



November 2018 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Justice** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Tradition**.
'Learn to do right. Seek justice.' Isaiah 1.17



Dear Parents & Friends

It has been wonderful to see so many parents at our Friday Good Works Assemblies. We love sharing the achievements of the children in lessons and in their extra-curricular activities. It has been particularly exciting to see how our Reception children have grown in confidence and are happy to stand at the front of a packed room sharing their work.

This month's new value of Justice has made us reflect on the opportunities we give the children to consider others and care enough so they take action. Y5 and Y6 pupils have continued to correspond with the residents of Drovers Call Care Home, School Council are raising funds for the Poppy Appeal and there is a growing pile of Christmas boxes in the main corridor to support the Samaritan's Purse charity. It is obvious that our children genuinely care.

The term leading up to Christmas is always a busy one and this newsletter is packed with exciting events that we will be running. Please make sure that you transfer the information into your diaries. Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

Curriculum Information Evening for Parents of Year 2 & Year 6 Pupils - Tuesday 13 November

We will be running an information meeting on Tuesday 13 November (6-7pm) for parents of pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 who will be sitting the National Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) in May or June. There will be a short presentation about the different tests your child will sit, the structure of the test week and how you can support your child. We hope that at least one parent from each family will be able to attend this important meeting.



**Standards
& Testing
Agency**



Anti-Bullying Week 12 -16 November

We will be raising awareness of what bullying is, the forms it may take and how to deal with it.

We will also be considering the potential dangers of cyberspace and the growing national phenomenon of online bullying and bullying by text.

FOHS Winter Fayre - Tuesday 27 November

Our hard-working team of parents met again on 30 October to finalise arrangements for this year's Winter Fayre on Tuesday 27 November. It sounds like you may be able to complete your Christmas shopping early, so bring lots of money! The fair starts at 3.30pm and finishes at 4.45pm culminating in the children's singing and the Raffle draw.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14 December

It is the official 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14 December. We recognise that we have asked you to support many charities this year so please do not feel obliged to make a contribution. However if you would like to make a donation on the day then all monies will be sent to Save the Children.





Pre-School Christmas Arts Afternoon - Monday 17 December, 1.30-2.30pm

Don't forget to spread the word about our Christmas Arts Afternoon to parents of pre-school children coming up to foundation stage age. This is always a popular event so it is important that you book a place.

Whole School Christmas Trip to Xscape, Castleford - Tuesday 18 December

Back by popular demand (96% request from children in the 2017 Pupil Survey!) we are planning a return visit to Xscape in Castleford, Yorkshire on Tuesday 18 December. Once again ALL pupils will have the opportunity to go tobogganing in the Snozone AND to participate in another activity. KS1 pupils will have some downtime in the Softplay area and KS2 pupils will also have the chance to participate in ten-pin bowling. The cost of these sessions will be funded by Sports Premium. Unfortunately this funding is not allowed to cover the cost of transport so we will need a contribution of £6 per child. I hope you will agree that this is an absolute bargain for a full day's trip! All pupils will need a packed lunch on this day and plenty to drink! More details about the trip will be sent out nearer the time.



Christmas Party (pm) - Wednesday 19 December

Children should wear uniform to school. They may bring lighter 'party clothes' for the afternoon. As the 'man in red' is visiting the children in the afternoon from 3pm, we have less time for party food. This year we will provide a drink and a biscuit during a short break from the party games and disco dancing. **There is no need for you to send in party food!**

Witham Hill Gymnastics (January - March 2019)

In case you don't think the trip to Xscape is exciting enough, then read on ...we have also booked for all children to have SIX lessons with qualified instructors at Witham Hill Gymnastics after Christmas. Reception and KS1 pupils will travel every Wednesday afternoon from 09 January - 13 February (inclusive), whilst the coach from JB Sports teaches KS2 pupils.

After half-term arrangements will swap so that KS2 pupils will have gymnastic sessions from 27 February - 03 April, whilst KS1 receive PE teaching from the JB Sports coach. Once again the cost of these sessions will be funded by Sports Premium, but a contribution from parents will be required in order to meet transport costs. Further notification of the sum involved will be sent out as soon as possible in the New Year, but in the interim please also return the relevant consent slip (at the same time as returning payment plus consent for the Xscape trip).

(Please remind children that it will obviously be essential for them to have their correct PE kit in school for these sessions).



CONSENT FORM

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TRIP TO XScape, CASTLEFORD - TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER

*****Please return this slip and payment to school by Friday 16 November 2018*****

I hereby give my consent to:

Name/s of child/ren:

attending the above trip and for school staff to sign any *waivers required, as legal guardians for my child/ren on the day.

I enclose payment of (£6 per child) towards the cost of transport to and from Castleford.

Signed: Date:

*Please note we are awaiting confirmation from the venue regarding the signature of waivers and should the school not be able to sign on your behalf once your consent slip has been returned, we will obviously be in touch with you again shortly.

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WITHAM HILL GYMNASTICS SESSIONS - JANUARY TO MARCH 2019

*****Please return this slip to school by Friday 16 November 2018*****

I hereby give my consent to:

Name/s of child/ren:

attending the proposed Gymnastics Sessions to be held at Witham Hill, Lincoln from January to March 2019

Signed: Date:

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| 09 Nov Wreath Laying at Hackthorn War Memorial | 14 Dec Christmas Jumper Day |
| 12 Nov Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be returned | 17 Dec Pre-school Christmas Arts Afternoon |
| 13 Nov Curriculum Information Evening for Y2 & Y6 Parents | 18 Dec Whole School Trip to Xscape, Castleford |
| 27 Nov FOHS Winter Fayre | 19 Dec Christmas Party |
| 12 Dec KS1 Nativity Play - Dress Rehearsal | 20 Dec Last Day of Term |
| 13 Dec KS1 Nativity Play - Performance (2pm) | |