

Issue: No. 7 16/17

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## WELCOME

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of the first half term of this year already, we've had a fantastic start and all the children have settled well now and are working really hard. Don't forget that we have an INSET day tomorrow and school is therefore now closed until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please see the dates on the back for your child's parent meeting day during week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November. Enjoy the half term holiday!

## SCHOOL AWARDS



### SPECIAL MENTIONS

There were no special mentions or behaviour prizes awarded this week due to other events in school. Raffle tickets will be 'rolled over' to after the holiday.



### ATTENDANCE

During the year attendance is monitored daily and each week classes receive awards for their attendance in the previous week.

On Monday attendance the award was presented to Year 5, WELL DONE!

Nursery AM 89.5%, Nursery PM 94.3%  
Reception 98.3%,  
Year 1 92.7%, Year 2 96.3%,  
Year 3 96.1%, Year 4 96.7%,  
Year 5 99%, Year 6 98.3%

Our attendance target is **95%**



### LUNCHTIME AWARDS

On Monday, awards were given to:

Reception: Alfie  
Year 1: Jasmine  
Year 2: Jaycie  
Year 3: Leah  
Year 4: Ruby  
Year 5: Alfie  
Year 6: Carter

## FOUNDATION NEWS....



## NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have been learning about the festival of Diwali. We have been making our own yummy chapattis and been eating them in snack time. Some of us liked eating them and some of us did not but we all tried the chapattis we had made. We also got to make our own Diva pot by using our hands to make the shape and then painting them in bright colours.

After Half Term, we will be learning about Bonfire Night and creating beautiful pictures of fireworks. We will also be counting backwards from 10 to 0.

## RECEPTION

Well done to all our EYFS children for a wonderful half term. We are also delighted with our improved attendance this half term and we will be rewarding our 100% attenders with certificates and a small prize. We will also be rewarding our Reception readers with a small prize. The rewards are for the children who have read every day at home and have their reading diaries signed by parents. Thank you to all our parents who support daily reading at home. Reading every day with your child has a huge impact on progress and attainment in all areas.

In school this week we have enjoyed finding out about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We have used the computer and non-fiction books to help us find out about Diwali celebrations. We have made diva pots, Rangoli patterns and Mendhi hand patterns. In our Mathematics we have been using rhymes and songs to help us count backwards and find the number which is 1 less. We have been using the language and vocabulary relating to addition.

After half term in our Literacy and Topic sessions we will be talking about bonfire night. We will be talking about bonfire night. We will be making lots of lovely pictures and

models. We will be thinking of our own words to describe fireworks. In Maths we will be working on subtraction. We will be using the range of vocabulary relating to subtraction. We will be using a variety of resources and props to help us.



### YEAR 1 NEWS....



We have worked really hard this week. In Maths we confidently subtracted numbers using a number line. In Literacy we have been learning new sounds; we made puzzles where we had to write clues for the children to solve and guess the word.

We enjoyed our Harvest Festival, all the children took part and performed their piece beautifully.

Next half term we will be looking at how cars and transport has changed over time. In Science we will be looking again at the changing seasons.

### YEAR 2 NEWS....



Parents guided reading sessions this week were a huge success. The children really enjoyed showing off their new skills and also enjoyed doing some shared reading with their grown-ups! We hope everyone found their reading sessions useful. We are thrilled with all the extra reading the children are doing at home. It is really helping with the children's confidence and enjoyment of reading. Please keep reading. As you know we are having a big push on spellings this term. The children have all taken home a spelling zapper so that they can practise them at home.

After the holidays we will be moving on to measures in Maths and in Grammar we will be learning how to make our sentences more interesting by using contractions.

### YEAR 3 NEWS....



This week we looked at the spell chanted by the witches in Macbeth. We thought about using effective rhyme and rhythm in poetry. We then wrote some spells of our own. In Maths we learned about multiplication and division facts in the 3 x table. We also enjoyed a fun and educational Tudor day.

After the holidays we will be making box model Tudor houses, please send in any old boxes of various sizes you may have. Have a lovely half term break!

### YEAR 4 NEWS....



Well done, we have had a brilliant first half term. Everyone has worked really hard and made good progress. We have learnt lots about Tudor times and everyone really enjoyed our Tudor day.

When we come back after the holidays we will be making Tudor houses, please can everyone bring in boxes of all shapes and sizes.

In Maths we will be moving on to shape and in Literacy, we will be learning about instructions. Have a great holiday and enjoy Halloween!

### YEAR 5 NEWS....



Wow! How fast has the first half term gone! Firstly, I would like to say what a great half term we have had and everyone has worked really hard to improve their knowledge in all areas of the curriculum.

Keep reading and practising all the skills we have used this term over the holidays. Have a really great break and rest, ready to start all over again in the lead up to Christmas. Please make sure that you stay safe over the holidays.

After the holidays we will be working on capacity and volume in Maths and letter writing in Literacy.

## YEAR 5/6 GIRLS AND BOYS FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS...



A big well done to all the children who took part. They all enjoyed the events and worked hard on their team work and sportsmanship skills.

## YEAR 6 NEWS ....



This week we have worked very hard in year 6. The children made a fantastic effort in this week's football competition. It was awesome to see so many children being involved in sports events. In Maths we have investigated shape and angles which the children have really enjoyed and shown great skills in. In Literacy we have focussed on the

cardiovascular system writing an explanation of how blood moves around the body. After the holidays the children will start their booster sessions. All children can attend morning booster sessions from 8.15am (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Letters have been sent home regarding the children who are invited to attend afternoon boosters. Enjoy the holidays!

## ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL VISIT

There are still a few spaces on this trip next February, if you have a child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 who would like to go, please ask at the school office for a consent form.

The total cost of this 3 day visit is £150, a £20 deposit is required to secure your place, the balance can be paid in instalments to suit you as long as it is paid in full by the end of January.

## NON-UNIFORM DAY STAND UP TO CANCER THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Thank you to everyone for supporting our event today to raise money for Stand up to Cancer. This, in addition to your support of our Macmillan event earlier this term which raised an amazing £645, is fantastic and very much appreciated.

Our next event will be in support of Children in Need which takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will share more details with you about this after the holidays.



## GRIMETHORPE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

*Don't forget if you're looking for something to do this half term the following events are on offer at the library....*

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2pm – 3pm

A fun 'Time To Read' session in the library with story-telling etc. for children in Reception



Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10:30 – 12  
Halloween Crafts for 4 - 7 year olds\*



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 10:30 – 12  
Halloween Crafts for 7 – 11 year olds\*

\*Children must be booked onto the activity by calling the library.

Free 'Sugar Craft' course on a Tuesday afternoon 1-3pm starting the week after half term until Christmas Hopefully this course will have a Christmas theme and allow you to produce some exciting treats for the festive season.

Maths, English and IT courses at the centre. These will probably be free for most learners. Dates/times to be agreed, contact the library for more details.

All enquiries, please contact the library on 01226 712575.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

21.10.16 Inset day – school closed

24.10.16 Half term holiday – school closed all week

31.10.16 Inset day – school closed

31.10.16 Deadline for Y6 secondary applications

01.11.16 School re-opens to pupils

07.11.16 Pupil Parent Progress meetings this week

11.11.16 Y6 Crucial Crew visit

11.11.16 Y3/4 Benchball competition

29.11.16 Y1/2 Athletics competition

16.12.16 Last day of term

19.12.16 Xmas holiday starts

03.01.17 School re-opens to pupils

16.01.17 Deadline for eligible nursery children to apply for full time school (date of birth between 01/09/2012 & 31/08/2013)

15.02.17 Robinwood residential (3 days)

17.02.17 Inset day – school closed

20.02.17 Half term holiday – school closed all Week

10.04.17 School closed for Easter holidays (2 weeks)

01.05.17 Bank Holiday – school closed

04.05.17 Polling – Foundation Unit closed

29.06.17 Half term holiday – school closed 1wk

21.07.17 Last day of term

24.07.17 Inset day – school closed

25.07.17 Inset day – school closed

26.07.17 Summer holidays

### **PUPIL PROGRESS MEETING DATES**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov      Year 3 & Year 4

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov      Reception Class

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Nov      Year 1 & Year 2

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Nov    Year 5 & Year 6

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov      Nursery



06.12.16 KS1 Christmas performance 5pm

07.12.16 EYFS Christmas performance 2pm

08.12.16 EYFS Christmas performance 10am

09.12.16 KS1 performance @ church

12.12.16 KS2 performance @ church

12.12.16 School Christmas Dinner

13.12.16 KS2 Christmas performance 5pm

13.12.16 EYFS Party

14.12.16 KS2 Party

15.12.16 KS1 Party

16.12.16 Xmas Factor