



AUTUMN TERM

1st Half-Term October 2016

Issue Number 13



How time flies! We have completed the first of six half terms already and soon it will be Christmas! As always, I am ever so grateful for the support we have received since we have returned to school. I have had some nice conversations with parents, as to their satisfaction for the school and appreciation of the hours of hard work, all staff put into ensuring that our ethos of a holistic approach to education and care is fully in practice.

Quite a number of parents/family members visited the classrooms and participated in activities in September. The feedback from the returned questionnaires was overwhelmingly positive! For teachers and supporting staff, this acknowledgment goes a long way and boosts their moral even more. So, thank you! At some point, just like children, it is always nice to hear something positive.

Despite our hectic start in September, we have still managed to get a lot of activities done including the following:

- ✓ Years 5 worked with a potter on their topic
- ✓ Miss Baker has been running parenting classes one day a week
- ✓ The Computing Club has been very active
- ✓ Zumba in Year 2 during PE
- ✓ Mr Blagg from NL College supporting PE.

Thank you!

Thank you to Mrs Deary (our caretaker) and Mr Toner, who helps us from time to time, for their hard work in making our surrounds look beautiful.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – another success!



Well done to Year 5 and all those who supported in making this event very successful.

‘There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be 4 million people, and we want to be there for them all. One in three of us will get cancer, and it will be one of the toughest things we’ll ever have to face. Our goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone. We provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. And because cancer affects more than just those facing it, we’re there for friends and family too.’

<https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about/why/>

As you can see from above, the statistics are frightening! If we can all do something, no matter, how small, we help towards making this world a better place. So, thank you! We raised a total of £295.39.

Entering



School

*For your own health and safety and that of your children, please do use the designated walking paths and encourage your children to do so too. We are looking to paint some footsteps in the designated areas **to add extra guidance in the near future. We have noticed people crossing / walking in the zones for cars and are concerned about the danger of this. Please help us to help our community keep safe at all times.***



Partnership Work

We are very fortunate to have good links with a school in Hull and this term four pupils represented us in a challenge day at their venue. Partnership work helps to share skills and knowledge and also in developing relationships with different audiences.

We continue to support other schools with their pupil premium provision and with Safeguarding Ofsted awareness training.

Attendance certainly matters!

The Government expects schools to be no lower than 96% and for several years we have been above this. **Year 1 and Year 6 have the poorest attendance so far this term ... can we promote good attendance again please?**





Harvest - Year 3

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 3 Harvest Assembly. The assembly was very informative and enjoyable. Any donations will be sent to our local Salvation Army. We raised £54.18.

SEN Reviews

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended SEN-D review meetings. The class teachers will go through the SEN-D Person Passports and targets with your child and then send a copy of this home. If you were unable to attend please make an appointment with your child's class teacher, Mrs Fanthorpe (SEN-D Support Teacher) or Miss Thomas.

Other Notices

Save the Date: Christmas Fair - Thursday, 1st December (further information to follow).

Packed Lunches: A number of children are bringing packed lunches to school. Can we please remind you that their lunch does need to provide a healthy, balanced diet. Also we are finding that they are leaving a lot of waste/rubbish on the floors, including crusts, sandwich fillings, drinks bottles and wrappers. Can you please ensure that children bring home their rubbish in their boxes? Thank you for your co-operation.

Safeguarding Training - Pastoral Manager

We are in such a privileged position to have Miss Baker, our Pastoral Manager and an accredited Safeguarding Trainer on our team. The beginning of the term saw us all upskilled on the new government legislation on Keeping Children Safe in Education as well as the Prevent strategy. This was no easy task as we had a workbook to complete and have marked as well as an online test to pass! Her skills have also benefited the wider community as she delivered training to staff from other schools too. All updated policies for our school are available on our website: www.tgps.uk com

Mrs Simpson

Very soon, Mrs Simpson will be leaving us for maternity leave. We wish her all the very best with her new addition.



a while, as she will be on her and look forward to welcoming her

School Performance - FS2, Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 and Year 6 SATS

Our website has all the latest data for the above areas for the end of the academic year 2016. We are happy with our performance, which continues to travel in an upward trajectory, even with the added challenge of the new curriculum.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT and SCHOOL LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

In my role as a practicing Ofsted Inspector, the school will continue to rely on the Senior Leadership Team's support. To this effect, with the approval of the Governing Body, Miss Thomas, the Deputy Headteacher, will now assume the title of ***Head of School***. Her role will not change and will continue to be that of a Deputy Headteacher. We also have two Assistant Headteachers, Mrs Fisher and Miss Mawson, a Pastoral Manager (who is a Senior Member of Staff), Miss Baker, and three other members of the Senior Leadership Team: Miss Stephenson (Head of Foundation Stage), Mrs Fanthorpe (SENCo Supporting Teacher) and Ms Chowdhury. Our structure looks like this:

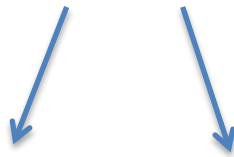
1. Headteacher - Mrs Thorpe



2. Head of School (continues to assume the Deputy Headteacher role) - Miss Thomas

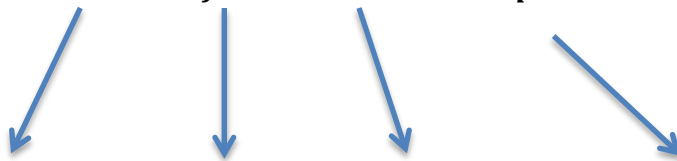


3. Two Assistant Headteachers



Mrs Fisher and Miss Mawson

4. Other members of the Senior Leadership Team



Pastoral & Inclusion Manager - Miss Baker, Miss Fanthorpe, Ms Chowdhury and Miss Stephenson

BICYCLES

We have noticed that bicycles are being left at the front of the school, near the fencing but on the school premises. 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.

Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2016			
DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	TIMES
OCTOBER			
21 st	Friday	Red, White & Blue Day	All day
21 st	Friday	School Closes for Half-term	3.00pm
31 st	Monday	School Re-Opens	Usual Time
NOVEMBER			
7 th	Monday	Parents Meeting – FS1 & FS2	Individual times
8 th	Tuesday	Parents Meeting – KS1	
9 th	Wednesday	Parents Meeting – Y3, Y4 & Y5	
10 th	Thursday	Parents Meeting – Y6	
14 th – 18 th November	Mon - Fri	Anti-Bullying Week	All day
DECEMBER			
Please look out for Christmas Concert letters			
1 st	Thursday	Christmas Fair	TBC
6 th	Tuesday	Christmas Concert – Y4	2.00pm
7 th	Wednesday	Christmas Concert – FS2	2.00pm
8 th	Thursday	Christmas Sing-a-long	11.00am
16 th	Friday	Christmas Jumper Day	All day
16 th	Friday	School Closes	2.00pm
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3 rd	Tuesday	Staff Training Day	
4 th	Wednesday	Pupils back to school	Usual Time