our Y4 pupils to Stratford before half term to see a Shakespeare play at the Royal Shakespeare Company. As well as visiting Stratford, we also visited Warwick Castle and took part in a workshop, learning how to be a medieval knight! We had a wonderful time and the children were an absolute credit to the school, to parents and to themselves. Thank you Y4, what a brilliant way to end the half term.

In addition to our visit, we are continuing to work with the RSC this year, as a Lead Associate School, supporting other local schools. We will be studying Macbeth later in the year and hope to put on a performance to you all in July.



## PARENT FORUM – DELAY SMARTPHONES

Thank you to those parents who got in touch following the last newsletter to express an interest in joining the above forum.

There is still time if you didn't email me but would like to be involved – please do get in touch

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## Kids and smartphones – what's the big deal?



### Opportunity cost

More scrolling mean less time for play, movement, reading and real-life connection – the building blocks of a healthy childhood.



### Harmful content

Extreme, explicit content is just a click away – often served by algorithms, even when kids aren't looking for it.



### Mental health

Since smartphones became widespread, teen anxiety, depression and self-harm have surged. Early use is linked to poorer mental health.



### Addiction

Apps are designed to hook kids in. The longer they scroll, the more money tech companies make – at any cost.



### Attention

Smartphones hijack focus. Constant pings and notifications make it harder for kids to concentrate, learn, and enjoy deep focus.



### Family life

Phones can quietly dominate home life – fuelling arguments, draining attention, and crowding out real connection between parents and kids.



### Cyberbullying

Fallouts don't end at school anymore. They follow kids home, with no off switch and nowhere to escape the pressure.



### Sleep

Blue light and late-night scrolling disrupt rest and recovery – leaving kids wired, overtired, and struggling to function the next day.



### Grooming

Predators target kids on popular apps like TikTok and Snapchat – especially when they first get unsupervised smartphone access.



Join the growing movement of parents choosing to delay smartphones and social media.

[SMARTPHONEFREECHILDHOOD.ORG](http://SMARTPHONEFREECHILDHOOD.ORG)

## JOB VACANCY

We are seeking an enthusiastic, caring and motivated Teaching Assistant to join our supportive team. Due to an increase in the number of children with EHCPs and growing needs across the school, we are expanding our staff team and recruiting for a new position. The role may be based within our Enhanced Provision or in the mainstream classrooms across any key stage. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining our team, please apply via the East Riding Jobs website - the job reference is ERYC006942. [www.eastridingcouncil.jobs](http://www.eastridingcouncil.jobs)



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## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Last week, we set up our Christmas Choir, inviting children from across the school to join together to learn Christmas songs. We have so many children who are keen to be involved, which is wonderful. We have already been invited to go back to Fairway View to perform later in the term and I am sure there will be other performances as well.

This year we will be joining two other local primary schools and singing at the Elloughton-cum-Brough 'Christmas Lights Switch On' on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We have a 20 minute 'slot' at 4:40pm if anyone wishes to come along to watch us perform.

Further details will be going home with children soon regarding their participation in this.

Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council Presents  
**Christmas Lights Switch On**  
**Sunday 30th November**  
4:00 pm - 8.00pm  
The Half Moon Pub, Elloughton

LIVE MUSIC - ELF WORKSHOP  
TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS MARKET  
FOOD & DRINK - SANTA'S GROTTO  
SNOW GLOBE

**FREE ENTRY**

Lights on at 7pm

## DOVE HOUSE 'TINSEL TREE TROT'

We will, once again, be supporting Dove House Hospice this year by taking part in their Tinsel Tree Trot. This will be taking place during the school day on the 4<sup>th</sup> December and the children will join together to go for a 'trot' dressed in festive gear to raise money for Dove House. This is a sponsored event so sponsorship forms will be coming home after staff from Dove House have been in to speak to the children later this month.

We appreciate that there are lots of demands on people's money, but anything that can be given to such a wonderful cause is enormously appreciated.



## 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.*



## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES (TERM TIME HOLIDAYS)

As you know, holidays in term time are unauthorised and may result in fines from the local authority. This is on a '10 in 10' rolling basis with 10 unauthorised absences in 10 rolling weeks prompting a referral to the local authority. Please note that the rolling basis goes across academic years so unauthorised absences in the last weeks of the Summer term and first weeks of the Autumn term can result in the '10 in '10' criteria being met and referrals being made.

As a school, we apply the local authority policy across the board and follow the guidance given to us by the educational welfare team. This includes where pupils are reported as absent due to illness but we are made aware that actually they are on holiday. In this situation, our guidance is to make the referral as we usually would with unauthorised absences and that it is for parents/carers to 'prove' that the child was indeed unwell.

Attendance at school is crucial and whilst we all agree that holidays can be hugely beneficial to families and children, these should not be taken in term time.

Please see the link below to the ERYC website with further details.

[https://downloads.eastriding.org.uk/corporate/pages/holidays-during-term-time-and-authorised-absence-from-school/Penalty%20Notices%20and%20Absence%20from%20School%20for%20Exceptional%20Circumstances%20\(ASEC\)%20FAQs%202025.pdf](https://downloads.eastriding.org.uk/corporate/pages/holidays-during-term-time-and-authorised-absence-from-school/Penalty%20Notices%20and%20Absence%20from%20School%20for%20Exceptional%20Circumstances%20(ASEC)%20FAQs%202025.pdf)

## FOBS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The FOBS Christmas Fayre returns for another year on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30am to 2.30pm. We hope to see many of you there!

- Craft Stalls
- Food Stalls
- Class Gift Stalls
- Santa's Grotto
- Bouncy Castle
- Chocolate Tombola
- Christmas Choir
- Christmas Raffle

Christmas raffle books will be coming home with children this week. Please check bags and pre-purchase your tickets to be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes!



## NOVEMBER

- w/c 10<sup>th</sup>: November Anti-Bullying Week
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup>: Children in Need
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup>: Book Fair Arrives
- Y6 Indoor Athletics @ SHS
- Thur 19<sup>th</sup>: 4.30-7pm Parents Evening
- Thur 19<sup>th</sup>: Flu Vaccinations Mop Up
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup>: Y2 Church Visit
- Weds 26<sup>th</sup>: FOBS Christmas Wreath Making
- Thur 27<sup>th</sup>: EYFS Mini Pedestrian, Y2 Scooter, Y4 Pedestrian and Y6 Moving Up Talks
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup>: FOBS Crazy Hair Day – chocolate donations
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Choir @ Lights Switch On

## DECEMBER

- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup>: 2pm - Y5/6 Christmas production
- Thur 4<sup>th</sup>: Dove House Tinsel Trot
- 6pm - Y5/6 Christmas production
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup>: FOBS Christmas Fayre
- Weds 10<sup>th</sup>: 2pm - EYFS Christmas production
- Thur 11<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Dinner Day
- 2pm – Y1 Christmas production
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup>: Break up for Christmas

Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: Break up for half term

## JANUARY

- Tues 6<sup>th</sup>: Back to school
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: Theatre Club Visit to London
- Thur 22<sup>nd</sup>: Y6 Puberty Talks

## FEBRUARY

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>: EYFS & Y6 Weights and Measures
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: Break up for half term
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>: Back to school

## MARCH

- Thur 26<sup>th</sup>: Break up for Easter

## APRIL

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: Back to school

## MAY

- W/c 11<sup>th</sup>: Y6 SATs Week
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>: Break up for Half Term

## JUNE

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>: Back to school
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>: Y5/6 High Adventure Visit

## JULY

- Fri 17<sup>th</sup>: Break up for Summer