



END OF AUTUMN TERM

2nd Half-Term December 2016

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Our sincere thanks to all of you who have supported us this term. We have had a busy term as is always the case with lots of learning focused activities. Year 4 have had the pleasure of an Egyptian Workshop and have also been working on a Local



Authority funded project on raising aspirations – thinking about job prospects for the future. Year 6 have been preparing for life beyond here with a visit from an enterprising organisation, who worked with them on budgeting. Thank you to Ms Chowdhury for this link. We have had focused weeks/days on Anti-bullying, Road Safety and Fire-safety and supported nationally with

charity events – Children in Need raised a mouth watering £421.48! Wow! Massive thanks for all your support with this.



Thank you to those of you who were able to engage with us during Parents Meetings. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the questionnaires. Staff here work extremely hard and it is nice when this is acknowledged. I hope teachers were able to share with you the expectations of the new curriculum. This is now so challenging at all levels and in order for us to ensure that your children excel, we need your support, please? If there are any workshops you feel you would benefit from please let us know and we will do our best to organise this.



Each year group is restricted to one trip during an academic year and teachers are now looking into planning these in line with their future topics.

Congratulations to Mrs Simpson who has a lovely baby boy. She near enough had him at school as she finished on a Friday and delivered on the Sunday! Talk about working until the end! I guess this is another example of the commitment of our staff to this school. We are truly fortunate.

Another baby on the way! We congratulate Miss Stephenson on her good news! She is due sometime next year and we already have plans with regards to cover for her teaching position whilst she's on maternity leave.

Christmas Fair - Due to us moving into the new building we were unable to organise a Summer Fair and felt that we would compensate by holding a Christmas Fair. However, this didn't seem to be appreciated by some. Some staff incurred unnecessary verbal abuse for one reason or another. We agree that there was a crowd and that parents/family members had to wait a while for children to be collected. We did our best with the staff that we had available.

It is fair to say that we need to review the organisation of this. This is the first time we have embarked on a large scale event in our new building and didn't anticipate the support we received (due to the very few donations of toys and cakes that had been sent in) – **we are truly grateful for this, thank you.** This support generated an income of £812.42 for the school fund (each of these charities, Save the Children and Macmillan, will both receive £203 each, as decided by the School Council), which the School Council will have some say in how we spend this.



PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL AT THE USUAL TIME ON 4TH JANUARY, 2017.

Registration bell sounds at 8.50am.

CONDUCT ON OUR PREMISES

We are experiencing an increasing number of parents/family members being verbally abusive towards members of staff. One example is during the recent concerts. Please note that it is at our discretion to 1. offer concerts and 2. allow siblings to leave a few minutes earlier after these – this is a favour we do for you so you don't have to make an extra journey. This doesn't seem to be appreciated by some. In light of this, in future, all events inviting parents will be held in the morning. On a positive note, we had many complements on how lovely these concerts have been. **Also, please remember that photos and videoing is NOT PERMITTED!**

Partnership Work

We will be embarking on a joint Art project in the New Year with Hull Collegiate School.

Attendance this Term

Year 4G with 91.8% have the poorest attendance so far this term. Can we promote good attendance, again, please? Thank you very much.



Autumn Term 2nd Half-term attendance figures: 1H 92.9%, 1R 94%, 2F 95.4%, 2G 96.9%, 3K 95.4%, 3M 93.3%, 4G 91.8%, 4I 95.9%, 5C 92.1%, 5T 95.3%, 6FM 95%, 6D 96.8%. **Overall 94.5%**

Foundation Stage 1 (Nursery)

The children in Foundation Stage 1 have enjoyed learning about the season of Autumn. Throughout this term we have explored the changes in weather and finding out about the different types of clothes we wear to keep us warm. Our Autumn themed displays show how the children have used oranges, yellows, reds and browns to create an Autumn Leaves display.

Towards the end of this term the children have enjoyed all of the creative Christmas activities we have been making including Christmas hats, musical shakers, Christmas cards, pictures, paintings and calendars. The staff in F1 are very proud of how hard the children have worked to learn all of the songs for the Christmas Sing Along and we would like to thank all of the parents who supported and came along to join in.

Staff also keep learning!

It is not only children in this school who study. Miss Qualification for Senior Leaders. I don't think I Thomas had achieved The National Professional



Congrats!

Baker recently achieved The National Professional brought to your attention, earlier on this year that Miss Qualification for Headship.

Foundation Stage 2 - Reception

We are very proud of all the children in FS2 for their effort in our Christmas concert. How amazing they are! Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended this event, we were overwhelmed with your support. To carry on the celebrations, the children enjoyed having their breakfast with Santa, which was followed by our parent Christmas craft morning. The children took part in many crafts such as making: reindeer food, Santa's, Christmas trees, reindeer boxes, snowmen and angels. Again, we would like to say a huge thank you to those who supported us at this event, it was a great turn out.

Following the success of these events we would like to invite parents into the classroom every Friday afternoon for reading with your child. This will begin after the Christmas break and will start at 2.15pm and finish at 2.50pm.

Year 4

Y4 held their Christmas Concert this year on the 6th December. Children practised hard for many weeks to produce a play for their parents and to the rest of the school. The play went brilliantly well and the children did themselves proud. They performed all the songs from memory, learned their lines with ease and sang confidently to a large crowd. The play started with the carol 'Silent Night', which the children sang beautifully. Other carols included, 'We Three Kings', 'Away in a Manger', 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks', 'Little Donkey' and 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas'. Thank you for supporting us.

BICYCLES

We have noticed that one bicycle (sometimes two) is being left at the front of the school within our premises. As already stated in the last newsletter, please note that this has to cease with immediate effect. Until we have our bicycle shelter in position and children have passed the Cycling Proficiency test, no bicycles are allowed on our premises. If upon our return, this continues to happen, kindly note that we will remove the bike – the owner will have to collect this from the main office.

Communication

As from January, 2017, we will add another dimension to improve our communication with parents. When we send a letter home, we will also send a text message to inform parents that a letter is on its way home. We are not always able to update our website immediately as we rely on a secondary source to do this on our behalf.

Thank you, Staff!

Miss Thomas and I, would like to thank every single staff member of ours, for their dedication, commitment and hard work this term. We are extremely fortunate to work with a great set of individuals, who walk into school everyday to do a fantastic job. The care you bestow onto our pupils is second to none. We do appreciate you all. Enjoy a restful and well deserved holiday with your families, with best wishes always, Miss Thomas and Mrs Thorpe.

SLEEP OVER!

Exciting news to look forward to for Y5 and Y6! We are organising a stay at The Deep in Hull, '***Sleeping with the Sharks***' in April. Further details will follow early in the New Year.

Diary Dates for Spring Term 2017

| DATE | DAY | ACTIVITY | TIMES |
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| JANUARY | | | |
| 4 th | Wednesday | School re-opens | 8.50am registration |
| 9 th | Monday | Big Talk Education – Parents/Carers Meeting | 2.15pm |
| 12 th | Thursday | Young Voices | tbc |
| 19 th | Thursday | School Council Breakfast Meeting | 8am |
| FEBRUARY | | | |
| 17 th | Friday | School closes for children | 3pm |
| 27 th | Monday | School re-opens for children | 8.50am registration |
| MARCH | | | |
| 2 nd | Thursday | World Book Day | |
| 24 th | Friday | Red Nose Day | |
| APRIL | | | |
| 7 th | Friday | School closes for children | 2pm |
| Children back to School on Tuesday 25th April | | | |
| Year 6 SATs Week is week beginning 8th May 2017 | | | |

Year 2 Christmas coffee morning – Tuesday 13th December 2016

The parents and families of year 2 were invited to join us in the hall to show-case examples of art work from our 'People of the past' topic and celebrate all of the hard work put in by the pupils over the Autumn term. The children held 'market stalls' with their own Christmas craft pieces (including cards, wreaths, calendars and melting snowman biscuits), as well as exhibiting art work in front of the stalls.



Parents were invited to give donations, enjoy tea, coffee and cakes as well as buy raffle tickets. All proceeds will be divided between equipment for the school and a charity of the school council's choice. The children were fully involved in the fundraising with buckets jangling with coins as they mingled with the families.

The majority of our parents/families attended, making the atmosphere of the morning very upbeat and festive which was reflected in the positive feedback we received. The children enjoyed sharing and discussing their work and confidently performed Christmas songs as a finale to the event.

All staff were fully supportive throughout the event, on hand to support with refreshments, raffle tickets and engaging with parents.

DISABLED PARKING



Once again, I am having to remind people to respect the signage in our premises, especially with regards to the disabled parking space which is only to be used if you have a ***blue disabled badge displayed***. If you have to visit the school during the working hours, we have a dedicated visitors' parking area which is clearly sign posted. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note that a further letter is attached to this newsletter regarding behaviour.

General Parking

Please note, except if you hold a disabled badge, the parking area in general is not to be used as a drop-off and pick-up point for your child/children. We have noted that quite a number of parents, especially those with nursery children, use the car park for this purpose. If you are visiting the school between drop-off and pick-up times, then you are more than welcome to use the spaces provided in the visitors parking area, which is clearly sign posted. Thank you for your cooperation.

