



Dear Parents and Carers,

A great first half term – the children have had a great start to the year and enjoyed our new topics, class books and visits.



News this week....

In EYFS FS2 – In FS1 the children have loved exploring in clay autumn objects from outdoors and talking about wildlife and plants, great talk linked with Art! This week in Miss Sparrow's class they have been learning a song about how to make a spell. The children have written a magic spell and magic words linked to their phonics learning.

In KS1... Mrs Steeper's class have been ordering the events of the Fire of London, writing fire poems and creating beautiful artwork with hot colours.

Lower KS2... In Mrs Parkhurst's class they have been making diva lamps to celebrate Divali and writing newspaper reports about the World Championship Cycling Race.

Upper KS2... Year 6 have been learning about a Rondeau poem 'In Flanders fields' and have identified various literary devices including hyperbole, enjambment and symbolism. They have also enjoyed creating their own war poems.

DONCASTER STORIES

Project – Our school has been lucky enough to be part of this project. Launched this week we shared with KS2 children, the first part of this project is to find Doncaster's favourite 100 books to read. Our children have all had postcards to complete to say what their favourite books are.

All KS2 children will come home today with a free book by Roald Dahl to enjoy reading over half term.

Halloween disco KS2 – The children and staff had a brilliant time sharing spooky costumes and their best dancing at our Halloween disco. Thank you to all our families who supported this fund raising event and all the staff who prepared and supported the event. We raised £250 which will be used to subsidise the cost of visits for KS2 classes through the year.



Our Halloween raffle raised £115.00 and our dress up day £107.00 thanks to all who supported our fundraising events this term.

Our prizewinners are:

- 1st – LJ Class 1
- 2nd LA class 3/4
- 3rd ID class 1
- 4th LW class 5/6
- 5th JS class 4/5
- 6th PB Class 3

Well done everyone!



Cinema evening – we will be organising a cinema evening for our younger children in Years 1 & 2 after our half term break – watch this space for a date and time, letters will follow once we have a suitable date.



Attendance of the week – Class 4/5 on 100%

Class 4/5 are also our half term winners having the best attendance 4 weeks out of 8!

After School Clubs – We run the following clubs from 3:00pm to 4:00pm for £1.00 per session:

Monday – Basketball – FS2 to Year 6

Wednesday – Multi-Skills – Year 1 to Year 6



Dates for your diary:

We try to give parents/carers plenty of notice of dates – however these may be subject to change, thank you.

Teacher training days: Monday 4th November, Monday 20th July.

Once we join the Trust there will be an additional three teacher training days – this is for curriculum development to bring new exciting topics for the children across school. These will be Monday 24th February, Friday 22nd May and Monday 1st June.

HALF TERM – school breaks up on Friday 25th October and re-opens Tuesday 5th November

- **Monday 4th November – Teacher training day**
- **Tuesday 5th November – Flu Vaccine Reception to Year 6**
- **Tuesday 5th November – Open Evening Class 2**
- **Thursday 7th November – Open Evening (not Class 2)**
- **Friday 8th November – Open Evening Class 2**
- **Thursday 14th November – Bingo & Raffle evening – Watch this Space!**
- **Wednesday 13th November – Class 2 Visit to Emergency Services Museum**
- **Friday 15th November – Sports Tournament**
- **Concert Week – 9th to 12th December**
- **Party Week – 16th to 19th December**
- **Thursday 19th December – Children’s Christmas Fayre with Year 6**
- **Friday 20th December – Santa Visiting School!**

CHRISTMAS BREAK – school breaks up on Friday 20th December and re-opens Monday 6th January 2020

- **Thursday 13th February 2020 – Valentine’s Disco – Details to follow**

HALF TERM – school breaks up on Friday 14th February and re-opens Monday 24th February 2020

- **Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th March 2020 – Year 5 Residential to Kingswood**

EASTER BREAK – school breaks up on Friday 3rd April and re-opens Monday 20th April 2020

- **Friday 8th May – Bank Holiday**

HALF TERM – school breaks up Friday 22nd May and re-opens Tuesday 2nd June 2020

- **Thursday 2nd to Friday 3rd July 2020 - Year 4 Residential to Austerfield**
- **Wednesday 8th July 2020 – Open Evening**
- **Friday 10th July 2020 – Year 6 Open Day**
- **Monday 20th July 2020 – Teacher Training Day**

With many thanks for your continued support!

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