



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great learning week in school. Find out more below...

Foundation Stage – This week the children have been learning all about polar bears and interesting facts. We have also been baking buns to sell at our bake sale to raise money to adopt a class penguin. In maths we have learnt all about the number 7.

KS1 – In maths we have started to explore multiplication as repeated addition. We enjoyed reading the book - The Monkey Puzzle before looking at offspring and life cycles.

Lower KS2 – Our paintings, sewing and drawings of dragonflies are coming along nicely in Yr 3. In Class 3/4 we have written some beautiful descriptions linked to the landscape in our core text 'The River Singers'. In 4/5 the children have enjoyed learning about the water cycle and how each stage works as part of their topic work.

Upper KS2 – Year 5 and 6 – This week we have started to look at the devastation left by war in Iraq. In literacy we are describing settings within the tourist cities linked to our core book 'Kiss the Dust'.

Reading award children this week - well done! Children visit our school bookshop every time they have read 50 times, we have 1 child now on 200 reads and 2 on 150 reads! We love reading at our school!



**Attendance of the week – Class 1/2 on 99%
Well done excellent attendance!**



Attendance – Please remember to inform school before 9 o'clock if your child is absent due to illness. Any unexplained absence cannot be authorised. Home visits if no message is received will happen for safeguarding purposes if a child has not been seen in school and we have not received a message from parent/carers. Thank you

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: 2nd, 3rd, 4th September, 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.

Academic Year 2019 - 2020

- **Wednesday 29th January** – Class 1 & 1/2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- **Thursday 6th February** – Class 2 visit to Austerfield
- **Thursday 6th February** - Funky Phonic Workshop 09:00 – 09:45 or 3:15 – 3:45 for classes 1 and 1/2
- **Friday 7th February 2020** – Dress up for digits NSPCC Number Day all donations of £1 to dress up go to the charity, children can wear clothing with a number on it – or even a ‘onesie’.
- **Tuesday 11th February** – Polar Bear Puppet Workshop 1:30
- **Thursday 13th February 2020** – Valentine’s Disco – Details to follow

HALF TERM – school breaks up on Friday 14th February and re-opens on Tuesday 25th February 2020

for children

- **Monday 24th February** – Teacher Training Day
- **Thursday 6th February 2020** - Class 2 visit to Austerfield Study Centre
- **Monday 2nd March 2020** – Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
- **Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th March 2020** – Year 5 Residential to Kingswood
- **Thursday 12th March and Wednesday 25th March 2020** – Class 3, 3/4 and 4/5 visit to Sheffield’s Yorkshire Water Ewden Water Works

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

- **Monday 27th April 2020** - Year 4 visit to Cresswell Craggs
- **Monday 4th May 2020** – Year 3 visit to Cresswell Craggs
- **Friday 8th May** – Bank Holiday
- **Friday 22nd May** – Teacher Training Day

HALF TERM – school breaks up Thursday 21st May and re-opens Tuesday 2nd June 2020

- **Monday 1st June** – Teacher Training Day
- **Monday 22nd June** – Year 6, Individual children Transition to Ash Hill Academy
- **Tuesday 30th June** – Year 6, Individual children Transition to Ash Hill Academy
- **Thursday 2nd to Friday 3rd July** - Year 4 Residential to Austerfield
- **Monday 6th July** – Parents & Carers day at Ash Hill Academy
- **Wednesday 8th July** – Year 6 Transition to Ash Hill Academy – Day 1
- **Wednesday 8th July** – Open Evening
- **Thursday 9th July** - Year 6 Transition to Ash Hill Academy – Day 2
- **Friday 10th July** - Year 6 Transition to Ash Hill Academy – Day 3
- **Friday 10th July 2020** – Year 6 Open Day
- **Monday 20th July 2020** – Teacher Training Day

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- **Wednesday 9th September 2020** – Years 3 & 4 visit to National Coal Mining Museum

With many thanks for your continued support!

Mrs F. Parish

Head Teacher



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