



February 2020 Newsletter



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

'Always be thankful.' 1 Thessalonians 5.16



Dear Parents & Friends

Following a second day of closure, due to problems with the boiler, and the sixth visit from a heating engineer, we are hopeful that the boiler has finally been fixed. We know that our school is celebrating 150 years this year but the building's maintenance issues are starting to make me feel 150!

Ironically, one of our priorities this year is wellbeing! I was therefore appreciative when Debbie Ison, from Therapy in Education, spent an afternoon with the staff and children teaching us methods to change the intensity of emotions that are linked to thoughts. It was wonderful to see the children acting as 'therapist' or 'client' and witness their faces transform as they helped each other to change their internal negative voices.

KS2 pupils seem to be enjoying the new way of learning languages. Years 3 and 4 now have a longer shared session together learning Spanish and it was such a joy to hear them learning through song. Years 5 and 6 also have a longer shared session but they are learning French.

We had a very positive and productive first planning meeting for our 150th celebratory event involving staff, parents and members of the community. There were lots of ideas. We will be having a follow up meeting on 11th March. Everyone is welcome.

As usual, we have a lot of exciting events planned in the coming weeks so make sure you transfer the dates to your diary.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

World Book Day - Friday 06 March

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As mentioned in last month's newsletter, a reminder that Hackthorn will be celebrating World Book Day a day later than elsewhere, on **Friday 06 March**. Please note that there will be **NO Good Works Assembly** on this day to enable maximum time to deliver exciting, book-related activities.

We hope you will enjoy putting together suitable costumes with your children over the half term break to enable them to come to school dressed as characters from their favourite books.

Hackthorn School 150th Anniversary Celebration Event—19th July

Please note the change of date for your diaries—a local wedding is being held on the 18 July

Hackthorn School celebrates its 150th anniversary this July, and a celebration event is currently being planned for **Sunday 19th July**. If you would like to be involved with the planning, please do attend our next meeting on Wednesday 11th March at 6:30pm at the school.



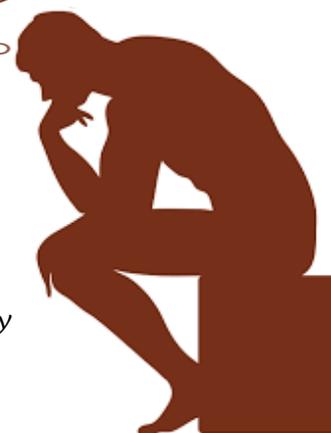
Pre-School Easter Activity Afternoon - Wednesday 18 March

There will be an activity afternoon open to all pre-schoolers on Wednesday 18 March 1:30 until 2:30pm. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who may have a child of pre-school age. Phone school to book a place.

Governor's Thoughts for the Month

This month, our Parent Governor, Mrs Emma Rowe, visited the school on the 28th January to observe how the curriculum was delivered. She spoke with a small group of KS2 children about their topic work as part of her visit. Her comments and thoughts on what she experienced are shown below:

"It is clear that children thoroughly enjoy their current topic and are extremely enthusiastic and proud to show off their work— they were especially keen to talk about Geography and their subject specific vocabulary of rivers (which as a secondary school geography teacher impressed me!) The children were able to summarise their learning and knew the purpose of the activities they had completed. The children were able to identify the different subjects they had studied within their topic books. They clearly enjoy the varied nature of what they are studying."



Dates to Remember

27 Feb	First session at Witham Hill Gymnastics for KS2	6 Mar	World Book Day
2 Mar	FOHS meeting (3.45pm at school, all welcome)	18 Mar	Pre-school Easter Activity Afternoon
23 Apr	Fashion Show, 7pm at Dunholme Village Hall	2 Apr	Easter service in church (2pm)
9/10/11 Mar	Parent/teacher interviews (No after school clubs on 11th March)	22– 24 April	Y5&6 residential to Kingswood
		19 Jul	Hackthorn 150th Anniversary

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Monday 9, Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 March

Unfortunately, due to staff commitments, we have had to change our parent/teacher interview dates from the previously scheduled dates. Both KS1 and KS2 will be holding a late parents' evening on **Monday 9th March (3:45—6:45pm)**. KS2 will hold their second parents' interviews on **Tuesday 10th** from **1:20—4:15pm** and KS1 will hold their second interviews on **Wednesday 11th** between **1:20—4:15pm**.

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.

We had a significant number of parents who returned their forms late last time and were requesting appointments on the actual day. Please be mindful that teachers plan for parents' evenings in advance and change their family commitments to accommodate appointments, so late changes are difficult to organise. Please therefore return your completed forms as quickly as possible and by **Monday 24th February at the latest**.

Please note there will be no after school clubs on Wednesday 11th March.

We should be able to confirm your appointment time by Wednesday 26th February.

Each year the Governing Body carries out a survey of the parents' views of the school as part of the School Self Review process during the Spring Term Parent/Teacher Interview Evenings and so it would be greatly appreciated if you would take the time to complete the questionnaires available when you attend your appointment.

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	1.20pm - 2.30pm	2.30pm - 3.30pm	3.45pm - 4:45pm	4.45pm - 5.45pm	5.45pm - 6.45pm
KS1 Mon. 09 March					
KS2 Mon. 09 March					

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KS1 Wed 11 March					
KS2 Tues 10 March					

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Name/s of child/ren:

Class/es: