



## AUTUMN TERM

### Second Half-term 2017

Issue Number 20

#### HEADLINES

Updates:

⇒ **Year 4**

Ms Chowdhury is now on maternity leave and we have been very fortunate to secure the services of Mr Johnson to cover her class until the end of Summer Term 2018. Mr Johnson has worked with us in the past and as such is known to our school.

⇒ **Ms Chowdhury** has had a baby girl; they are both doing well. She really played a risky game as she only left just over a week before she had the baby. Such is the commitment of our staff – we truly are in a very fortunate position to have the caliber of staff that we do.

⇒ **Students**

This term we have taken in a few students from various educational institutions offering them placements here. Year 1 had Miss Colley who finished with us a couple of weeks ago. She had a great placement and is hoping to return to our school soon.

⇒ **Site Supervisor**

Most of you will now be used to seeing Mr Toner, our Site Supervisor, around school especially at the start of the school day.

⇒ **Midday Supervisors**

We now have 13 midday supervisors – a vital group of people who ensure that our lunchtimes run smoothly and safely. Welcome to all those new to the team.

⇒ **Mr Godson** will soon be joining our Pastoral Team. We give him a very warm welcome.

⇒ **Parents meetings**

As always, we were very well supported by you all during our Parents Meetings. These are vital communication sessions that are very informative to both yourselves and the school. We are extremely grateful for your input into your child/children's education and kindly ask that you continue to support us. Thank you!

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#### Christmas Fayre

£1333.26 was generated from the fayre! All monies will go into the School Fund for the children. This is a record for us – thank you for coming to support and showing your spending power. It was a nice Christmassy atmosphere and a lot more organized than last year. The raffle seems to have been the main draw with that alone bringing in £652.00 before the event. The success of the raffle was very much down to the quality and quantity of donations received; we owe it all to the following firms:

\*The Pods

\*Pink Pig Farm

\*Air Kings

\*Carvers Chip Shop

\*Eaten Court Fish Bar

\*Betts Butchers

\*Messingham Farm Shop

\*Vanity Fair

\*Cheeky Chimps

\*Forget Me Not Holistic and Beauty Therapies

\*The Baths Hall

\*The Body Shop

\*D.E & J Robinson

\*Wilkinson

\*Tesco

\*Beauty Attraction

\*Morrison's

\*Boots

Thank you to all the staff members for their hard work and contribution of time. We also owe the office a huge clap for telephoning and running round for donations.

#### Back to School

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL AT THE USUAL TIME on WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018. Registration bell sounds at 8.50am.

#### Charities

**Poppy Appeal** – T'GPS always does extremely well; you are all very generous and compassionate and this is evident in the monies you donate to good causes. Last year we raised £290.61. We are still waiting for this year's figures. We are trying our best to secure a Chelsea Pensioner to visit us next year in October. Fingers crossed we are able to pull this one off!

**Children in Need** - £453.19!

**Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning** - £105.80!

Once again, **THANK YOU!**

#### Other Donations

Thank you to NICE for their generous donation of £300.00 to the School Fund for Buddy benches. I must also mention our appreciation to Miss Potter (Year 4 Class Teacher) and to her mother, Mrs Potter, for supporting us with this funding.

#### Attendance this Term

F1	93.35%	F2BR	93.64%
F2LS	88.74%		
1H	92.51%	1R	94.89%
2G	96.61%	2K	94.92%
<b>2M</b>	<b>98.49%</b>	<b>- HIGHEST- Well done!</b>	
3G	96.86%	3S	96.14%
4C	96.25%	4P	92.94%
5S	96.21%	5T	95.79%
6D	97%	6F	93.30%
6S	91.67%		

**Over all 95.11% (not including FS)**

### Breakfast and Books!

*This is a council advert from a flyer that was sent to school.*

You are welcome to a FREE session at Ashby Library and Local Link, Ashby High Street, Scunthorpe, DN162RY on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017; 9-10am

**Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Come and share stories and enjoy a FREE breakfast.**

### Gates

The gates are set to open automatically at the following times:

- \*8:00am – 8:15am (for breakfast club)
- \*8:40am – 9:15am (start of school day)
- \*11:35am – 12:00pm (Nursery)
- \*2:50pm – 3:15pm (end of school day)
- \*3:50pm – 4:15pm (for after school clubs)

**Parents/carers and pupils are expected to use the pedestrian gates properly.** Please be patient and do not try to force the gates open. **They will not open if they are pushed.** The vehicle gates are **not** to be used by pedestrians; this is for your own safety and the safety of your children.

**PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE CAR PARK OR ACROSS THE GRASS – THERE ARE VERY CLEAR DEMACATED PEDESTRIAN ZONES.**

### **DATES to note for the Academic Year 2017/18**

Date	Day	Activity	Term
<b>2018</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Wednesday	Pupils back to school	Spring Term 2018
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	Year 2 SATs information talk to parents – 2pm	
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	Year 6 SATs information talk to parents – 2pm	
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	Year 1 – ‘Living Eggs’ arrive in school	
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Year 5 to Magna - Rotherham	
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	Young Voices – Sheffield Arena	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Half-term</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday	Pupils back to school	
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday	F1 and F2 Parents Meetings	
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday	KS1 Parents Meeting Day	
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday	KS2 Parents Meeting Day	
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>End of term</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Thursday	The Big Sing – Baths Hall	
8 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Thurs to Thurs	Travelling Book Fayre	
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Friday	FS2 Easter Activities	
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday	KS2 Church Visit	
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday	FS1 Easter Activities	
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	Staff INSET Day	
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday	Pupils back to school	Summer Term 2018
14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> May	All week	Year 6 SATs Week	
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday	<b>Half-term</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	Pupils back to school	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>End of term</b>	
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Monday	Staff INSET Day	

### English Project in the Pipeline

We will be engaging some of our pupils with a Scunthorpe United Reading Stars project in the coming term. This will begin with an author's visit and also football related activities such as penalty shootout quizzes.

### Church Visit

Huge thanks to the Ashby Wesleyan Methodist Church for welcoming us into their venue and presenting each child with a book! This kind gesture is one that was very unexpected and added to the excitement of this particular time of the year. Our children were very well behaved and composed themselves in such a mature manner. Thank you for the parents/carers and family members who accompanied us on our walk and particular thanks to both Bob Sheard and Pat Chennells (associated with the church) for making this happen and supporting the school with assemblies.

### Foundation Stage 1 - Nursery

In F1, we have been having lots of fun exploring our Winter theme. We have investigated and painted ice, made Winter snow stories in our small world snowy farm and used 2D shapes to make snowmen. We have been busy during our 'Food Fridays' making melting snowmen biscuits and Christmas pudding crispie cakes.

We worked as a team to make all of the props for our Christmas singalong and we enjoyed every moment of our performance! We joined the F2 children for breakfast with Santa and are very excited about his delivery of presents! We are looking forward to taking home all of our Christmas cards and calendars that we have been busy making.

For such fantastic behaviour in F1 and taking part so enthusiastically in school activities, we are very proud to be receiving a £10 party from Mrs Thorpe. A huge thanks to all F1 parents for your continued support and engagement in our 'Fantastic Fridays' stay and play sessions.

### Parent Pay for School Meals

**We have been experiencing some complaints regarding the above. Just to confirm again, the school meals and payments for these, has absolutely nothing to do with our school. This is an independent body under North Lincolnshire Council. As already stated, any concerns you may have regarding payments of school meals or related issues must be addressed to them on:**

**Telephone – 01724 297907**

**Email - [schoolscatering@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:schoolscatering@northlincs.gov.uk)**

**As we move forward, we will no longer acknowledge any correspondence to do with this area. Our office staff have, at times, tried to intervene to offer support to parents but have only been met with insults which is very unfair when all they were doing was a favour!**

### CLUBS

There will be **NO CLUBS** running this Spring Term **except for the following:**

1. Year 1 Phonics
2. Year 2 Boosters
3. Year 6 Boosters
4. Choir until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – last session.

We thank each and every one of you for your support this year and wish you all a wonderful festive session full of great memories, from,

Mrs Thorpe and all the staff at The Grange Primary School.

