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School Newsletter

Easter 2017

The Easter break means we now have only one term left this year. This year is flying by! Next term promises to be very busy... Year 6 SATs... Year 2 SATs.... Year 1 Phonics check..... our summer production 'Bugsy Malone' sports days Year 3 & 4 residential visit to Austerfield and many more activities.

And hopefully our conversion to Academy status on the 1st June. Mr Rhodes

Parent Pay

Our ParentPay online payments system has gone 'live'. Thank you for your patience whilst we have been setting it up.



Please activate your account – you will be able to pay for school dinners, breakfast club, visits and after school clubs.

The system is designed to work on computers, tablets and mobile phones.

The PayPoint card is to pay for school meals only – the money goes straight to Doncaster Schools Catering.

Should you require any assistance in setting up your account please come into school and we will help you activate your account.

Easter Chocolate Raffle

Yesterday we drew the children's chocolate raffle – we had 34 prizes in total – all donated by the staff. Thank you to the staff for their generosity. We sold 3000 raffle tickets at 5p each- raising £150.00 for school fund.

Congratulations to the winners and good luck in the next raffle to those who didn't win.

Parent Questionnaire Raffle

Yesterday we drew the parents' questionnaire raffle. The prize was a £20.00 Tesco gift card.

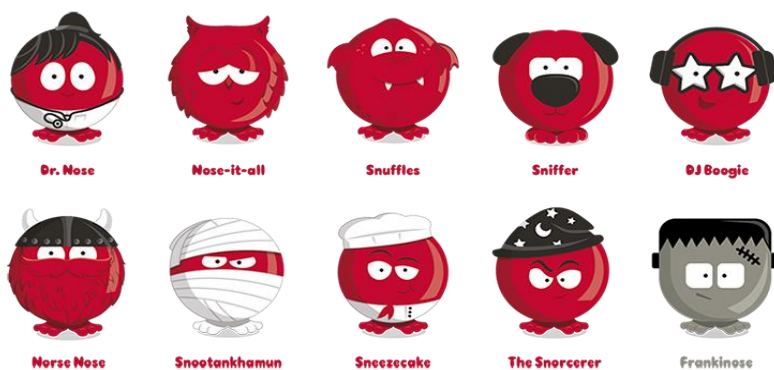
The lucky winner was Mrs. Featherstone-Bennett.

Parent and Pupil Questionnaires

I will circulate the results of both the parents' questionnaires and pupils' questionnaires after the Easter break.

Red Nose Day 2017

Thank you to all the children and staff that participated in our red nose day events on Friday 24th March. The children took great delight in soaking their teachers! We raised a fantastic £459.20 in total in aid of Comic Relief.



Attendance

Class Attendance – September to Easter

Cherry Class Yr R	93.8%
Willow Class Yr 1	96.9%
Rowan Class Yr 2	96.1%
Elm Class Yr 3	96.6%
Oak Class Yr 4	95.8%
Hazel Class Y5	98.1%
Sycamore Class Yr 6	96.9%

Well done Year 5!! Our attendance leaders

Class	Pupils achieving 97% or more attendance	Pupils achieving 100% attendance
Cherry Class Yr R	13	2
Willow Class Yr 1	20	7
Rowan Class Yr 2	17	7
Elm Class Yr 3	14	7
Oak Class Yr 4	11	2
Hazel Class Y5	23	5
Sycamore Class Yr 6	16	5

All these children are eligible to go on our attendance visits provided they keep up their attendance until the end of the year.

House Points

House points awarded this term...



Blue	970
Green	1084
Red	1008
Yellow	1225

Totals so far this year....

1 st	Yellow	4,086
2 nd	Green	3,870
3 rd	Blue	3,664
4 th	Red	3,444

Well done **Yellow House** – they have gone into the lead after trailing **Green House** all year.

Will we have a new winner at the end of the summer term?

Assessment Weeks

Year 6 SATs week is May 8th - 12th.

It is important that Year 6 attend all this week as they will not be able to take their exams at any other time.

They have been preparing hard and current assessments are looking very good.

Year 6 can attend breakfast club during their SATs all week for free!!

Year 2 SATs week is May 15th – 19th

Year 1 Phonics check is June 12th – 16th

Parking

Can we please remind all parents that it is illegal to park on the yellow zigzags outside of school. It is a danger to our children whilst they are crossing the road and also an obstruction to staff getting in and out of the car park. Anyone seen to be parking here will have their registration numbers reported to the police.

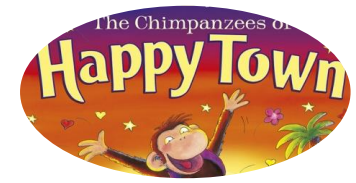
Easter Bunny visits Highwoods

Today the Easter Bunny visited Highwoods and left Easter Eggs for all the children. The eggs were paid for by funds raised by the MaD group



School Visits

Cherry and Willow Class - enjoyed a visit to Doncaster CAST Theatre on 23rd March 2017 to watch 'The Chimpanzees of Happy Town.' The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it!



Upcoming visits:

- Year 3 and Year 4 classes to visit **Leeds Royal Armouries** - Wednesday 3rd May 2017
- Cherry Class to visit the **Tropical Butterfly House** Friday 19th May 2017

These visits will be payable through ParentPay and are now 'live' in parents accounts

Sporting Success

This week teams from Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 took part in the Mexborough Pyramid football tournament.

Our Year 6 team were victorious and were crowned champions. All the winning team received certificates in recognition of their hard work. They were complimented on their team spirit and sportsmanship



Holidays in Term Time

Yesterday the High Court ruled that it is illegal for parents to take children on holiday during term time.

It is the policy of the Doncaster Council to prosecute parents and issue Fixed Penalty fines if they do take children on holiday during term time.

In very exceptional circumstances, the Head Teacher can give permission for holidays to be taken in term time.

The money raised from the fines issued is not given to the school – it is kept by the Local Authority – Doncaster Council.