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## School News

### Attendance:

Class R – 99%

Class 1 – 96%

Class 2 – 96%

Class 3 – 96%

Class 4 – 97%

Class 5 – 96%

Class 6 – 99%

### Parents Evenings – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week to give you an update about your child's progress in school.

Mrs Brown will be on hand to help if you have any queries, and a member of the governing body will also be joining us.

Please use the pupil entrance to enter and leave school. Appointments will be in the school hall as usual. Please go to your child's classroom to look at their work, then make your way to the hall at your appointment time.

### School Review Update

A group of local head teachers were invited to visit us on Monday to review the quality of the wider curriculum offered at our school. The focus was science, history and geography, and we had a productive day, observing lessons, chatting to pupils and looking at their work.

The lessons observed were enjoyable and challenging, and included lots of hands-on learning which inspired and engaged the pupils. We were impressed with the children's efforts and enthusiasm, and the confident way in which they could articulate what they had learnt. They were also given a good level of support by the teachers and TAs.

Following this review and other monitoring activities carried out in school, we are working to ensure that there is a clear progression of skills and knowledge in all subjects across the curriculum, and that pupils have regular opportunities to apply what they have learnt in different contexts.

### Well done to the following pupils who received a Special Mention certificate in assembly today:

Class R – Arthur, Grace, Vita, Wilf, Joshua

Class 1 – Ollie S, Mya, Ella, Taylor, Seb

Class 2 – Rosie, Jack F, Albert, Charlotte, Kristopher

Class 3 – Arjun, William, Maneesha, Connie, Noah

Class 4 – Ebony, Jownai, Elyse, Andrew, Freddy

Class 5 – Ollie, Theo, Anya, Jacob, Arthur

Class 6 – Jessica, Tillie, Ben, Nova, Ava

### Class 5 biscuit Sale

Class 5 have shown great enterprise this week, designing, baking and decorating their own biscuits, and they have learnt such a lot through this process. Thank you to everyone who supported them, especially the Class 5 parents for buying the ingredients. They just have to decide how to spend the money they have earned now!

### Half term

We break up for half term on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Upcoming Events

Week beginning **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 6 Mock SATs

**Year 2** are excited about their trip to the **Yorkshire Sculpture Park** on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Year 5 are ready for their **Mayan play** on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Performance for parents is at 9:45.

We are also being visited by a Barnsley FC footballer in the afternoon.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - class photos

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - **World Book Day**

We will be celebrating our love of books as usual on World Book Day; this year we are encouraging the children to bring in their favourite (old or new) bedtime stories to share with their friends. The children can come to school in pyjamas and bring their slippers - we may even have hot chocolate and cookies as we read our bedtime stories!

### Upcoming Events continued

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week

The children are enjoying all their science topics, and we will be doing even more to mark Science Week this year.

As the Friday of this week coincides with Red Nose Day, we thought that a science themed dressing up day would be fun. The children can come as anything science related – scientists, inventors, astronauts etc.

#### Book Fair

We are holding a Book Fair in the school hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, from 3pm to 4pm. The children will receive a £1 book token to spend at the fair.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Class R at Wigfield Farm

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Class 3 history day

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Class 6 enterprise sale after school

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Mothers ' Day Performances at 9:10 and 3:10 in the classrooms.

#### New School Website

Our new school website is up and running. It has additional features, including a page for each class, a governor page and a calendar of events for the year. As with the previous website, you can also find useful policies and the newsletter will be uploaded onto it every week. The old website will no longer be maintained and will be removed in the future.

### Sheila's Sporting News

Tuesday afternoon saw 8 of our children take part in the South Yorkshire Cross Country Finals at Cannon Hall. The weather was cold, damp and misty but this did not stop these qualifiers from performing their best. There were over 100 runners in each race with children from Sheffield, Doncaster, Rotherham and Barnsley representing their schools. It was an exacting race for everyone but Thurgoland Superstars did us proud. All were well placed but a special mention must go to Rafe finishing 10th and Lola 18th. A fantastic effort by everyone.

### Sheila's Sporting News continued.....

A big thank you to the mums of Katie-Rose and Rafe for providing transport, moral support and of course the obligatory toilet runs 😊

Y1/2 travelled to Penistone Grammar where they spent an hour running relay races. There were many red cheeks and although very tired, the youngsters were real superstars and although not placed in the top 3, were winners in our eyes. Hugely supported once again by parents and guardians; you too are stars. Thank you.

The early morning hockey clubs are back on again and Y5 are progressing brilliantly as a team and improving their skills week by week. The weather was dreadfully cold and windy for Y6's club but 14 boys and girls braved the elements and played a quality game. Well done to both clubs.

Children in school are given the opportunity to join in many different sports regardless of their abilities; if they enjoy themselves and continue to take part, they WILL improve and will eventually have the opportunity to be part of team entered in area competitions.

Each child will learn the basic skills and rules of every game and this will give them the confidence needed to play against other teams and to enjoy the experience.

Dodgeball with Mr Jordan goes from strength to strength and children from Y5/6 will be able to put into practice their skills when they take part in a dodgeball competition next week.

On Thursday teams from Y5/6 will be representing the school at a Basketball Tournament at what is always a very challenging and tight competition, often going to the last shot to decide the winner. A tense time and we wish them well.