

# NEWSLETTER



7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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## THE SCHOOL HALL

We are absolutely sure you will have noticed our new, temporary hall in the playground. This has been sourced to give us additional space while our main hall has some repair work carried out. This process is still in hand and we will of course keep you up to date once we know more. In the meantime our temporary hall will be used to teach PE (when the sun isn't shining!) and hosting events and gatherings which need a larger space, for example assemblies. We are completing some final work to the temporary hall but do look out for notices about events such as Superstars, and details of how to access the hall. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our site team who have worked tirelessly to source and manage the installation of the hall and to staff, children and yourselves for being so accommodating to the changes.

## YEAR 2 SATS INFORMATION

Just a reminder that we are running an information evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, for the Y2 SATs. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more and to ask any questions which you may have. If you are unable to make it, we will send out an information sheet with details from the meeting after the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**If you are intending to be at the meeting, please could you sign up on the sheet at the Year 2 entrance so that we know how many people are intending on coming.**

## RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Red Nose Day is a charity which helps children across the world who are in poverty. We are doing lots of exciting things to raise money. We will be wearing red and we ask everyone to make a suggested donation of £1. It is Share on that day too so we will be doing different activities to do with Red Nose Day. We are also going to be selling red noses from at the office and on the school gate for £1.25 each. All proceeds go to the charity.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

We just wanted to let you know what we raised an amazing **£581.01** for Children In Need this year. We just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who joined in with any of the activities and made a donation.

## RECEPTION CLASS NEWS

Hello from Reception!

We hope you all had a fantastic half term break! The children have enjoyed telling us all about their holidays.

This term our topic is 'Step into a Story'. We will be spending some time learning about different authors, reading stories such as Stickman, The Gruffalo and we will be learning to retell and making our own versions of 'We're going on a bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. If you would like to help your child at home, they will really benefit from becoming familiar with this story.

### Zoom to the Moon

This term we are launching our 'Zoom to the Moon' challenge! Each day your child will be asked by an adult if they have read their book – if they have, the adult will mark this on the chart. If your child has read a minimum of 3 times a week then on a Friday during our reading mornings for parents you will be able to move your child's rocket onto the next planet! The more you read, the further you will zoom – who will get there first?

### School Trip

I am sure that you've all heard about our school trip to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park Next term – if you would like to help, please let your class teacher know and we will draw names out of a hat and let you know as soon as possible.

### Independence

We are so proud of the children for coming into school by themselves. Please can we remind parents to say goodbye at the door to your children. This makes such a difference to the children and allows them to take responsibility for their own belongings. We will support the children if they find things tricky.

### PE Kits

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we are going to get the children changed for PE in school. This will help them achieve one of their early learning goals of being able to dress and undress independently. Therefore on a Thursday could we now ask all children to come to school in School Uniform and for them to have a PE kit on their pegs at all times.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team

## SICKNESS POLICY

Just a quick reminder that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, please can you inform the school office that they won't be in school. It is our policy that the child needs to be off school for 48 hours after their last bout of illness.

## YEAR 2 HERBAL WORKSHOP

On Monday 25th March, a local herbalist will be with us to deliver workshops for each year 2 class. This links to our topic 'The Scented Garden' and children will find out more about the benefits of different types of herbs and their uses, from a health perspective. **If your child is allergic to any herbs, please let us know.**

## PE

PE days have been changed. Year 1 will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday and Year 2 is a Monday. Please ensure children come to school wearing suitable sports clothes; we suggest that this is dark tracksuit bottoms or leggings (shorts in warmer weather), a plain t-shirt and a sweatshirt or hoodie. We would appreciate these having no logos. Trainers are the most suitable footwear.

## READING AWARDS

### Super 50



Alice



Estelle

### Amazing 150



Isabelle



Olivia

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Due to such wonderful ideas and discussions going on during school council meetings, we will now be keeping you informed with what we discuss at meetings and how that will affect the school. At our most recent meeting we focused on friendship within school and how we can promote it. The children came up with brilliant ideas such as a buddy bench, Y2 buddies at play time and more friendship books within school. Following on from the meeting Miss Fletcher has spoken to Mr Stokes and we will be looking at renovating a bench into a buddy bench with the help of the children at Mount Street. We will also be starting a Year 2 buddy system at playtime. At our next meeting we will be discussing ideas for Red Nose Day! Thank you for your support,  
Miss Fletcher

## ONLINE SAFETY

There have been reports in the media recently of inappropriate videos circulating on social media sites, in particular YouTube and even YouTube Kids. Some videos start innocently with familiar children's shows but later on include inappropriate images and violence. You may have also read about the 'MoMo Challenge' which shows a scary figure who encourages children to commit acts of violence.

It is not always possible to ensure these videos do not slip through filtering systems; we therefore encourage you to supervise your child's use of the internet and talk to your child about how to stay safe online and what to do if they see something upsetting. In school we encourage the children to turn off the screen and tell an adult immediately.

Please visit the 'Online Safety' section on our website for more information on how to keep your child safe online.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are excited to welcome all the reception children to after school clubs. Just a reminder that children who would like to attend after school clubs need to bring their slip back by the date on the letter and children who have got a place will get a slip to tell them. We try to ensure everyone who would like a turn at a club will get a chance for one term throughout the year.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evening - 3.30pm-6.30pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 Superstar Assembly, 2.45pm start

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

SHARE, 9am start. Please enter the classrooms, via the outside classroom door, where you drop your child off.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Year 1 Superstars Assembly, 2.45pm start

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Reception Superstars Assembly, 2.45pm start.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Year 2 Superstar Assembly, 2.45pm start

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

End of Term 4