



NEWSLETTER

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A busy 2019 already! The first half of the spring term has been a very busy and productive time with children engaging in such a wide range of learning, some of it including new elements of our curriculum, other parts involving new approaches as part of our continual school improvement journey. Highlights so far have been;

- *Years 5 and 6 empathising with victims of natural disasters through a simulated classroom earthquake experience as well as a full day of first aid training with Hull based company Learning 4 Life.



- *Everyone embarking on our new Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education programme (PSHCE) and Jigsaw, with insightful responses and a depth of understanding and empathy that has astonished teachers.

- *Year 3/4 (Kestrels, Kingfishers and Falcons) visit to the water treatment works to make learning come to life with deeper understanding from first hand experience.

- *Successful whole school learning projects about... Chinese New Year in our house families so that young and old can learn together; the whole school RSPB Big School's Bird Watch to help tune children in to the natural and beautiful world around them; an intense, recent focus on internet safety.

- *The increased numbers of pupils who have taken up learning a musical instrument this term—we now have some keyboard players growing in our community!

Be Vigilant—Be eSafe In the growing and ever-changing world of technology, it becomes harder for parents to keep on top of children's use of the internet and the exposure they could have to inappropriate content. We do occasionally get reports of children accessing social media and websites that are inappropriate for their age, and the content can either involve violence, sexual content or horrifying images, or just unpleasant interactions. For many primary aged children this can lead to quite alarming behaviours shown in school or at home (or both), mainly through a lack of understanding of what they have witnessed.

So, what can you do about it?

1. Check regularly what games and apps your children are playing and check for messages and contact from unknown sources.
2. Up your parental safety account for browsing the internet—check histories and monitor usage in a family room rather than in a room where children are alone.
3. Do not let your children have access to consoles, tablets or phones in their bedroom. A lot of children are accessing them when alone, or at night when parents think they are asleep.

Taking these measures may cause arguments or sulking but it is worth it to know that your child is not being exposed to things that any child really should not be seeing. Your child's welfare is your first priority.



Reminder: Training day: School closed to pupils on Friday 15th February — this is for pupil assessments to take place in each HCAT school .



PE Kits: Please ensure your child has his/her PE kit in school every week.

Safe Shoes: In line with our uniform policy and for health and safety reasons, flat, dark coloured shoes or boots to be worn please.

Toddler Group : Our toddler group has restarted and will be held every **Tuesday** between **2.00 and 3.15pm**. Please pass this information on to your neighbours and friends who have pre-school aged children.



New families are very welcome!

Valentines Disco:

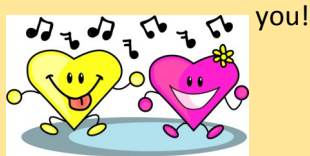
Valentines Disco – Wednesday 13 February 2019

In celebration of Valentines' Day, we will be holding a disco for each key stage as follows:-

4.00pm – 5.00pm – FS2, years 1 and 2

5.15pm – 6.15pm – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

The cost will be £2.00 payable on entry, which will include a hot dog and drink. We look forward to seeing



Dodgeball Success

On Wednesday, a squad of nine year 3's took part in a dodgeball tournament at Howden Secondary School. Three other schools from our cluster were also involved and each match involved three 2 minute games. Our pupils were absolutely fantastic playing with enthusiasm, skill and determination. The teams hard work paid off and overall we came joint second place. Children showed great sportsmanship and their behaviour was a great representation of our school values. A big thank you also goes out to all the parents who transported and supported during the event. Mrs Binsley is incredibly proud!



Attendance News



Overall attendance this year so far 96.2

Wrens 83.9

Robins 95

Starlings 91.9

Finches 92.9

Falcons 86.3

Kingfishers 99.2 well done

Kestrels 95.7

Ospreys 92.6

Eagles 90.6

Workers of the Week for 8/2/19 and 14/02/19 (please note this assembly is on Thursday 14 February 2019)

Robins Tyler and Harry

Starlings Logan and Ted

Finches Saul and Grace

Falcons Leon and Chloe and Paige

Kingfishers Imogen and Olivia

Kestrels Harley K

Ospreys Ellie P and Archie

Eagles Seryn & Charlie and Jayden

House System



Ash — 250

Birch — 250

Horse Chestnut — 250

Sycamore — 250

Overall Scores

Ash — 3450

Birch — 3300

Horse Chestnut — 3800

Sycamore — 3400

Friday's Golden Table from Robins and Starlings

08/02/19 Xanda, Arthur, Oscar, Oliver, Sophia and Eleyna

14/02/19 Lucas, George, Geordie, Oliver, Logan and Kayson



Key Dates Spring Term

These may change, so please check for updates on a regular basis

Spring Term

13 February—PTFA Valentines Disco

14 February — School Closes at 3.30 pm for half term

15 February — School Closed to pupils for 'Pupil Assessment Day'

25 February — School Opens 8:45 am

5 March—Rock Challenge

7 March—Class Photographs

11 March—Year 5/6 Trip to Magna

26 March—Parents Evening

28 March—Parents Evening

5 April — School Closes 3.30 pm for Easter

