

LEYS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 21 – February 2024

Spring 1 Edition

Dear Parents,

This term, we are focusing on improving multiplication recall and skills as this is high on our agenda and will benefit all of our children across school. We will be holding a coffee morning and times table parent workshop later this term. Many children (particularly those in Y4) are making improvements in their recall of the multiplication facts and using TT Rockstars and other resources to improve their skills in school and at home. If you do have any feedback from any events we hold, or would like to make any suggestions for future events, please do let me know.

Miss S. Thomas

Trips, Visitors and Other Events

Although it has been a short half term, we have taken part in a number of events.

Y6 have been visited by the **Fire Prevention Team** for a workshop and **Gemma Richardson (boxer)** for an interesting whole school presentation.

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed the **'Its Catching'** event put on by the Get Ahead Partnership. The children worked together collaboratively, improving their throwing and catching skills. **Sportscool** provided a free curling workshop that was enjoyed by the whole school.

The Get Ahead Partnership also ran a trip to the English Institute of Sport (EIS) in Sheffield for **Future Stars**. During the visit, six pupils from Leys Farm participated in a wide range of activities including Boxercise, Basketball and Athletics on the main track. The children were a credit to the school.

Y3 and Y4 children had a fabulous visit to Scunthorpe Museum to find out more about their topic, the Vikings, through a **Fearsome Craftsmen workshop** and museum tour.

Online Safety Day (6th February) took place with all classes learning about how to keep themselves safe online. Staff were surprised about how long children spend on the internet. Please can we remind you of a [free google app](#) to help you monitor your child's screen time and to help you keep your family safer online: **Family Link**.

Children's Mental Health Week was launched this week with an assembly with a focus on 'My Voice Matters'.

Upcoming Events

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place after half term with appointment times sent out via Class Dojo:

- **Monday 19th February – Year 5 – Miss Compton**
- **Tuesday 20th February – Year 4 – Miss Stoney**
- **Wednesday 21st February – Year 3 – Mrs Wass**
- **Friday 23rd February – Year 3/4 – Miss Atkinson**
- **Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th or Thursday 29th February (pm only) – Year 6 – Mr Somerville**

There will be a **parents' information meeting** about the Y6 upcoming residential meeting to Cliffe House **at 2:30pm on Tuesday 27th February**. *Y6 pupils will also attend*. The Y6 residential is from Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th April.

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We will be celebrating in school with a fun carousel of activities based on some of our children's favourite books. We will be learning about authors, illustrators and hopefully promoting reading for pleasure. Our School Council have requested a **'PJ Day'** so children can come to school in their **pyjamas and dressing gowns or onesies**.

We will also have a **Book Fair** coming to school from 29th February to 7th March. Children can use their £1 book tokens to go towards the cost of a book.

Fifteen Y5s will be attending a **Reading Stars** event with author, Tom Palmer and thirty pupils (Y3-Y6) will be representing school by attending a **Literacy Event** at Normanby Hall run by the Get Ahead Partnership.

Y5 will be going to the **STEM Fair** at Queen Elizabeth High School in Gainsborough during Science Week on Tuesday 12th March. This was really popular with our Y5 and Y6 and DT, Maths and Science Ambassadors last year so we have made this an annual event on our school calendar.

The Dogs Trust will be leading an assembly and workshops across school on Monday 18th March and Wednesday 27th March.

We will be celebrating World Maths Day on Friday 22nd March and would like to invite you to a **Maths Workshop**. On this day, children can come to school dressed as a 'Rockstar' and will be engaging in Times Table Rockstars and other Maths and multiplication games and activities. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

The School Council are arranging our annual **Leys Farm's Got Talent Show**. This will take place on Thursday 28th March.

Monday, 13th May 2023 to Thursday, 16th May - Y6 SATS Week. All Y6 pupils must be in school this week, thank you!

Term Time Dates 2023 - 2024

Spring 2 - Monday 19th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer 1 - Tuesday 16th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

Summer 2 - Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024.

Term Time Dates 2024 - 2025

Autumn 1 - Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Friday 18th October 2024

Autumn 2 - Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024

Spring 1 - Monday 6th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025

Spring 2 - Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

Summer 1 - Wednesday 23rd April 2025 to Friday 23rd May 2025

Summer 2 - Monday 2nd June 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025.

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