

# Head Teacher's Newsletter

12th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the first full week in school since the return of the children, I would like to thank you as parents for your support in following the Covid -19 requirements. It has also been a pleasure to see you and to hear of how you have coped during lockdown.

## Children's Return

It has also been a delight to see the children return to some form of 'normality' and to hear their chatter and laughter permeating around the school and the grounds. I have included a selection of photographs to illustrate some of the work and fun, which has taken place.



1 - Year 4 Active Learning

## Wellbeing

As previously mentioned, we have focussed on the children's wellbeing this week introducing our 'myHappyMind' programme and running a very creative curriculum utilising the outdoors where possible. Next week we will start to reintroduce some more traditional based learning, but will also blend this with outdoor opportunities to suit the needs of the children



*2 - Year 2 learning sign language after reading the text 'What the Jackdaw saw'.*

## Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor learning is growing from strength to strength and is being led by Ms Hill-Davis. On a cautionary note please be advised that the woodland area is quite muddy at present and therefore old clothing and footwear is the order of the day. Your child's class teacher will advise you before your child is due to take part in outdoor learning.



*3 - Year 6 Pupils having spent the afternoon enjoying outdoor learning*



4 - The nursery children made a pirate ship out of the wooden blocks and they were pretending to be pirates.

## Residential Visits

Sadly, we have had to cancel the majority of residential visits, which we were due to run this academic year due to the current regulations. However, there is a chance that we might be able to proceed with the Year 6 visit to the Lake District as this has been booked for the beginning of July and providing that the country follows the roadmap out of lockdown set out by the Government, this should be a possibility.

Due to the cancellation of residential visits this academic year, we have booked the following visits for each year group from September 2021. Please note that these dates are provisional and will only be confirmed when a further letter has been distributed and if we are permitted to run visits to these locations:

13th -15th October 21: Year 2 visit to Hartington (Current Year 1)

20th -22nd October 21: Year 3 visit to Anglesey (Current Year 2)

5th, 6th and 7th January 22: Year 1 visit to Tattenhall (Current Year R) One night per group.

9th -11th February 22: Year 4 visit to York (Current Year 3)

23rd -27th May 22: Year 6 visit to the Lake District (Current Year 5)

Current Year 4 visit still to be confirmed.

Any money banked currently for a visit will automatically be transferred to next year's visit, unless you notify us otherwise. Please note that this will not show in your account due to the money collection system used, but rest assured all balances will be transferred accordingly.

## Wrap Around Care

Please can I remind parents to book for Wrap Around clubs in advance, especially ones for the following week, by the previous Friday at 12.00pm. This enables the staff to purchase the required amount of produce for meals and ensures that I allocate the correct number of staff to the facility.

## Turn on the subtitles campaign

We have been asked to pass on the following information to all parents / carers.

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can **double the chances of them becoming good at reading**. Here is Stephen Fry to explain the benefits of turning on the subtitles in more detail. [www.turnonthesubtitles.org/parents](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org/parents).

If you would like to know more about the campaign and understand all the research behind this, please look at [www.turnonthesubtitles.org](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org).



*5 - Year 5 children enjoying Active Maths*



*6 - Year 3 Pupils enjoyed making their own dens after researching Stone Age Houses*



*7 - Year 1 enjoying outdoor team building learning*

## Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

This year for red nose day we would like the children to wear an item of red clothing. They may also wear non uniform for the day. We will be collecting donations of £1.00 which will be sent to this worthy charity. Children may also wear a red nose should they wish to do so.



*8 - Reception children investigating flowers*



## And finally

Please do not hesitate to contact us should the need arise via the school office or please use the following email accounts:

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Kind regards

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