

## April 2024 Newsletter



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

**'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'** Philippians 4.13



*Dear Parents & Friends,*

And just like that...the Easter holidays are upon us. It has been a really tremendous term at Hackthorn with wonderful progress across the board by all of our pupils. We look forward to the Summer with excitement, it will be a real joy to welcome Mrs Lister to the school family as Headteacher.

There are lots of exciting events ahead including a musician in residence, lots of great sporting events and a really momentous few months ahead for our wonderful Year 6 pupils.

We can't wait to spend as much time outside as possible learning in our lovely school grounds.

**Mr D Gibbons, Headteacher**

### Whole School Swimming After Easter

One of the highlights of the summer term is our swimming lessons at West Lindsey Leisure Centre in Gainsborough. The children will go swimming for the first time on Friday 26th April, please note there will be NO Good Works Assembly on this day as we need the time to prepare the children for their first swim. A further message regarding contributions towards the cost of the coach and the swimming sessions will go out on WeDuc once we return to school after the Easter break.

#### Check list/reminders for pupils

Swim wear	Goggles (for those who swim in main pool)
Swimming cap	Voluntary contribution
Hair brush/comb	Long hair tied back for safety reasons
Towel	Water proof bag

**No jewellery** (Please avoid getting ears pierced during the summer term as pupils will not be allowed to wear earrings)



## Science Day

As part of National Science Week, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, whilst Y5/6 were away on their residential, the rest of the school embarked on a 'Science Day' on the theme of 'Time'. Mr Gibbons started the day with an assembly to introduce the theme, encouraging the children to think about time and how long a minute was. We then gave the children 10 minutes to complete the Marsh mellow and Spaghetti challenge – in groups create the biggest structure you can! The children worked fabulously in their groups, and we had all kinds of weird and wonderful constructions, some of which survived a little longer than others!

For the rest of the day the children were involved in a range of activities including flying fish, boat and rocket races; timing jelly to set and creating their own 5-minute timer. It was a great day and hopefully reinforced what we always tell the children that science is brilliant, fascinating and lots of fun!



## Exciting Musical Opportunities

We look forward to some great musical opportunities over the next term.

Lincolnshire Music Service will be returning to extend our musical teaching in KS1 and KS2 after Easter, including the return of massed ukuleles!

On May 21<sup>st</sup> we welcome our own Musician in Residence. This day will be very special with all children exploring new and exciting music with an expert drummer and musician.

## Some additional drama!

We loved having Rhubarb Theatre and the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust with us on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The children really enjoyed an amazing performance of Collection Day and discussion about nature and waste.

### Dates to Remember

<b>16 Apr</b>	Return to school
<b>26 Apr</b>	First swimming session
<b>2 May</b>	Bag 2 School collection
<b>13 May</b>	SATSs week (Y2 and Y6)
<b>21 May</b>	Musician in Residence
<b>23 May</b>	Cricket Engagement Day
<b>24 May</b>	Last day of term
<b>3 Jun</b>	First day of term

**19th –20th Jun** KS2 Production