



January 2022 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Courage** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Opportunity**.

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1.9



Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

It is always reassuring, after the great excitement in the build-up to Christmas and the holiday itself, with all its indulgence and exciting presents, to find that our pupils, far from having forgotten everything, actually return refreshed, and with renewed enthusiasm for learning!

In Science this term, KS1 pupils are learning about Seasonal Changes whilst KS2 pupils are studying Earth and Space. Year 3 and 4 pupils are studying a book called 'Hidden Figures' which tells the amazing true story of four black women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes. Meanwhile Year 5 and 6 pupils are reading 'One Giant Leap'. KS2 pupils are also enjoying their Ancient Greece topic.

Our Christian value this term is 'Courage,' which is linked to our Hackthorn way value of 'Opportunity' and Hackthorn pupils certainly have lots of opportunities to learn new skills.

We are delighted that we have been able to resume our gymnastic sessions at Witham Hill. I have just returned from accompanying KS1 pupils. It was amazing to see just how much progress was made in one session. Reception pupils practised skills on the beam, Year 1 pupils were improving their floor and trampete skills and Year 2 pupils clearly enjoyed working on the floor and vault.

This term all of the children have been working with Miss Lee, our external specialist music teacher. KS1 pupils have been singing and using percussion instruments whilst all of KS2 have been practising chords using the school's new set of ukuleles.

We appreciate the skills that our external specialist teachers provide. Mr Bullivant and Mr Southwell continue to keep all of our children fit during weekly PE sessions and Mrs Payne increases their love of languages. Years 3 and 4 learn Spanish and Years 5 and 6 learn French. Of course our regular teachers are also passionate about the subjects that they teach and I am grateful for their dedication to prepare exciting, interesting lessons which inspire our children and prepare them with transferrable skills for the future.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

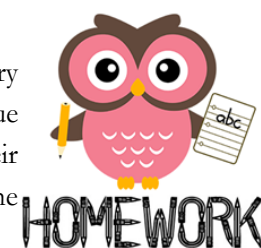
Witham Hill Gymnastics (January - March 22)

After half-term, KS2 pupils will have gymnastic sessions every Friday afternoon from 25 Feb - 25 March. The cost of these sessions will be funded by Sports Premium but a contribution from parents will be required in order to meet transport costs.

Please remind children that it will be essential for them to have their correct PE kit in school for these sessions.

Homework

Year 6 pupils are enjoying their more 'formal' homework as preparation for their transition to secondary school. Although we do not set 'formal homework exercises' for children in other year groups, we would value your support in helping your children to regularly read, practise their tables and number bonds, learn their spellings and discuss the grammatical terms which are appropriate for their age. These can be found on the Parents' curriculum guide on the school website. www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk/curriculum



Young Voices Concert - Rescheduled - 27 April 22

As promised our new date for the rescheduled Young Voices concert at Utilita Arena Sheffield is: **27th April 2022.**

All tickets with the original dates on will still be accepted at the door, so please bring those with you to the Arena on the day.



Friends of Hackthorn School

The Friends of Hackthorn School have been incredibly busy and are keen for new recruits to help with future initiatives. Their planning meeting on Wednesday went really well and they're organising a Valentine's disco, decorate a boiled egg competition and Easter bingo.

Please see dates to remember for their next meeting.

Safety First

May we remind you that it is very important that we all try to keep congestion to a minimum on a morning and when collecting children from school so that the children can cross the road safely.

We almost had a few accidents recently.

Please guide children safely across the road and reiterate 'Road Safety' to your child/ren.

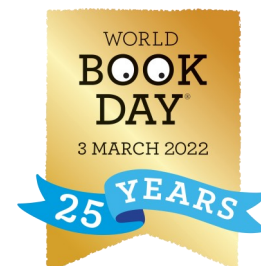


Attendance Monitoring

Attendance levels continue to be monitored on a termly basis. We will inform you, via a letter, at the start of each term if we have concerns about your child's attendance.

World Book Day - Tuesday 1 March

This year is the 25th year there's been a World Book Day, and on 1st March 2022, children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure.



Pre-school Easter Activity Afternoon – 29 March

There will be an activity afternoon open to all pre-schoolers on Tuesday 29 March 1:30 until 2:30. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who may have a child of pre-school age. Phone school to book a place.



10 Feb	Valentine's Disco	18 Mar	Easter Egg Bingo
11 Feb	Last Day of Term	18 - 19 Mar	Yr5 & Yr6 Rand Farm Residential
23 Feb	FOHS Zoom Meeting	28 Mar	Decorate a Boiled Egg Competition
25 Feb - 25 Mar	KS2 Witham Hill Gymnastics	29 Mar	Pre-school Easter Afternoon
1 Mar	World Book Day	27 Apr	Young Voices Concert New Date