



SPRING TERM

1st Spring Half-term 2017

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HEADLINES

- Well done to Mrs Knowles who has achieved the National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders
- Thank you to all Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers for ensuring that the Booster classes on offer have been very well attended
- Reading Sessions in FS2 have been very successful – please do continue to join us and thank you very much for your support.

Another baby on the way and time is fast approaching! We congratulate Miss Stephenson on her good news! She is due sometime in April and we already have plans with regards to cover for her teaching position whilst she's on maternity leave. Miss Field, who is very well known to the school, will be taking over from Miss Stephenson sometime during next half-term. To assist with the smooth transition from one teacher to another, Miss Field has been working with this class since 1st February and is adapting rapidly to the philosophy of FS2 and the ways of our outstanding practitioners in this area.

Miss Wray, our Administrative Officer, leaves us sometime this term to her new post as School Business Manager in another school; we are very proud of her achievement. Miss Wray has been with us for quite a few years and most of you would have had conversations with her at some point. We thank her most sincerely for all her support throughout her time here and wish her all the very best for the future.

Thank you!

Huge thanks from Miss Wright to the parents who help with the gates. It is nice to have this support from you and we are very grateful.

Reading sessions in FS2 have been a great success due to your participation – keep supporting us, we are appreciative!

Other news

Mrs McDermott and Miss Mawson are working on our next stage of the Arts Mark

Miss Gathercole and Ms Chowdhury have worked hard on achieving the renewal of our Basic Skills (Extended Services) Quality Mark.

We have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark this term.

Our Local Authority published some information on school in the local newspaper and rated our local rank as 7th and in England as 2994 out of 14459 schools. We had five (top score) stars for attainment of all pupils and five stars for progress of all pupils. This is very pleasing information.

Please help note that our official start time at school is 8.50am.
Gates open at 8.40am to allow for a steady flow of traffic.

Back to School

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL AT THE USUAL TIME On 27TH FEBRUARY, 2017.

Registration bell sounds at 8.50am.

WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES with Tea and Toast

We will be offering workshops in support of the NEW curriculum. Please do come and find out what children are now expected to know and how they are expected to be taught.

Refreshments will be offered during the sessions.

- KS1 – Friday, 3rd March
- KS2 – Friday, 10th March

Venue: Small Hall

Entrance: via MAIN entrance/reception

Time: 9am until 11am; short break in-between.

Children in Need

We raised a massive £421.48! Amazing job everyone – thank you!

Attendance this Term

This half-term we congratulate 6FM who gained the highest attendance with 97.4%. Year 1R with 90.3% have the poorest attendance so far this term. Can we promote good attendance, again, please? Thank you very much.

Spring Term 1st Half-term attendance figures: 1H 94.8%, 2F 95.2%, 2G 95.2%, 3K 94.3%, 3M 94.1%, 4G 96.4%, 4I 94%, 5C 95.3%, 5T 90.9%, 6FM 95.7%, 6D 96.8%. Overall 94.4%. This is down from last term by 0.1% (94.5%).

Google Virtual Experience – Thank you, Mrs Knowles!

Huge thanks goes to Mrs Knowles for securing this experience for the whole school (except for Nursery who were too young to participate)! How fortunate we are, to have staff going above and beyond, in trying their best to make our provision in school outstanding! A thrilling day was had by all with lots of engaging topics brought to our pupils, through innovative technology of the 21st century, in the form virtual experiences.

Parents/Carers Meetings

Please note the following dates for the second Parents/Carers meetings for this academic year:

- **Tuesday, 28th February for KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2)**
- **Wednesday, 1st March for Foundation Stage 1 and 2**
- **Thursday, 16th March for KS2 (Year, 3,4,5 and 6).**

Please look out for the appointments letters in due course – thank you.

BICYCLES – another reminder

We have noticed that bicycles and scooters are either being brought onto the school grounds or 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.

SLEEPING WITH THE SHARKS!

Exciting news to look forward to for Y5 and Y6! We have a date with ‘the sharks’ and it’s May 24th! The Deep in Hull, will be hosting us all. Pay plan in place – please see the office for more information.

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.

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.

Safer Internet Day – 7th February

Helpful websites: <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s>

Workshops and Trips

Year	Workshop	Term	Trip	Term
F1			Pink Pig	Summer
F2	Sam's Safari	Summer 1	Hall Farm Park	Spring
Year 1	Chicks Hatching in class	Spring 1	Far Ings	tbc
Year 2	Sam's Safari	Spring 1	Baths Hall	Summer
Year 3	Dental/Nurse	Spring	Airport	Summer
Year 4	Egyptians	Autumn	Woodside Park	Spring
Year 5	Greek Vases	Autumn	Imax Leeds - Sound Workshop	Summer
Year 6	Evolution	Summer	The Deep	Summer after SATs
			Bettys Tearoom - York	Summer after SATs

Diary Dates for Spring Term 2017

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	TIMES
FEBRUARY			
17 th	Friday	School closes for children	3pm
27 th	Monday	School re-opens for children	8.50an 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			

HOLIDAY DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 - 2017

Friday – 17 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday – 27 th February	School re-opens
Friday – 7 th April	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday – 25 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Monday – 1 st May	MAY DAY
Friday – 26th May	School closes for half-term
Monday – 5th June	School re-opens
Friday – 21 st July	School ENDS for the year for pupils