



# NEWSLETTER



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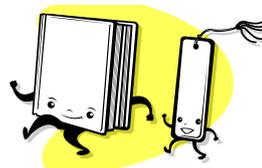
Wednesday 31st January 2018

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and I wanted to give you plenty of notice so that you can update your diaries.

**School Uniform:** Thank you for your continued support with our uniform policy. Please remember children should wear **light grey (not charcoal)** 'school trousers', skirts or pinafores. They must wear plain black school shoes and bring full PE kit to school on their PE days (including outdoor kit).

## World Book Day

On Friday March 2nd, we will be celebrating World Book Day by asking all the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book.



## Attendance

The children's attendance over the autumn term was very good—thank you for your help with this.

We are particularly proud of our year 6 pupils' attendance record—they achieved 100% attendance on 7 different weeks during the autumn term—this is a magnificent achievement and the children should be commended for their effort to attend school every day.

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please make sure that you ring the school office on the first morning of absence. If you do not notify us that your child is not able to attend, we have no option but to give them an unauthorised absence mark. Please remember that we are unable to authorise absence for holidays taken during term time. Penalty notices will be issued by the Local Authority for absence due to a holiday.

## Improving Access to GPs in Hull

NHS Hull Commissioning Group are contacting local residents to share their views on extended access to GP appointments. I have been asked to pass on their message to you:-

*'In line with NHS England guidelines we will be offering extra appointments in the evening and over weekends, but we would like the shape of this provision to reflect the needs of our communities.*

*With this in mind we have created a short survey and are asking members of the public to share their views.'*

You can complete the CCG's survey online at: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GPEXAC2018](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GPEXAC2018)

## Easter Events

Information about our Easter events will follow after half term.



## Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 SATs take place this year during the week beginning 14th May. It is essential that year 6 children are in school during this week as well as in the weeks leading up to the SATs. This ensures they can prepare for the tests as best as possible.

## Science Week

The 2 weeks beginning Monday 5th March are our Science Weeks. During this period, all the children will be involved in a number of different science activities. More details will follow after half term.



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## Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Spring Term parents' evenings during the week beginning 19th March. More information will be sent to you nearer the time.

## Child Protection Co-ordinator/ First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator/Safeguarding Lead. Our first aiders are:

Mrs Burton, Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Miss Strickland, Miss Thornton, Mrs Eden, Mrs Leonard, Mr Allen, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Ketley, Mrs Drury & Miss Thorneycroft.

## Change of Menu

On Friday the 9th February, for one day only, the menu will change to the following:-

- Hot Dogs / Beefburgers
- Chips
- Beans

## Dogs on the school site

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if being carried.



## Reading for Pleasure

We continue to encourage all of our children to develop a real love of reading. The way in which we encourage children to read includes the following:-

- Our school library is run by our year 4 librarians and is open to children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes.
- Mrs Ketley and Mrs Hawksley continue to run ‘Chatterbooks’ clubs on lunchtimes. This involves 20 pupils.
- Six year 5 children attended training during the autumn term to become reading leaders—they now read with other children across the school– sharing their own love of reading.

Over the last term, we have asked our year 5 and 6 pupils to read at home on at least 5 occasions every week, and we are delighted with the improvement this has made to their reading outcomes. We have therefore decided to ‘roll this out’ across the school and **now ask that you listen to your child read at home at least 5 times every week**. Please remember to record in their reading diary every time your child reads at home.

Many of our children tell us that they love visiting the public library at Bransholme Centre. We are trying to encourage even more of our children to go along to borrow books from the library. We have therefore set them a **half term challenge**. Every child that visits the public library during the holiday and brings evidence that they have attended, will be given a small prize. Evidence could be a photo (even on a mobile phone) or a library book that they have borrowed.

### Internet Safety—Very Important Information – Please Read

On Tuesday 20th February we are having an Internet Safety Day. We have invited a specialist ICT expert, Mr Martin, into school to work with children and parents. We would urge our KS2 parents to attend the meeting with their children in the school hall to discuss the dangers faced when using the Internet. Parents are invited to attend as follows:- **2.00 pm** Year 3 and Year 4 parents and children / **2.30 pm** Year 5 and Year 6 parents and children

At 3.00 pm, Mr Martin will be available to answer questions about Internet Safety from the parents of children in any year group. If you have a question, please pop into the school hall, via the main school entrance.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Wednesday 31st January	4 year 5 pupils attending the Primary Environmental Conference with Mrs Ketley
Thursday 1st February	Year 6 rugby team playing in a tournament at Archbishop Sentamu Academy
Friday 2nd February	Year 5 pupils continue participation in the KCom Education Programme at the KCom Stadium (every Friday morning up until 9th March)
Monday 5th February	Governing Body meeting
6th, 7th and 8th February	1:1 SATs meetings for year 6 pupils and parents
Thursday 8th February	Year 3 pupils visiting East Riding Museum to take part in a day of workshops about the Romans
<b>Friday 9th February</b>	<b>3.15 pm —school closes for half term holiday</b>
Monday 19th February	<b>School reopens to pupils—breakfast club will be open as usual</b>
Tuesday 20th February	E-Safety Day - meetings for KS2 pupils and parents during the afternoon
Wednesday 21st February	Year 4 pupils visiting the Streetlife Museum to take part in a day of workshops about Shocking Electricity
Friday 2nd March	World Book Day celebrations
Weeks beginning 5th/12th March	Science Weeks
Wednesday 14th March	9.00 am Year 3 class assembly Teddy Bear Hospital in Year 1 and Reception
Week beginning 19th March	Parents’ evenings this week—information to follow
Tuesday 20th March	Parents of children with additional needs meeting with representatives from KIDS
Wednesday 21st March	9.00 am Year 2 class assembly
Friday 23rd March	1.40 pm—Easter Service for children and parents at St James Church, Sutton School closes for the Easter holidays
<b>Monday 9th April</b>	<b>Staff training day</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th April</b>	<b>School reopens to pupils—breakfast club open as usual</b>
<b>Friday 25th May</b>	<b>3.15 pm —school closes for half term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 4th June</b>	<b>School reopens to pupils—breakfast club open as usual</b>
<b>Friday 20th July</b>	<b>3.15 pm School closes for the summer holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 4th September</b>	<b>School reopens to pupils—breakfast club open as usual</b>