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'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5.16

Living and learning together in the light of God

Newsletter – 27.01.2023

Dear Parents

It has been another busy week here at LEH and the sun has come out at last!

Behind the scenes, the teachers continue to be busy developing the curriculum and most recently we have been working on History, Geography, Music and English as a staff team and with our advisors. From next week, I will begin to share some of this work in a curriculum section of the newsletter.

We are looking forward to an IT Infrastructure update over half term which will help things to run more smoothly and quickly. Mrs Marsden and I have held our first meeting with the company designing our new website and shortly we will be asking for parents who are able to support us in a working party to make suggestions on what would be useful on the website from their perspective.

We have lots of special events coming up over the coming months such as trips e.g. Harlow Carr, class workshops e.g. planetarium and sushi making, a whole school drumming workshop, not to mention our Year 6 residential to East Barnby in April!

PE Kit Survey Results

Thank you to those parents who filled in the PE Kit Survey. We had **78** responses in total and the results were as follows:

Class 1 (20 replies): 100% of respondents preferred their children to come to school in their PE Kit on PE/ Club days.

Class 2 (17 replies): 100% of respondents preferred their children to come to school in their PE Kit on PE/ Club days.

Class 3 (25 responses): 96% of respondents preferred their children to come to school in their PE Kit on PE/ Club days.

Class 4: (16 responses): 88% of respondents preferred their children to come to school in their PE Kit on PE/ Club days.

On balance, it would therefore seem that our current system is still the most convenient option for the majority of parents in each class and will remain in place at present.

Year 6 SATS and Residential meeting – Tuesday 7th February 2023

We would like to invite parents of year 6 children to a meeting where we will talk through the assessment procedures for the end of KS2. We will explain the SATS process to you, discuss the writing assessment that also takes place as well as sharing some example materials for your information.

As the Year 6 residential has been brought forward, we thought that we could combine this with the information session for our trip away and you will be able to ask any questions that you might have.

The meeting will begin at **5pm in class 4** and we anticipate it will last no more than 1 hr.

Year 6 children are welcome to attend this meeting.

A message from the Boston Spa Gala committee (see also attached flyer)

The Boston Spa Gala committee has taken great pride in running a not for profit event that has been able to generate funds for a broad number of local groups including all the primary schools in the village. It has also been greatly satisfying to hold an event that is well attended and enjoyed by people of all ages.

We are now at a point where we urgently need to recruit a new committee to pick up the reins from the current committee otherwise it is likely that the gala will cease to continue. A number of the committee volunteers have been involved for nearly a decade and a couple much longer, but for a range of reasons a critical mass of the current members are unable to continue beyond supporting a transition to a new group this year. We also feel now is a great time for fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Kind Regards

Nick Middleton

Collective worship

In collective worship this week we have continued to talk about courage. On Monday we read the story of David and Goliath linked to showing courage to respond to unkind people. Classroom worship was all about 'facing challenge.' We also presented certificates to our brilliant stars of the week. Well done!



Today in worship, our picture news focus was a very topical discussion around the question
‘How much control do influencers have over our choices?’

Children’s Mental Health Week 6th – 10th February



Children’s Mental Health Week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people’s mental health. As part of this week, on Friday 10th (last day of term), we would like to invite the children (and staff) to...



Children could wear their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they are feeling, it can be as simple or elaborate as you like! Dress to Express is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions.

New Trustees

We are currently looking for new trustees. The trustees meet approximately once a month to plan our fundraising activities. We each lead on one or two fundraising activities a year (although this isn’t an essential requirement).



We aim to have at least one trustee from each class. Currently we don’t have anyone from Class 1 and, as Mags Bradley will be stepping down at the AGM, no one from Class 3.

We are a friendly and supportive group, so if you are interested in becoming a trustee and would like to know more, please contact our email address: ladyelizabethhastingsfos@gmail.com.

This is a great opportunity to make a positive difference to our children’s school experience. See attached for more information on the AGM and becoming a trustee. .

A snapshot of this week’s learning



In **Class 1** RE we have been continuing our work on the creation story. In this picture we are having a circle time to think of some things that we could do to help our planet and make God smile. Our ideas included: Taking care of animals, putting rubbish in the bin, being kind to people, not cutting down trees and playing nicely with our toys and putting them away.

This week **Class 2** used their aliens to create a large Guess Who game which they played with children from Class 4. Class 2 used a range of vocabulary, including expanded noun phrases, in their clues. It was lovely to see the older children showing so much interest in the younger children's work.



Class 3

This week in Class 3, we have been exploring the different symbols and signs which are important in the Sikh faith. We have learnt about the importance of the Khanda and how it features on the flag above every Gurdwara. We have also learnt about the word 'sewa' which means 'service' and how this is an important value in the Sikh religion. Next week we will be making our own symbol to represent what is important to us in our lives.



This week in PE, **Class 4** have been looking at how to balance. In pairs, we gave each other feedback about what we were doing well and how to improve our work.



The children led our classroom collective worship, continuing the theme of courage. They acted out the story of Joshua taking over after Moses passed away.

Diary Dates:

Wed 1st February	School Closed for pupils due to the strike action of teaching staff
Fri 3rd February	Class 3 Sharing Worship 2.40pm, Class 3 parents invited
Tuesday 7th February	Year 6 SATS/ Residential meeting at 5pm
Wed 8th February	Class 4 Sharing Worship 2.40pm Class 4 Parents Invited
Fri 10th February	School Closes for Half Term Dress to Express Valentines sweet sale at end of day in aid of Martin House (organised by pupils)
Mon 20th February	School Closed for Training Day
Tuesday 21st February	School re-opens for Spring 2
Tuesday 21st February	Friends of the School AGM - 8.30pm at the Crown in Boston Spa

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Barnett