

February Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

Half-term now seems like a distant memory and the children have settled straight back into their learning. As you know, this half-term is very short, with only 3 weeks to go until we break off for Easter.

Our parent consults will be taking place this half-term so please look out for letters being brought home by your child.

It is pleasing to see and hear that our new app 'SeeSaw' has gone down well, with many of you already commenting on the work your children have been doing.

As you know, safeguarding is one of our top priorities and we would urge any parent who has concerns about a child in our school to speak to school staff about this. By working with you, we will be able to ensure your child(ren) get the best possible care and education.

Thank you to all of those parents/carers who have attending events and meetings put on by the school — it really does make a difference.

Mr Mills

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Reminders

Can I please remind all parents/carers that for safety reasons, children should not be riding bikes or scooters on the school grounds. In addition, no children should be using the adventure play equipment before or after school. We would appreciate it if you could support us with these issues as ultimately, we want our children to be safe.

I have seen many instances in the last couple of weeks where children have not been wearing the appropriate P.E. kit for their lessons. Our uniform policy states that children should have **'a yellow round-necked t-shirt and black shorts. Children may need trainers for outdoor sessions and a tracksuit/jogging wear'**. With the weather currently being as it is, please ensure your child has appropriate indoor and outdoor kit with them.

If children do not have their P.E. kit with them, a phone call will be made home for it to be brought into school. P.E. is a statutory part of our curriculum and all children must participate.



Sporting Success



Well done to our New Age Kurling team, and our Goalball team, who took part in local competitions, representing us exceptionally well!

Also, a huge well-done to our cross-country competitors who took part in the Hull Finals, with both Roman and Evelyn securing high-place finishes.

We have invited some new coaches in to school this month to work with our children as part of our P.E. lessons and to widen their participation in different sports. Classes 4 and 5 have been practising their badminton skills, class 3 have been taking part in cricket and classes 5 and 6 have been continuing with their boxing.

Visits/Visitors

This month, our Reception class have visited Bugtopia in Hornsea, learning all about bugs and insects and getting really hands-on. We apologise for the last-minute change to their visit but it was not safe to take the risk of travelling to Leeds due to the recent weather.

Classes 1 and 2 invited children's author Chloe Inkpen in to school to do a story session with them. It went down a real treat, with all children commenting on how much they enjoyed the session. Chloe was very impressed with the knowledge, enthusiasm and behaviour shown by our children and wants to thank those that came after school to purchase one of her books. Mrs Massam, our Literacy lead, will continue to look at how we can get more authors in to school.



You Spoke, We Listened

At our first parent-forum meeting in the Autumn Term, those that attended came up with some really great suggestions about how we could make the school even better. Some of the points that were raised were:

- (1) More celebration of what the children were doing in class. **Mr Hartmann has now launched our 'SeeSaw' app, which allows parents/carers to view their children's work and make comments on it. In addition, staff are making much more use of Twitter to demonstrate what is going on in classrooms.**
- (2) More opportunities for parents/carers to get involved in children's learning. **This half-term, we will be inviting parents/carers in to classrooms to work with their children on a specific project. Please look out for the information letter, which will be brought home, and posted on our Twitter account.**
- (3) More equipment, including more and newer books. **We have set aside £3500 for new sports equipment so that we can offer a wider range of sports in school. In addition, we are currently in the process of updating our library with 400 new books ready for the shelves and more still to come.**

Our next parent-forum meeting will take place on **Tuesday 20th March from 2:00pm**. It is open for any parent/carer to attend so if you have any suggestions about further ways in which our school could improve, or you have any questions about how we operate, please come along and meet with us.

Developing Literacy

We are working hard in school to improve our reading behaviours and this is one of our School Improvement Priorities for this year. In order to help us do this, we have changed lots of things about reading including the way we deliver reading in class. We have also invested in lots of new books and the school library is currently undergoing an update.

However, **we need your help!** If you have any children's books (in good condition) that you no longer use and would be willing to donate to the school, then that would help us greatly. We are particularly interested in books for boys, non-fiction books and KS2 books. Please drop these in at the office.

Mrs Massam, alongside two of our Governors, have recently interviewed and recruited some children to be 'Reading Champions'. Their role will be to promote and celebrate reading across the school. Well done to Michael Peck, Kaitlin Foston, Kacey Jackson, Mia Tate, Sia Whitehead, Lily Mennell, Alex Hedgecox, Harrison Swallow, Jamie-Leigh Greenwood, Lucy Jarvis, Declan Tierney, Gemma Griffiths and Brandon Jones, who were all successful in their interview.

Mrs Massam would also like to give a huge thank you and well done to those children who entered the 500 word challenge. Some of their stories showed real effort and imagination!

Superstars

Although there have been many superstars this month, the following children have really stood out with their learning and attitude:

Nur — **Kasey Richardson** for excelling in maths!

Rec — **Harry Gibbins** for having an amazing attitude to learning and 'for being on it'!

Year 1 — **Layla Holdstock** for having an excellent attitude to learning and always trying her best!

Year 2 — **Mason Fisher** for working hard to be the best he can be at reading!

Year 3 — **Riley Shaw** for always giving 100%!

Year 4 — **Corey Riby** for working incredibly hard and making super progress!

Year 5 — **Katie Goddard** for having a constantly positive attitude!

Year 6 — **Jamie-Leigh Greenwood** for an outstanding attitude to learning across all subjects.



Attendance Matters

It is so important that your child has good attendance. Research has proven that children who attend school regularly, do far better than those that don't. As a school, we do not authorise absences, unless there are exceptional circumstances and taking your child out of school for a holiday during term-time could result in a referral to the Local Authority for fining.

If you need any support or advice with the attendance of your child(ren), please speak to Mrs Puckering or Mrs Ellerton.

Whole-School attendance for February = A fantastic **97.2% !**

The below tables show each classes' attendance for the month and the amount of money they have earned so far.

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.9	99%	98%	95.8%	96.3%	96.3%	96.9%
Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
£242	£347	£304	£235	£367	£215	£300

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Important Dates

Thursday 1st March	-	Reception Class visit "Tropical World"
Tuesday 6th March	-	Y2 Parents Consultation Day
Wednesday 7th March	-	Y6 Parents Consultation Day
Friday 9th March	-	Nursery & Reception Mothers Day Afternoon Tea (am)
Wednesday 14th March	-	Y1 Consultations
Thursday 15th March	-	Y5 Parent Consultation Day
Monday 19th March	-	Y4 Parent Consultation Day
Tuesday 20th March	-	Y3 Parent Consultation Day
Tuesday 20th March	-	Nursery & Reception Presentation of Learning
Thursday 22nd March	-	Y3 & Y4 Production—TO BE RE-ARRANGED
Thursday 22nd March	-	Reception Parents Consultation Day
Friday 23rd March	-	Last Day of School
Monday 9th April	-	Children return

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

If your circumstances change and you believe your child may be eligible for free school meals, please visit: https://emsonline.hullcc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F.

The school receives funding for each child registered for free school meals and this allows us to invest in better resources and learning experiences for your children.