



May 2022 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Respect**.

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

Matthew 7.12



Dear Parents & Friends

Good Works Assemblies have been buzzing with recounts of the many experiences the children have enjoyed.

One of the highlights was our Young Voices trip to Sheffield Arena. It was the fourth year we had attended the event and most people agreed that it was the best so far, appreciated more after the past two years. We were in no doubt as to the location of our parents this year due to the reappearance of the 'Bagley banner' and a new one created by the Inmans. This year the pupils had a prime seating location in the 5000+ choir, at the front of the stage so we had a great view of all the performers. The children particularly liked the Urban Strides dancers and the beat boxers. One Year 3 boy said that it was 'the experience of a lifetime!'

Miss Lee has recommenced her music sessions with all of the children every Friday afternoon. KS1 have enjoyed learning new songs and using the new percussion instruments and there is definite improvement in the ukulele skills of KS2 pupils.

As I write this, KS1 are outside my window practising their maypole dances, in readiness for our May Day/Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on 26th May. All are welcome to join us during the afternoon.

Next week Year 2 and Year 6 will be completing their SATs tests, otherwise known by Hackthorn children as 'Milk and Cookies' or 'Toast' week. We wish them all well and know that they will do their best.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

School Website

Following on from parent/teacher interviews, many parents have asked how they can support their children at home. We have been working hard on updating information about our school curriculum and we would encourage you to click on the following link

www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk/curriculum where you will find more detailed information about what your children will be taught in school. There are useful links at the bottom of this page which will take you to our school Calculation policy and a National Curriculum Guide for Parents.



School Attendance Needs You!

Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of parents requesting absence forms for holidays. We appeal to parents and carers to be mindful of the impact that avoidable absences (holidays in particular, which cannot be authorised) have on children as well as the overall quality of education at the school. When avoidable absences do occur, it is not only the child who is removed from the educational setting who misses out. There are also disruptions to the rest of the children in the classroom and the teaching staff to be considered. We ask that you make alternative plans to ensure your children have the maximum opportunity to attend, progress and achieve in their education, especially when we are trying to address gaps caused by missed learning during lockdown.



May Day Dances/Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Thursday 26 May

We do hope that you will be able to join us on Thursday 26 May for our annual May Day dancing (weather permitting) which will be open to the local community.

The children will also be performing some patriotic musical items to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

FOHS will be serving refreshments from 1.30pm and organising a raffle.

Young Voices

(from a Parent Governor's perspective)

On Wednesday 27th April, I was lucky enough to spend the whole day with KS2 on their school trip to Young Voices at Sheffield Arena, as an additional helper for the teachers, in my role as a Parent Governor. This had been a long-awaited event and from the moment I arrived at school that morning there was such excitement from everyone.

The school had everything meticulously planned for the day, including blue hats for each of the pupils to wear which helped us identify and safeguard our children easily. We left school at 10.45am, the coach journey was equally as exciting and with great planning we were the 2nd coach to arrive at the arena, giving us time to eat our lunches and play a few games. At 12.50pm in an orderly school line (with our blue caps on) we made our way to the arena entrance and were directed to our seats, which were on the front rows near the stage. As one of the first schools to enter, we got to see some of the set up and testing of the lights and equipment. Our children were amazed at the size of the arena, excited to see everything going on, asking lots of great questions and all supporting each other. At 2.15pm we spent the next 2.5hrs rehearsing all the songs and practising the dance moves ready for the live show. The artists and conductor were fantastic in keeping everyone involved and engaged during this time. Then it was time for tea in our seats and a break. All our children were still so excited and ready to sing for their parents and families. By 5.45pm the arena was starting to fill up and parents were able to find us to say a quick 'Hi', then it was time for the live show. There were 131 schools taking part that night with nearly 5000 children, (35 from Hackthorn), all singing their little hearts out—it was a truly wonderful experience for everyone, and a real community feel for the whole school as our parents brought Hackthorn banners that stood out in the audience in support. At the end of the show, it was equally organised to return the children to their parents and or go back on the bus to school.

Across the whole day the children were so well behaved, polite and happy and mirrored the Hackthorn values. They knew the words to all of the songs and the dance moves; they were a real credit to the school. Thank you, to you **all** for making it such a wonderful day and for singing so beautifully, teachers and children alike should be very proud.

Mrs Mc Carthy, Parent Governor

Governor's
Thoughts



Dates to Remember

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| 9 May | 'Milk and Cookies' week (Year 2s) | 22/23 June | KS2 Production |
| 9 May | 'Toast' week (Year 6s) | 05 July | First Y6 Transition Day at William Farr School ('Move Up Day' for rest of school) |
| 13 May | NO Good works assembly | 06 July | Second Y6 Transition Day at William Farr School |
| 18 May | Centurion Sports Tournament (at Scampton) | 11 July | QEGS move up day |
| 18 May | NO KS1 after school club | 15 July | Last School Swimming Session |
| 26 May | May Day Dancing (pm) | 22 July | Last Day of Term (2pm Leavers' Service at Church) |
| 08 June | FOHS Meeting at school (3.35pm) - all welcome! | | |
| 10 June | First School Swimming Session | | |