



## AUTUMN TERM

Second Half-term 2019

Issue Number 32

## Back to School

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL AT THE USUAL TIME **on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Registration bell sounds at 8.50am.

### HEADLINES

#### Crossing Patrol

The Patrol at the end of Ashby High Street, on the Junction with Grange Lane South (where the traffic lights are), and the Patrol on Ashby High Street/Oxford Street, are both leaving the service. Their last Patrol will be in the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019. We thank them for helping to keep our children safe and wish them both all the best for the future ahead.

#### Chelsea Pensioner

We were yet again honoured this term to welcome Mr Gallagher, a Chelsea Pensioner, who visited us last year. We are thankful for his support with the knowledge he shares on the core British Value of Remembrance through his assembly, class visits and time with the History Representatives. He is never rushed with responding to their numerous questions and engages all pupils through these activities. Hearing about real experiences and sharing of knowledge helps our pupils appreciate this topic more. We are truly grateful for his time, commitment and support.

#### Meet the Governors

We had an extremely successful morning where parents and family members came into school to meet with our Governors. Ideas were shared, any concerns were discussed and bacon sandwiches were enjoyed by all! Thank you to Mrs Clements and Mrs Hempstock for sorting out the food and to those of you who attended. We will hold another event in the Spring Term – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 2020 from 10am to 11am – hope to see you here.

#### Parents Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended these meetings and also for completing the questionnaires. These meetings are a valuable two-way conversation and the questionnaires help us with school improvement. The next provisional dates are as follows:

20<sup>th</sup> January – FS1 and FS2

21<sup>st</sup> January – Year 1 and Year 2

22<sup>nd</sup> January – Year 3 and Year 4

23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 5 and Year 6

**Sports** – a team of 16 Year 5 and 6 pupils represented our school at the North Lincolnshire Primary Cross Country Championships, which were held at Central Park on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We were extremely proud of their efforts against 24 other primary schools; they tried really hard, pushed themselves and had excellent team spirit! Our highest positioned girl came 32<sup>nd</sup> and boy came 59<sup>th</sup>. There were about 140 pupils per race. Well done to all.

**Foundation Stage 2 – Reception** – the children wrote their own letters to Santa and enjoyed the experience of walking to the post office to buy a stamp. Each child then posted their letter through the postbox and made a wish! During our walk, we practiced our road safety skills and observed the local environment.

### WESLEYAN CHURCH

Thank you to Mr Sheard and Ms Channells for the support they give us in enriching our curriculum through assemblies and Church visits. The church visit, led by Miss Thomas (thank you), was yet another success. Thank you to the family members who walked with the children and to those who were present in Church.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Simpson who gave birth to a baby girl one week after she begun her maternity leave! This is how dedicated our staff are – they work very hard to the end! We truly are appreciative. We wish her and the family many memorable and enjoyable moments that a new baby brings.

### Attendance (%) – Autumn Term

FS1 – 81.2%		
FS2 CH – 89.68%	FS2 LC – 88.21%	
1H – 89.6%	1M – 92.46%	
2K – 92%	2R – 90.56%	2G – 95.46%
3W – 91.03%	3S – 93.96%	
4C – 94.23%	4S – 95.56%	
5D – 94.86%	5G – 96.06%	
6F – 93.97%	6T – 92.5%	6C – 94.34%

**94.73% in total to date this year, not including nursery.**

Overall, highest attendance for this term so far: Y5G. Thank you to all the family members who ensure that their child/children attend school regularly and on time.

### Signage

You will have noticed the new signs we have on the front and back gates to our premises. Thank you to the family member who has worked with us on these. They are up to support our children and we ask very kindly for your co-operation; thank you!

### School Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all the staff, local businesses and to you, our community, for yet another successful fayre. We raised £1448.30, which will go towards the children's fund. We are building up this reserve towards more playground refurbishment, hopefully.

### Festivities

Thank you to all the staff and children of Nursery and Reception who showcased Christmas concerts/sing-a-long to family members. The children spoke clearly, sang loudly and enjoyed themselves. We, the audience, also had a great time. I am sure you'll agree that all were confident in the parts they played – well done children!

### Parent Workshops /Forums

We have a host of workshops and forums organized on different topics that may be of interest/benefit to you. These are open to all.

New Academic Year 2020			
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Pupils back at school	Spring Term 2020
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	Family Forum (Autism) – 9am to 10am	
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	World Religion Day	
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	Future Stars Sporting Event - Sheffield	
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	Parents Meetings – FS1 + FS2	
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Tuesday	Parents Meetings – Y1 + Y2	
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Wednesday	Parents Meetings – Y3 + Y4	
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Thursday	Parents Meetings – Y5 + Y6	
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	Parents Reading Workshop – 9am	
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday	Family Forum (Online Safety) – 9am to 10am	
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday	School Closes for Half-term	
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday	Pupils back at school	
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	World Book Day	
		Family Forum (Behaviour) – 9am to 10am	
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday	Comic Relief	
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	Harewood house – Year 2	
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday	Headteacher's Assembly – KS1	
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Tuesday	Headteacher's Assembly – KS2	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Wednesday	Easter Church Visit	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Friday	School Closes END OF TERM	
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Tuesday	Pupils back at school	Summer Term 2020

**AMBULANCE** - on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December we had to accommodate an air ambulance landing on our sports field, to deal with an emergency that occurred on Grange Lane South. It was an extremely busy time of the school day (end of the day) when family members were collecting their children. Thank you all for your support, patience and the positive comments on social media. We haven't heard any further news but hope that all is well with the injured party.

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**CHOIR** - ten children from the school choir had the pleasure to learn the song, 'Walking in the Air', from the animation, 'The Snowman', and to perform this with other children at the 20-21 Visual Arts Centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. This was a memorable event, not only because the singing was accompanied by live music, but also because Sue Hollingworth (who received a British Empire Medal for services to music and the community in Scunthorpe), was conducting it all. Before the performance, the choir had the opportunity to see the LEGO exhibition in the gallery.

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*Miss Mawson returns to us after her maternity leave in January and will be the fourth teacher in Year 6. We cannot wait for the outstanding expertise she will bring to the team and welcome her back. We say farewell to Miss Mellows in Year 1 and Mrs Burdass, our Midday Supervisor. We thank them both for their time with us and wish them all the best for the future ahead.*

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*Clubs next term will begin week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020; information should be out on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.*

Yet another fast paced term, with it some challenges and triumphs! All that we provide cannot be done without the support of such great staff and family members – thank you all. Enjoy the holidays and let us remember all those who are less fortunate during this 'giving' season.

Happy festive holidays to everyone with best wishes for 2020!