

Dear Parents,

This term, has gone so quickly! It only seems like five minutes since we last sent out a newsletter.

Thank you all so much for your support this term; both with Parent-Teacher meetings and for attending the Maths Workshop. We are really grateful to all those parents and carers who have engaged with school and with your children's learning.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and let's hope for some warmer weather and sunshine.

*Miss S. Thomas*

### Trips, Visitors and Other Events

Although it has been a short half term, we have been busy as usual!

**Parent-Teacher meetings** took place after half term. The vast majority of parents seem to prefer a phone call but we will always offer a face to face meeting, if parents prefer this option.

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed the second '**Its Catching**' event put on by the Get Ahead Partnership. Staff were really proud of the progress they have made to improve their throwing and catching skills.

**Healthy Eating Week** was a reminder to all children about eating a healthy, balanced diet and also to have healthier choices in their packed lunches. Packed lunches should include no more than four items which includes only ONE sweet treat (either a yogurt, jelly or biscuit), and no sweets, chocolate or chocolate spread, thank you.

The Get Ahead Partnership also ran an **Athletics** event at The Pods, which was attended by a group of Y5 and Y6 pupils, accompanied by Mr Somerville and Mrs MacDonald. As always, the children were a credit to the school and supported each other well.

**Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** sessions took place, with all classes learning about how to keep themselves safe and the scientific vocabulary associated with this area of the curriculum. Staff were impressed with the mature attitudes of the children and sensible questions they asked.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day.** We celebrated in school with a fun carousel of activities learning about authors, illustrators and promoting reading for pleasure. Our School Council requested a '**PJ Day**' so children came to school in their pyjamas, dressing gowns or onesies.

The **Book Fair** was in school from 29<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March. Many children used their £1 book tokens to go towards the cost of a book. We were also able to replenish our library with some new books and restock our Reading Reward bookcases, thanks to your generous contributions.

Fifteen Y5s have started a **Reading Stars** event with author, Tom Palmer and have more sessions booked in next term. Y5 thoroughly enjoyed the **STEM Fair** at Queen Elizabeth High School in Gainsborough during Science Week on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**The Dogs Trust** led an assembly and workshops across school. They have visited each class. The whole school engaged well in the presentation and found the sessions interesting. **Energy Sparks** also led an assembly and also met with our Eco Warriors to help us to save energy!

We celebrated World Maths Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March with a **Maths Workshop** and would like to thank those of you who attended the event. Children enjoyed coming to school dressed as 'Rockstars' and engaged well in Times Table Rockstars and other Maths and multiplication games and activities. This event raised £120.

This half term, we have raised the profile of **Protected Characteristics** and **British Values**, through webinars, in our classroom-based assemblies.

**With Me in Mind** (WMIM) supported Y6 with a SATs Buster workshops and have also met with our PSHE Ambassadors regarding mental health and wellbeing.

The School Council arranged our annual **Leys Farm's Got Talent Show**. This took place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, along with the Easter Raffle, which raised over £300!

### Upcoming Events

Y6 are looking forward to the upcoming residential visit to Cliffe House, near Huddersfield, from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. We're sure they will enjoy the experience and make memories!

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATs Week. All Y6 pupils must be in school this week, thank you!**  
Y6 will visit Cheeky Chimps on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. They must have handed in their completed SATs revision books (by 19<sup>th</sup> April) to earn this treat (*further information to follow*)!

**With Me in Mind** (WMIM) will begin a weekly workshop supporting a group of Y6 in preparing for transition and preparing them for secondary school.

**Pedestrian Skills** sessions have been organised for Y3 pupils on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June. If any parents are able to support, the sessions will be taking place from 9:30am. Please let the office know if you are able to join us.

Y5 will be visiting **Normanby Hall** as part of their topic on Victorians and Children of the Revolution on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June and Y3 and Y4 will be visiting the **Tropical Butterfly House, in Sheffield**, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June as part of their topic on Around the World in 80 Days and science unit on Living Things and Habitats.

We will be taking part in Sports Week England from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June with our **Olympics Festival Sports Day**, led by the Get Ahead Partnership, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June (*save the date*). Other Get Ahead events booked in for the summer term include: Wimbledon, a Girls Games Day and Colour Run (*further details to follow next half term*).

**Transition day** for the new Y3 intake and the Y6 visiting secondary schools will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Further information will follow, closer to the time. Our transition week will be from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### Term Time Dates 2023 – 2024

Summer 1 - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Staff have a training day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - May Day Bank Holiday  
Summer 2 - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Staff have a training day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### Term Time Dates 2024 - 2025

Autumn 1 - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Autumn 2 - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Spring 1 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Spring 2 - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Summer 1 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025  
Summer 2 - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

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