



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Well done to our gymnasts for representing the school with pride and performing so well in the recent tournament. The Years 1 & 2 team finished in second place, the Year 3 & 4 team finished in first place and the Year 5 & 6 team finished in first place – a fantastic achievement! A special thank you to Mrs Gudger, who coached the children and supported them every step of the way.

HOCKEY SUCCESS

Our Hockey team have also achieved success in their recent tournament – well done for finishing in second place!

VISIT FROM ANNA POLLOCK

The children particularly enjoyed their visit from Anna Pollock. Anna is an RAF veteran who has taken part in the Invictus Games – she was inspirational and made the children realise that anything is possible with a positive attitude and hard work.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB VISIT TO WHITEGATES

Recently, our club members visited Whitegates Garden Centre and had a fabulous time potting plants. A big thank you to the staff at Whitegates for their time and expertise.

YEAR 3 FRENCH

Our Year 3 children enjoyed their trip to Croft school, where they took part in a French workshop and ‘brushed up’ on their understanding of conversational French.

EASTER BUNNY DRIVE

Thank you to all the children, parents, grandparents and other family members who joined us for the Easter Bunny Drive on Friday 31st March. It was a fantastic community event and I could see that the adults had just as much fun as the children! An extra special thank you to Kate Green for providing refreshments and helping to organise the event. Finally, thanks to the members of staff who also helped out on the night.

ATTENDANCE

From 6th March – 31st March

Class 1 – 96.62%

Class 2 – 95.99%

Class 3 – 95.85%

Whole School – 96.06%

Well done to Class 1 with the most attendances.

DIARY DATES:- please check summer term dates added

7th April – Easter Egg decorating competition—details sent home

7th April – END OF TERM

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL – SCHOOL RE-OPENS

25th April – Friends Meeting – Lord Nelson, 6:15pm

8th –12th May – Year 6 SATs week

16th May – Yrs 3 & 4 - Tennis Tournament - 10.30am-2.30pm

16th May – Yrs4-6 – Tchoukball Tournament – 4-5.30pm

19th May – Yrs 3 & 4 - (Finals if win) Tennis – 10.30am -2.30pm

24th May – Yrs 5 & 6 – Tennis Tournament – 9.30am-1.30pm

25th May – Paint the fence with the community – 3:30-7:00pm

26th May – Yrs 5 & 6 – (Finals if win) Tennis – 10.30am -2.30pm

26th May – End of Term

5th June – School Re-opens

6th June – New Parents Evening – 6pm

7th June – Yrs 5 & 6 – Kwik Cricket – all day

w/c 12th June – Phonics Testing – Years 1 and 2

13th June – Quadkids (Yr Groups tbc) 1-3pm

14th June – Teddy Bears’ Picnic with Pre-School – all bring dressed teddy for competition

21st June – KS1 (Yrs 2,3) Mini Olympics – 10am-12

21st June – Pre-School visit and lunch

27th June – Sports Day & Summer Fayre

28th June - Pre-School visit and lunch

29th June – Reserve Sports Day

5th July – Induction – Pre-School in school and all classes move up a year group

5th July – KS2 (Yrs 4,5,6) Rounders – all day

7th – Reports to Parents

12th – Optional Parents’ Evening

21st – 1.30pm – Leavers’ Assembly

21st – End of Term and ALL CLUBS CLOSE AT 4.15PM

More details for the sports and visits will be sent home next term.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Next term, the staff will be running the following clubs:-

FIRST HALF TERM:-

Tuesdays – Yrs R,1,2 – Cricket

Tuesdays – all Year Groups - Choir

Wednesdays – all Year Groups – Science

Thursday – Yrs– 3,4,5,6, Outdoor games

SECOND HALF TERM:-

Mondays –Yrs 3,4,5,6–Cricket and Rounders

Tuesdays – all Year Groups - Choir

Wednesdays – all Year Groups – Science

Thursday – Yrs R,1,2 – Outdoor Games

STRAWBERRY TEAS AND MAY FAYRE – Wednesday 3rd

May at 3.15pm – All are welcome to join in our strawberry teas and watch the children’s country dancing and maypole dancing. The Friends of the School will be serving cream teas and the money raised will be given to the Chernobyl Children to enable them to purchase vitamins for when they visit us later next term.

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK – The children will be sent practice papers home for working on over the break. Please help your child by ensuring that, in preparation for the test, they have an early night, a good breakfast and arrive on time at school. Thank you.

CLASS AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

We are hoping to receive the proofs after Easter, so please keep checking your child’s bag as the orders will be sent off as soon as possible

FRUIT & VEGETABLE ROTA

Thank you to our helpers. I have put down some names of Class 1 parents who had previously offered to come in and help and have now sent the rotas home.

If you would also like to come in and help, please just let us know - all help is greatly appreciated. Please can you ensure that you count out two days of fruit or come in two consecutive days. Our helpers for the following 2 weeks are:-

Wed 26 April	Mrs Connolly
Fri 28 April	Mrs Green
Tues 2 May	Mrs Ellison
Wed 3 May	Dr Lane
Fri 5 May	Ms Craven

CHILDRENS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Let us know if your child has achieved anything outside of school as we would like to celebrate their awards too.

Reminders:-

WATER BOTTLES - Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. You can purchase one from us for £2. These bottles have a cap over the mouth piece which prevents the spread of germs or you can send in one from home.

PLANNERS

Could your child bring their Planner to school every day in which we can place information notes and stickers. You can also send in messages to the staff and write any absence notes, as required.

ABSENCES

We have some outstanding absence notes from last term. Please can you put an absence note in your child's planner if they have been, or are going to be absent. This is a legal requirement for the school to keep with the Registers. Thank you.



USED STAMPS COLLECTION FOR INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND PEOPLE –please keep sending in your used stamps. We are definitely helping with their collection!

SAINBURYS SCHOOL VOUCHERS

The collection box is in the entrance hall. It would be a great help if they were counted into 10's and stapled in the top left corner or in bundles of 50. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Easter Bunny Drive in school - it was great fun and raised £73 for the school which was an added bonus!

We are running two tombolas over the summer term! The Rotary Club of Northallerton has again very kindly donated a tombola table to the 'Friends of the School' at a charity event in Northallerton Town Hall on Saturday 13th May.

It has also been confirmed that we will be one of four beneficiaries from the Scarecrow Festival in July in exchange for organising the tombola with Pre-school! Therefore, we would really appreciate any unwanted gifts - please bring them in to school and they will be put to good use!

The next meeting of the 'Friends' is on Tuesday 25th April at 6.15 in the Lord Nelson. Please come along and join us! **WE NEED YOU!**

VILLAGE NEWS

The Appleton Recreation Association will be having a clean up of the play park area on Sunday 9 April at 10:30 a.m. Anyone with gardening tools, strimmers, hedge cutters, brushes, wheelbarrows or litter pickers, and is available to help – it would be great to see you. Also if anyone would be kind enough to bring the workers some refreshments that too would be lovely. Thank you. Leonie Smith.

SCARECROW HELPERS

We sent a flyer home requesting helpers for the Festival in July. Please can you send back any responses next week so we can pass them on to the Organisers.

EAST HARSLEY CRICKET CLUB

'All Stars Cricket' for 5-8years beginners' course. It will last 8 weeks and for boys and girls. The programme will commence on Saturday 20th May–Saturday 8th July–11am-11.45am. Further information available at www.ecb.co.uk/play.all-stars. For older children or adults there are also junior, ladies and men's teams – contact Dave Willey on 07989192458.

I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and wish you a Happy Easter.

School closes on Friday and reopens on Tuesday 25th April.



Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher