



July 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/Guardians,

As you know life is never dull at Hackthorn and this has certainly been true of the past few weeks. KS2 pupils amazed us all with their piratical style in their production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. All of the pupils spoke confidently and enthusiastically and raised the roof with their uplifting singing and their pirate 'Arrrr'!

We've enjoyed some glorious weather over the past few weeks so KS1 were hopeful that they would benefit from it on their trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Unfortunately this was far from the case...according to one of the pupils 'it chucked it down'. However, the bad weather did not dampen spirits and the children and staff loved seeing the animals and learning many facts about them, despite their bedraggled appearances.

Y6 have been attending their secondary school induction days and we have had the pleasure of meeting our new Reception pupils.

Furthermore with only two and a half more weeks of school to go we have lots to look forward to...the football tournament at Sturton, Y6 e-safety workshop as well as our own Sports day and not forgetting the Y6 Leavers' social (at Frontline Lasertag) and Leavers' Service.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement this year. I hope you have an enjoyable summer holiday.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

Sports Day - Wednesday 13 July (weather permitting)

We have been truly blessed by the weather in the past week or so. Let's hope that the sun will shine for us on the afternoon of Wednesday 13 July for our annual Sports Day (although not too hot!) Parents are invited to attend. Events will begin at 1.30pm. We hope to resume our tradition of having several rounds of parent races so come in your running shoes! FOHS will be providing refreshments to raise funds for resources that will benefit your children and would value your support.

Please bring a deckchair or rug to sit on.

Please note: If the weather is bad we will TXTround by 10.00am on Wednesday **IF IT IS NOT ON**. If it is wet on 13 July we will have a back up date of 20 July.



Reports - Monday 11 July

Over the past four weeks the teachers have been working hard to write your children's reports. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading these. They show how well the teachers in this school know each individual, recognising their strengths whilst acknowledging their next steps of development. Once again I have added my own comments to the reports of pupils in Reception, Y2 and Y6 as I feel these are significant milestones in a child's development.

If you are a parent of a Year 2 or Year 6 child, you will be aware that your child completed the National SATs tests. You will receive details of your child's results, in addition to their school report.

There will be an opportunity after Sports Day (Wednesday 13 July) from 3.45-5.00pm if you wish to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's report with their teachers. Please speak to the office staff on Wednesday morning if you would like a time to meet with your child's teacher.

School Swimming

Friday 15 July will be our final swimming session for this year. Unfortunately, over half the contributions towards transport are still outstanding. Could I respectfully request that those parents who have yet to make any voluntary contribution towards the £15 per child sum, please send these in as soon as possible. School has already covered the cost of the lessons. If we do not receive sufficient funds for the transport, it will impact our ability to fund other trips.

The children have certainly been enjoying their lessons and have been making good progress.

It will obviously be another year before your child attends swimming lessons with school, therefore we would encourage you to...

Take your child to the pool regularly so they can show you their progress.

Do not let time go by without letting them practise their skills.



Attendance

Our overall school attendance percentage of 95.81% has again fallen short of the Government's target this year. May I remind you that children should not be removed from school for holidays during term time. Please bear this in mind when you are booking your holidays next year.

As you are aware the Government, in September 2015, changed the percentage target for persistent absence from 85% to 90%. If your child has had an attendance of 90% or below this year you will be receiving a letter indicating this with your child's report. We



Thank You to FOHS

Huge thanks to FOHS for serving our school so well over the past year. We are very grateful for their efforts and on behalf of the school, I would like to thank them for organising all the fundraising events this year. They have raised an impressive £2,800 this year and your children have benefitted greatly from the money they have raised.

End of Term Timetable

Thu 21 July: Clear desks and drawers (**please bring a plastic bag**)

KS1 Book bags will stay at school over the summer)

Plimsolls home

All PE kit taken home

Fri 20 July: Leavers' Service on the school field followed by refreshments (weather permitting)



Leavers' Service - Friday 22 July

For the past two years, due to COVID restrictions, we have held our Y6 Leavers' Service on the school field. Staff and children felt that this was actually a lovely relaxed way to celebrate and the current Y6s have requested that we repeat the experience. We are therefore intending to invite Y6s and their parents to a picnic on the field with staff at 12:00pm and then to invite other parents and the community to a farewell service at 1:30pm on the field. You will need to bring a picnic blanket or deckchair. Obviously, this is weather dependent. Should the weather be inclement, we will have to hold the service in school and restrict access to Y6 parents. This is quite a milestone for our children and everyone connected with the school is invited to attend.

Lost Property

Once again we have a growing pile of water bottles, school sweatshirts, cardigans etc accumulating in our reception area at school and taking up valuable space. We would be grateful if you could remind your children to check through the box carefully if they are missing any items and would also like to ask any parents dropping off/collecting their children to please check also. We will dispose of any unclaimed items at the end of term.



7 Jul Football Tournament at Sturton

15 Jul Final School Swimming Session

11 Jul Reports Out

13 Jul Sports Day (weather permitting)

22 Jul End of Term Leavers Assembly - school field (1:30pm)

2&5 Sep Staff INSET Days at School

06 Sep Children return to school