

February 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 & Friends,

What a wonderful Good works assembly this morning! There was so much to celebrate and, judging by the number of parents who prioritise attendance at Friday morning assemblies, it is clear that parents enjoy hearing about all of the opportunities their children receive. This morning Y6 children shared heartfelt poems about Earth and KS1 pupils sang their own version of 'What a wonderful world' using words that they had written collectively.

KS2 pupils were excited to model their 'Medusa' shower caps and everyone enjoyed watching the Greek myth animations. Our youngest children have been actively learning number whilst eating biscuits and thought it was hilarious to hand me an empty packet at the end of their session!

We have had some very grown up discussions in recent weeks about tolerance and Years 3 and 4 have produced some very thoughtful and insightful comments on women's rights, based on their book 'Hidden Figures'.

This half-term ended with a wonderful school disco, organised by Friends of Hackthorn School. Every child attended the disco which proves how much children have missed opportunities to be together. The older children were great at encouraging the younger ones to dance and our school value of 'Nurture' was evident during the competitive balloon game.

It's been a short term but a very busy one. I think pupils and staff are ready for a break. I hope you all manage to have a good rest. See you on 21st February.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Hackthorn will be celebrating World Book Day two days earlier than elsewhere, on Tuesday 01 March.

We hope you will enjoy putting together suitable costumes with your children over the half term break to enable them to come to school dressed as characters from their favourite books.

‘Wear a Hat with Flowers to School’ Day 25 March

Hackthorn’s School Council have chosen the Brain Tumour Awareness Charity to raise funds by wearing a hat with flowers to school, on the 25th March, please bring your donations (for the attention of the school office) along with your most floral headwear for us to see!



Yr5 & Yr6 Rand Farm Residential - 18 - 19 March

This year our Yr5 & Yr6 pupils are heading to Rand Farm for a short residential trip on the 18th and 19th March.

This is linked with the national curriculum and delivered by their educational team. With year round baby animals, children can bottle feed lambs or calves, hold new-born baby chicks, watch dairy cows being milked or hand feed animals around the farm. The evening will be filled with activities such as ice-cream tasting, nature walks and archery.

These residential trips instil great life skills in our pupils, such as team building, staying away from home in a safe environment and important life and social benefits.

Pre-School Easter Activity Afternoon - 29 March

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

Phone school to book a place.



Dates to Remember

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