



## May 2023 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*

The past week has been a bit of a whirlwind for me as the news of my new appointment as Headteacher of Dunholme St Chad's has started to sink in. Thank you for your gracious and encouraging congratulatory messages. Governors will be carefully considering options about the future leadership of the school over the coming weeks, guided by the Local Authority and Diocese. I will do everything in my power to make the transition as seamless as possible.

The summer term is always a busy one with sporting events but this one is especially exciting as we have added additional enriched learning opportunities to support our curriculum and to address our 'Developing Citizens of the Future' school priority. We have booked two different agencies to educate the children about environmental issues and Zoolab will be visiting again to deliver a session called 'Climate Crusaders'. Y6 pupils will be attending the Church Schools' Festival at the Cathedral and KS2 pupils will be visiting Lincoln Mosque.

This week we were fortunate to virtually meet Dr Ayaz Bhuta MBE, Olympic gold medallist in Wheelchair Rugby. He delivered an inspiring presentation, sharing his journey of becoming a competitor in a sport commonly referred to as 'Murderball', which required tremendous courage, resilience and determination. He encouraged the children to never give up when facing challenges.

Talking about facing challenges...next week Year 2 and Year 6 will be completing their SAT's 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. Please note that there will be NO good works assembly next week as Y6 need to complete their final SAT's paper before the whole school gets on the bus for swimming.

This newsletter contains a lot of dates of exciting forthcoming events. Please make sure you transfer these to your calendar.

Mrs K Appleby  
Headteacher



### **King Charles III - Coronation Day and Bank Holiday**

Thanks to FOHS for purchasing the lovely commemorative coronation coins for all of the children. What a wonderful keepsake to accompany the coin presented to them from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

Just a reminder that we will be closed on Monday 8th May 2023, due to the additional bank holiday for the King's coronation.

**We wish everyone a great coronation weekend.**



## May Day Dances - Thursday 25 May

We hope that you will be able to join us on Thursday 25 May for our annual May Day dancing (weather permitting). This year will be slightly different to previous years as we intend to perform a shorter programme of dances on the playground, followed by a family fun afternoon on the school field. Children will have the opportunity to have FREE turns on an inflatable slide, an inflatable obstacle course AND a climbing wall. There will also be traditional games around the field. The event will be open to the local community.

You will be able to purchase refreshments from the FOHS stall so bring some pennies for coffee and cake (or for a donation to school funds).

## School Parent App - WeDuc

Thank you for your support and engagement in the launch of our school to parent App, Weduc. The feedback from parents and users has been very positive and we are already finding that parents are enjoying the increased school day updates and missing fewer pieces of information. We are building up the amount of information we have on the app but it may take some time to get it completely up-to-date. Our next challenge is to implement a payment system which we are all very excited about. Please continue to bear with us!

In the meantime, please have a look at all the areas on the app:

- **Newsfeed** – here you will find images and information about classes or the whole school.
- **Calendar** – we are in the process of updating to 'sync' alongside our school website.
- **Messages** – through 'push' notifications you will receive information messages. You will also receive messages that you need to action just by the push of a button.
- **Consent** – You will be able to give consent for trips or events. Please ensure that you enable push notifications.
- **The Hub** – this will signpost links to other websites we ask you to use such as payment information, parents' evening booking, policies and curriculum links.
- **Digital Library** – This is where you will find information and documents such as term dates, medical forms and absence request forms. We will continue to add relevant documents.

## Dates to Remember

<b>8 May</b>	Additional bank holiday for King Charles III Coronation	<b>9 Jun</b>	Zoolab
<b>9 May</b>	'Toast Week' (Yr 6)	<b>20/22 Jun</b>	KS2 Production
<b>9 May</b>	Milk and cookies week (Yr2)	<b>27 Jun</b>	Let's talk rubbish
<b>12 May</b>	No Good Works Assembly	<b>4 Jul</b>	'Move up' day - whole school
<b>16 May</b>	Lincolnshire Outdoor Learning	<b>4 Jul</b>	New parents' evening
<b>17 May</b>	Church Schools' Festival (Y6)	<b>4 Jul</b>	1st Y6 Transition Day - William Farr School
<b>25 May</b>	Maypole dancing (pm)	<b>5 Jul</b>	2nd Y6 Transition Day - William Farr School
<b>26 May</b>	Start of Half-term	<b>7 Jul</b>	Last School Swimming Session
<b>5 Jun</b>	First Day of Term 6	<b>20 Jul</b>	'Leavers' service (in church for staff/pupils)
<b>6 Jun</b>	KS2 - Lincoln Central Mosque Visit	<b>21 Jul</b>	Last Day of Term
<b>7 Jun</b>	Bags 2 School		(2pm Leavers' Service on school field)
		<b>20 Sep</b>	FOHS - AGM Meeting