



## October 2018 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

It's hard to believe that we've only been back a month ...so much seems to have happened already!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the FOHS Treasure Hunt last weekend. What a great way to spend an afternoon although I'm still not sure if it was the Cannonball Run or Wacky Races! Blessed with wonderful weather, young and old bundled in and out of cars solving rhyming riddles. Competitive juices flowed (well maybe not for the car that ran out of diesel!) There were even suggestions of cheating. This was the first time we have ever held such an event and I'm sure that it won't be the last. The event raised £160 for school funds. A further £311.61 was raised from the Hackthorn School cake stall at the Hackthorn Dog Show the weekend before. Many thanks to our small group of parent helpers who work so hard to organise these activities. They also helped with our Macmillan coffee morning last Friday which raised £150 for such a worthy cause.

We have been invited to Hackthorn Hall again next Tuesday to pick apples from the Hall's orchard. We had such a lovely time last year and are really looking forward to visiting again. Please make sure that your children wear suitable footwear.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

### RE Curriculum Update

In education things are always evolving and we are constantly looking for areas in which to develop and improve. This year, across Lincolnshire, Religious Education has seen a big change in that there is a new Local Agreed Syllabus for RE.

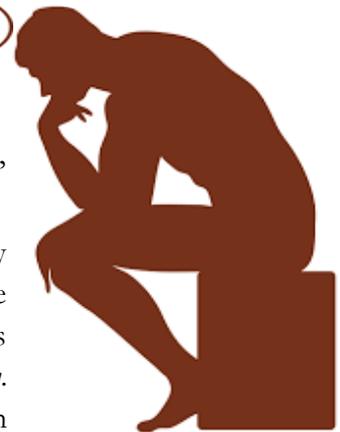
RE is not a national curriculum subject in the way that English, Maths, History or Geography is and its programme of study is instead set locally. As subject lead for RE, I attended the launch of the new syllabus during the summer term. It is a much reduced syllabus with less being taught but in greater depth; this is in the hope of developing children's *religious literacy*. Children in KS1 will now study two religions in depth - Christianity and Islam - through concepts such as *God, Creation, Community and Life Journeys*. In KS2 children will increase the number of religions studied to three - Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. They too will study concepts such as *Pilgrimage, God, Creation and Life Journeys*. There will also be the chance to study the way the Arts portray different religious beliefs as well as the opportunity to discuss some *Big Questions*.

As a school after our successful SIAMS inspection at the start of last year, we have also decided to take on a national resource called *Understanding Christianity*. This too has involved me attending several days of training over the last two terms. It looks at religious concepts such as *God, Incarnation, Salvation and Creation* to name a few. It is an exciting resource and we are enjoying discovering what it has to offer.

Please be assured that at the centre of all that we do is your children. The developments within the subject of RE will allow us to help your children understand a little about the beliefs and practices of other people within our society as well as to allow them the opportunities to consider their own personal beliefs and spirituality.

**Mrs Woods (Teacher Governor with responsibility for RE)**

**Governor's Thoughts  
for the Month**



## Friends of Hackthorn School

# VOLUNTEER

FOHS held their AGM on Tuesday 11 September. Many activities were planned for the next few months, details of which can be found in the latest FOHS newsletter.

Please feel free to come along to the next meeting at school on Tuesday 30 October. New recruits to the committee are always most welcome.



## Forthcoming Events

**Pre-School Art Afternoon for Autumn - 10 October from 1.30-2.30pm:** Don't forget to spread the word about our Autumn Art afternoon to parents of pre-school children coming up to foundation stage age. This is always a popular event so it is important that places are booked.



**Harvest Festival - Friday 19 October, 2.00pm:** The school will be holding its annual harvest festival in the church on Friday 19 October at 2.00pm. Once again children are asked to bring fresh food or tins of food as their harvest offerings. Children should bring their offerings to school on the morning of Friday 19 ready to be presented during the service. All parents and friends are invited to attend the service.



Parents may, as usual, take their children home directly after the service if they wish. The remaining children will go home from school in the usual way at 3.30pm.

Please complete the attached consent form and return it to school BEFORE the day of the service so we are fully aware of your arrangements, ideally **by Monday 15 October**.

## Reminders from the School Office



Please could parents who have yet to complete and return the paperwork which was sent out at the start of term (with the September newsletter) do so as soon as possible. We need to ensure that we have a record of the correct information for all pupils on file, particularly with regard to emergency contact information and current medical information.

At the time of writing (Friday 05 October) the annual 'Operation Christmas Child' shoeboxes are being distributed to pupils as usual during morning assembly. Please remember to return your filled and wrapped boxes to school **by Monday 12 November**.

## Dates to Remember

|               |   |               |  |
|---------------|---|---------------|--|
| <b>10 Oct</b> | Pre-School Art Activity Afternoon                   | <b>09 Nov</b> | Wreath Laying at Hackthorn War Memorial            |
| <b>10 Oct</b> | Deadline for Parent/Teacher Interview booking slips | <b>12 Nov</b> | Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be returned |
| <b>10 Oct</b> | Deadline for Movie Night replies/payments           | <b>13 Nov</b> | Curriculum Information Evening for Y2 & Y6 Parents |
| <b>12 Oct</b> | FOHS Movie Night                                    | <b>27 Nov</b> | FOHS Winter Fayre                                  |
| <b>15 Oct</b> | Deadline for Harvest Festival Consent Forms         | <b>12 Dec</b> | KS1 Nativity Play - Dress Rehearsal                |
| <b>16 Oct</b> | Parent/Teacher Interviews                           | <b>13 Dec</b> | KS1 Nativity Play - Performance (2pm)              |
| <b>18 Oct</b> | Parent/Teacher Interviews                           | <b>14 Dec</b> | Christmas Jumper Day                               |
| <b>19 Oct</b> | Harvest Service - 2.00pm                            | <b>18 Dec</b> | Whole School Trip to Xscape, Castleford            |
| <b>19 Oct</b> | Last Day of Term                                    | <b>19 Dec</b> | Christmas Party                                    |
| <b>29 Oct</b> | Back to School                                      | <b>20 Dec</b> | Last Day of Term                                   |
| <b>30 Oct</b> | FOHS Meeting - 5.15pm at school                     |               |  |

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews this term for **KS2** parents will take place **during the school day** on **Tuesday 16 October** between 1.20-3.30pm and from 3.45-4.45pm. **KS1** will be holding a late parents' evening **from 3.45-6.45pm on Tuesday 16 October**.

On **Thursday 18 October** parents' interviews will take place for **KS1** during the school day between 1.20-3.30pm and from 3.45-4.45pm. **KS2** will be holding a late parents' evening from **3.45-6.45pm**.

Please indicate (by ticking) your preferred time for an appointment in the grid below. You will then be designated a ten minute time slot (for each child) within that hour.

We will try our best to allocate time slots within your desired period, but there may be instances when this cannot be possible.

|                                | 1.20pm - 2.30pm | 2.30pm - 3.30pm | 3.45pm - 4:45pm | 4.45pm - 5.45pm | 5.45pm - 6.45pm |
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| <b>KS1</b><br>Tues. 16 October |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>KS2</b><br>Tues. 16 October |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |

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| <b>KS1</b><br>Thu. 18 October |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>KS2</b><br>Thu. 18 October |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |

**\*\*\*Please return by Wednesday 10 October\*\*\***

We should be able to confirm your appointment time by Friday 12 October

Name of child: ..... Class: .....

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Don't forget

Children return to school on **Monday 29 October**

### CONSENT FORM

#### Collecting Children After Church (Harvest Festival Service) - Friday 19 October 2018

The school is responsible for bringing children back to school after church services to be dismissed in the usual way at 3.30pm unless we are informed, in writing, otherwise.

Name of child/children .....

(Please tick ✓)

I will be collecting my child/children myself and will be responsible for them for the remainder of the day

My child/children will be collected by ..... (named adult)

who will be responsible for them for the remainder of the day

My child will return to school to be dismissed in the usual way

Signed ..... parent/guardian