



March 2019 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Truthfulness** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Honesty**.
'Tell the truth to each other.'
Zechariah 8.16



Dear Parents & Friends

KS2 attended their first session at Witham Hill Gymnastics last Wednesday and came back buzzing about their experiences. They are equally excited about their forthcoming trip on the 21st of this month - read on for more details!

At the time of writing KS1 are also looking forward to some hands on animal action at Yorkshire Wildlife Park next Tuesday and we eagerly await to update you on all that they get up to at our next Good Works Assembly.

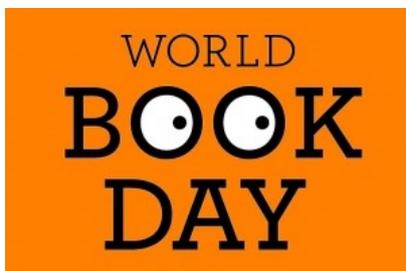
The hardworking FOHS Team have been extremely busy organising last Friday's Film Night (which I hear was a great success) and I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents as well about their Bingo Night at the end of this month on Friday 29th March. Look out for a flyer coming home with children in due course with further information.

This term we will be preparing for our Easter Service. We hope you will be able to join us and would be grateful if you could complete and return the usual consent form attached with regard to collecting children after church.

Happy Easter!

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

World Book Day at Hackthorn - Friday 08 March



A reminder that there will be NO Good Works Assembly this Friday.

As in previous years, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book and we would also like them to bring a copy of the book with them too if possible please. We have some exciting book related activities planned for the day.

KS2 Urban Strides Day at Newton-on-Trent - Thursday 21 March



You should by now have received the letter detailing arrangements for the day. Pupils and staff alike are incredibly excited to have the chance to participate in this event, particularly having enjoyed their amazing performance at Young Voices in Sheffield earlier this year.

**Red Nose Day -
Friday 15 March**



Our School Council took a vote amongst themselves and have decided that Hackthorn should participate again this year, raising funds for Comic Relief. They have proposed a non-uniform day with pupils donating £1 to this worthy cause and wearing something red to school if they have this.

Easter Service - Friday 05 April



The Easter Service will take place at 2.00pm on Friday 05 April in the village church. Parents may take their children home 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 as soon as possible so we are fully aware of your arrangements.

**FOHS Easter Egg Competition -
Thursday 25 April**



A reminder over the Easter holidays for children to get decorating an egg in time for the first week of the new term. FOHS will be holding their competition on the first Thursday back with winners announced at Good Works Assembly the following day. Entry is only £1, with prizes for KS1 and KS2 winners plus runners-up.

**Governor's (Parting)
Thoughts**

This will be my last contribution to the school newsletter as I have taken the decision to step down, both as Chair and Member of the Governing Body.

Throughout my time as a parent of a child at the school, as a Governor and latterly as Chair, the thing that has always struck me the most is that the children are cared for and cared about by all who are members of the Hackthorn Community, whether that be teaching staff, office staff, lunchtime staff or other students.

As a geographer, I define a community as 'a group of people who talk to each other' and that is what is important to allow the school to go on caring as it does; to support all who work for it and within it by talking. As parents, you are part of that community.

Experience teaches me there is little that cannot be resolved when people actually speak with one other. I would encourage you to air any concerns that you may have, but also to make the effort to publicly celebrate, acknowledge and give thanks for the opportunity that Hackthorn offers your children.

The job of education is to turn out useful members of society. I have every confidence that Hackthorn will continue to provide a wonderful start along that road, especially with your continued support.

Paul Woodhouse, Outgoing Chair of Governors



Dates to Remember

Fri 08 Mar World Book Day at Hackthorn
(NO Good Works Assembly)

Thu 14 Mar 2nd Date for Parent/Teacher Interviews

Fri 15 Mar Red Nose Day

Thu 21 Mar KS2 Urban Strides Day - (Packed lunches required)

Fri 22 & Y5/6 Rand Farm Residential Trip

Sat 23 Mar (NO Good Works Assembly)

Mon 25 Mar FOHS Meeting

Wed 27 Mar Pre-School Easter Activity Afternoon

Fri 29 Mar FOHS Bingo Night

Wed 03 Apr Last session for KS2 at Witham Hill Gymnastics

Fri 05 Apr Last Day of Spring Term/Easter Service in Church

Tue 23 Apr First Day of Summer Term



CONSENT FORM

Collecting Children After Church - Friday 05 April 2019

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.

There are many potential dangers and hazards surrounding the church yard and village hall areas. When collecting your child please ensure they:

- do not play among the grave stones
- keep away from the lake and water ways
- are guided on the path ways and car park avoiding cars and other vehicles
- are safely escorted through the working stable yard on the way to the village hall
- stay within the boundaries of the gated village hall area once at the village hall

If you or another named adult are going to collect your child directly from the church, please sign the consent form below and return it to school as soon as possible (or simply tick the box requesting that your child/ren be returned to school with staff), **BEFORE** the day of the service and ideally by no later than the last full week of term, i.e. Friday 29 March 2019 please.

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Collecting Children After Church - Friday 05 April 2019 (please return by Friday 29 March 2019)

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.
- I would like my child/children to return to school with staff.

Signed Parent/Carer