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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for all of your support with our 'Wear Red' Day for Comic Relief. We have received a lot of donations for this fabulous charity and can't wait to announce our school's total contribution to Comic Relief on next week's newsletter.

School choir

There are a few spaces available to join our Key Stage 2 choir. Choir is held on Wednesdays at lunch time and led by Miss Riley and Miss Pamment. If your child would like to join please speak to a member of staff in the office. Places are limited, once all available places have been filled a waiting list will be created and these children will be offered a place next term. Thank you.

Nut-Free School

Just a gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school and children should not bring anything to school containing nuts due to allergies.

After School Club

After school club are asking if anyone has any unwanted toys which are still in working order but which people may wish to donate to school if their children no longer use them. If you are able to make any donations, this would be greatly appreciated and donations can be left in the Main Reception area. Thank you for the donations we have already received.

Easter Foodbank Collection

Our School Council will be collecting food and Easter eggs for the Resource Foodbank in Ossett. thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We have had some wonderful donations to the Resource Food Bank in Ossett. Please see the food collection list at the end of this newsletter.

PE Uniform

A polite reminder that children should attend school wearing full PE uniform on their designated PE day.

PE uniform includes: trainers, black/navy shorts, plain white t-shirt, plain navy jogging bottoms, plain navy jumper/zip-up top.

If children attend school on their designated PE day wearing different clothing, then a reminder will be sent home for parents.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your children only bring water into school in their water bottles and not juice or other drinks. Thank you.



	Event	Class
27.03.23	Parents Evening	Whole School
30.03.23	Parents Evening	Whole School
02.05.23	Class photos	Whole school
09.05.23 – 12.05.23	Year 6 SATS	Year 6



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 95.33% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to year 2 who achieved a fantastic 98.97%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	James	Latisha	Leland	Edward
Year 4	Evan	Alesha	Connor	Dexter
Year 5	Tahlia	Georgina	Flynn	Maisee
Year 5/6	Jacob	Cameron	Kellan	Isaac
Year 6	Will	Hughie	Millie	Carter

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week the children have been so excited to learn about our new topic about 'Dinosaurs'. The children have been learning about the different types of dinosaurs, the different foods they eat and why there are no dinosaurs now. In Maths, the children have been exploring 3D shapes in the environment and the children are becoming very knowledgeable on some of the 3D shape names. Well done everyone! In Phonics this, the children have been learning about 'v' and 'y'. They have been thinking about which image starts with these sounds then sorting them together. Thank you to parents/carers for your continued support at home, please can the children practise their number formation to 5? The children have phrases to help them and are amazing at remembering them! Have a great weekend!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon



Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have continued our journey through history from the Stone Age to Castles! We used the traditional tale of 'Jack & the Beanstalk' to explore castles and look at the different features of a castle. We built our own castles in the construction area and outside, as well as painting and drawing pictures of grand castles. In Maths, we looked at doubles and used our knowledge of number bonds to remember our doubling facts. We loved retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk too – using our sentence writing skills to rewrite the story, describe the characters and write about the setting in the story. Another brilliant week in Early Years – we wonder where our journey through history takes us next week...

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have continued to find out about Florence Nightingale and how she became the founder of nursing. We know she changed the way we work in hospitals today by keeping everything clean and tidy, eating healthy food, clean bedsheets, doctors and nurses washing hands before they treat a patient.

For our extended writing activity, we had to write down as many facts about Florence as we knew. We organised our writing into paragraphs by writing about when she was a little girl first then when she was an adult.

In Maths, we have been comparing number sentences and using symbols to support this learning. We are getting confident with addition and subtraction to 20 and know addition totals are greater and subtraction totals are less (fewer).

In Computing, we learned the vocabulary 'data set' and know this means grouping objects together by size, shape, colour or by another property. We could use this vocabulary in the lesson and are confident to answer questions about it.

Well done Year 1 for working very hard this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

What a jam-packed week we have had in Year 2! In Maths this week, we have looked at 2D and 3D shapes, describing the properties and comparing them. We have also looked at vertical lines of symmetry. In English this week, we did some amazing writing! We wrote newspaper articles about Lila from our class story, The Secret of Rain, who went to the top of the highest mountain to tell the sky the saddest story she knew to try and make it rain.

In Science, we have continued to look at light, looking at which surfaces reflect light ready for our experiment. We looked at how Christians show they belong to each other in RE where we watched the royal wedding and discussed the promises made to each other. We continued to look at Harold Godwinson and William the Conqueror in History, this time looking at what happened at Stamford Bridge. Did you know that 300 long boats carried the Viking army to England?

Well done Year 2! The children have worked so hard as always, this week and we are so proud of them!

Mrs Wolstenholme

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have continued our work on fractions, this time looking at ordering fractions on a number line. In English, we have written a newspaper report about a missing girl from our core text, The Firework Makers Daughter. We have enjoyed learning how and why rain is formed in Geography, including looking at rain shadows. In Science, we have learnt about how to present data we collect. We enjoyed working in groups to collect data based on our favourite colours, sports and flavours of food – we then used this data to create bar charts. In DT, we have analysed pre-existing shell structures. Finally, we have worked very hard on creating Mother's Day cards for the very important women in our lives! Well done Year 3, another super week.

Miss Riley



Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been super busy writing a diary entry as our character Magnus in our core English book Anglo Saxon Boy. In Maths, we have been converting mixed number fractions to improper fractions and improper fractions to mixed numbers - how confusing, but we have mastered it! In Geography, we have been learning all about meanders and oxbow lakes and in Science, we have been learning about constellations. In Music, we have been learning the song 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers and in Computing we are learning to record our voice to be used in our own podcast. Today, we dressed in red and had great fun to raise funds for Comic Relief - see our photos on Twitter! Well done Year 4 for a great week!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

What a super week we have had in Year 5! We started the week by writing our letters to the Nobel Prize award body to convince them why Albert Einstein deserved this; within these pieces we showcased our skills of parenthesis, persuasive language and subordinate clauses! In Maths, we started our next unit of Statistics. We have firstly looked at line graphs and enhanced our ability to read and interpret these. In RE, we had a lovely lesson looking at Muslim paintings, poetry and calligraphy - we understand the importance of these for religious people. In PSHE, we looked at how we can live in an environmentally sustainable way which we all agreed is crucial. We applied this knowledge to a scenario to explain how we could reduce the impact of a new shopping centre on our environment. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I'll see you all on Monday.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in year 5/6, we have focused on developing a secure knowledge of the four operations for Y6, in the build-up to SATs. We have revisited previously taught content to ensure that we are comfortable applying our knowledge in a variety of contexts. Our Y5 children have been working on a new concept of position and translation in the first quadrant. We have practised developing our fluency and included some reasoning and problem solving too. In English, we have identified the features of a formal letter and written our own examples which aim to persuade the Nobel Prize Committee to give the Nobel Prize for Physics to Albert Einstein in 1921. In History, we have continued with our work on medieval Britain by learning about why King Henry VIII initiated the reformation and the impact this had on our country.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

In year 6 this week, in Maths, we have focused on securing our knowledge in the four operations. We have been problem solving questions and even completed a Tarsia grid! In History, we have compared King John and King Richard - debating which King was the best by looking at different historic sources. We also had our celebration assembly. Well done to those who received a core award. Enjoy your weekend.

Miss Richardson





Please support Wakefield Hospice with a

WINTER WARDROBE CLEAR-OUT

Because we can't wait until it's time for a Spring Clean!

We are in desperate need for good quality:

Winter Clothing Children's Toys
Shoes Furniture
Homeware

Whether a Christmas clear-out or a fresh look for the new year, please consider donating your preloved quality items to Wakefield Hospice.

T: 01924 383294 Charity No 518392





Help support our local foodbank this Easter

Our School Council
are collecting vital food supplies
for The Resource Foodbank in Ossett

Let's help ensure that nobody goes hungry this
Easter

Our school council are collecting food items
and Easter Eggs.

All donations will be greatly received





THE RESOURCE

Food Bank

COLLECTION LIST

**A BIG THANK YOU!!
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING ...

DRIED PRODUCE

Cup-a-soup's
Packet Mashed potato
Rice (1kg bags)
Pasta / Spaghetti
Pasta'N'Sauce sachet's
Pot Noodles/Mug Shots
Biscuits

BREAKFAST PRODUCE

Porridge Oats
Cereals
Jam
Marmalade

CLEANING ITEMS

Washing -up Liquid
Dish Cloths
Pan Scourers
Washing Powder

TOILETRIES

Shower Gel
Hair Shampoo
Toothpaste/Brushes
Face Cloths
Shave Foam/Razors

TINNED PRODUCE

Tin Soups
Tin Potatoes
Tin Vegetables
Mince Beef & Onions
Chicken in White Sauce
Beef/Chicken Curry
Beef Stew
Irish Stew
Tin Ravioli
Spaghetti Bolognese
Chilli-con-Carne
Macaroni Cheese
Meatballs in sauce
Baked Beans
Tin Spaghetti
Hot Dogs
Sardines
Tuna
Sandwich Spread
Rice Pudding
Custard (sachet or tin)
Tin Fruit

BEVERAGES

Tea
Coffee
Sugar
Juice (concentrate)

THE RESOURCE Food Bank

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