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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wear Red Day

Today children were welcomed into school for our Wear Red Day in support of showing racism the red card. We have spent time today discussing the importance of tackling racism in complement of our ongoing learning for Black History Month. Children have spent time exploring inspirational figures who have made significant contributions to our world.

Excellence Exhibit

A huge thank you to the parents and carers who joined us today for our Excellence Exhibit. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to share their work with a parent/carer to celebrate the hard work they are putting into striving for excellence every day. Please see attached key dates for the next scheduled Excellence Exhibit.

Eden Camp

This week we took our eldest children from Y5, Y56 and Y6 to Eden Camp. This trip was planned to enrich the history topic we are studying this half term: Twentieth Century Conflict. The children's behaviour was exemplary and it was a pleasure to take them off-site and immerse them further into experiencing what life would have been like during the First and Second World Wars.

Nasal Flu

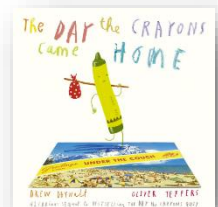
Nasal flu spray will be given to children from Reception to Year 6 on 15th November from 9.00am; if you have not yet returned the flu form, can you please bring it to the school office as soon as possible.

Gardening update

Mrs Schofield and Mrs Smith would like to share their gratitude to the Ossett/Horbury Rotary Club who kindly donated over 400 crocus bulbs for planting across our school grounds. We can't wait for the spring time to see these in bloom!

What are we reading?

Mrs Davies is this week's reading teacher in the spotlight: *The Day the Crayons Came Home*. This book was chosen for its lovable characters who explore world, via each continent, before returning home where they belong. This is a fantastic read for a little taste of humour and a giggle to share with a loved one.



Donations for playtime

Should any families have any spare toys or resources that could be used to further develop our playtimes, these would be most appreciated! We would love any donations such as board games / puzzle books / jigsaws / dolls / dressing up clothes. A special thank you goes to the Carr family and the Midgley family who have supported school with kind donations of books. Thank you!



Music Lessons

A reminder that year we are again offering group music tuition, facilitated by Wakefield Music Services. The cost for these lessons are £73 per term and children can specialise in a range of instruments. Please contact the school office for further information. We also have places for Rock Steady – please do ask at the school office for further details.

Key Term Dates

Please find attached event dates for each term on our newsletter. We have endeavoured to plan events for the whole academic year and we ask for your understanding if any dates need changing.

Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Nursery	Amelia Jasmine	Jacob	Hughie	Rosanna
Reception (adventurers)	Oliver	Henry	Joseph	Freya-Rose
Reception (explores)	Summer	Nora	Savannah	Bradley
Year 1	Hudson	Isla	Olivia	Holly
Year 1/2	Hannah	Rashid	Lilly	Bradley
Year 2	Bethany	Joseph	Emma	Fabian



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 96.75% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year1/2, who achieved 97.78% attendance this week. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been exploring the outdoors, the children have begun to notice more leaves falling from the trees so we went to explore the field and see if that was happening to the other trees. The children loved collecting the fallen leaves and were able to fulfil our one of our Nursery promises of catching a falling leaf. Our focus story this week was 'In my Heart' where we further explored emotions and the children linked the colours to our previous story 'The Colour Monster'. We watched a very special video about online videos and how we should tell a grown up if something makes them feel scared or sad. After the video we took a quiz to test our learning and the children looked at some facial expressions and decided if the girl was okay or if she should tell a grown up and they got all of them right! Well done everyone!! Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon



Reception

Another busy week in F2! On Monday we went on an Autumn walk to look for signs of Autumn, we saw different coloured leaves, looked at the type of seeds we could find and collected some long and short sticks. We had lots of fun and used excellent vocabulary to describe the things we found. We then enjoyed using our findings in provision. In Art we have looked closely at the colours of the leaves we found and tried to mix these colours using the paint. In the outdoor area we made 'wild art' using our findings, we also made frames using sticks and hung our art work up in the outdoor space. In Literacy this week we have looked at a news story, 'Tree, Seasons Come, Seasons Go'. We have thought carefully about our senses and how we can use these to look for signs of Autumn. We have then tried hard to think of sentences that start with 'I can see...' and 'I can hear...' In Maths this week we have worked on patterns and sequences, we have looked for patterns in our natural environment and made our own patterns using maths resources. We have had another very busy but lovely week. Well done F2!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been excited to complete our book called Sulwe. We have enjoyed the story so much and are pleased that at the end of the story Sulwe feels comfortable with herself and the way she looks. This week we pretended to be Sulwe and write a letter to the star to say thank you for helping. In maths, we have continued to work on addition and whole part models to help us understand the whole number and the 2 parts that make the total. We have really tried hard to remember our number bonds and we have a song to help us remember the number bond pairs to 10. We are at the end of our history topic and revisited all that we have learned over this half term. We have found the Victorians fascinating and enjoyed finding out about how life was like compared to our lives today. We are very excited about our class trip next week to Cannon Hall House when we will be dressing up as Victorian boys and girls. We enjoyed having our 'Excellence open evening' when our grownups could come into school to look at what we have been doing so far in Year 1. Well done Year 1.

You have all worked very hard.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 1/2

Another busy week here in Class 1/2, where the children have worked so hard! In Maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction. Our Year 1 children have blown our socks off with how quickly they've understood how to add! We've used cubes, number lines and some of us have even managed to do it mentally! In Year 2, we have used our number bonds to 10 knowledge to help us answer both addition and subtraction questions with bigger numbers. In English, we have focussed on conjunctions this week and used 'and' to extend our sentences. In History, we have completed all our learning about the Victorians ahead of our school trip next week. We completed an end of unit assessment, where the children have retained so much knowledge! They then used this to create posters and leaflets all about the Victorians. Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we have written some wonderful letters! We wrote from our main character, Sulwe's point of view to thank the Star for helping her realise how beautiful she is. In Maths, we have worked extremely hard to add 3 1-digit numbers, we used our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and doubles to help us do this efficiently. In History, we had concluded our unit of the Victorians and we cannot wait for our trip to bring this to life! In RE, we looked at what we can learn from Muslim holy words. In Computing, we discussed how we can have a healthy 'digital diet' and practiced each component of this. We also enjoyed juice and biscuits as a reward for our 100% attendance this week - a huge well done for this everyone. What a wonderful week, well done for all of your hard work Year 2.

Miss Wilson



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been working really hard to write and redraft a newspaper report about NASA honouring it's 'First Black Female Engineer' by renaming their building 'The Mary W Jackson Headquarters' and in Maths, we have been using our reasoning and problem-solving skills when comparing and ordering numbers and we have been counting in 50's. In History, we have been learning about the Iron Age and in PE, we have been practicing our movement skills. In forest school this week, we were identifying trees and we also lit a real fire! In DT, we have been learning sewing skills such as running stitch and back stitch ready to make our glasses case and in PSHE, we have been learning about 'thunks' which are questions with no right or wrong answer but make you think about your own opinion. In Science, we have been collecting soil samples to see how different soils are formed. Today, we dressed in red to show our support to 'Show Racism the Red Card' and we also took part in our harvest festival where we thought about others who are less fortunate than ourselves. Well done for working hard Year 3!

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

Another busy week in Year 4 this week. We have been conducting a science experiment investigating how changes to the environment affect the things that live there and look forward to unveiling the results on Monday. We have also been learning French adjectives and have been describing parts of the face. On Wednesday, we had our Inspire afternoon which was brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed by all, our classroom now looks like a Roman colosseum due to the amazing shields on display. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents that were able to attend and help the afternoon be a success, I look forward to welcoming you all next week for parents evening.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in Y5, we have continued to work through our addition and subtraction unit of learning. We have completed questions using the column method and have discussed whether a formal written method is always the most effective. We have completed reasoning and problem-solving questions by identifying the most important information and deciding which operations to apply. In English, we have completed witness statements by drafting and redrafting our writing to refine our work. In DT, we have continued to improve our practical skills to create our Anderson Shelters by marking out and cutting wood accurately. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Eden Camp on Tuesday, where we learned even more facts to add to our extensive knowledge of WWI and WWII.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

What a busy week we have had in Class 5/6 this week! The start of our week was filled with excitement as we ventured out to Eden Camp with an opportunity to further explore our History topic about 20th Century Conflict. We had opportunities to revisit our learning from this term about WW1 and had chance to explore the experiences of British citizens during WW2, we especially loved walking through a street in the Blitz and learning about human torpedoes! In Science this week, we learnt how to make a water filter from household objects to filter contaminated water. In Maths, we have worked incredibly hard on Prime Numbers and formal methods of multiplication, we're all making amazing progress. Well done everyone, keep up the hard work!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

We have had a brilliant week in Year 6 this week – we took our first educational visit of the year and transported back in time to experience what life was like on the Home Front during the World War. The children were absolutely fantastic and relished the experience – well done and thank you for being such a credit to us. In English, we have been working hard to develop our editing and redrafting skills as we reworked our witness statements, focusing on developing characterisation. In Maths, we have been beginning to embed our skills in short division, ready to apply this to long division and chunking strategies. I can hardly believe that next week is our final week in school before half term – you have been brilliant and worked so hard Year 6 – Mrs Drury and I are incredibly proud of you!

Mrs Poole



Please see below dates for the next academic year, dates highlighted in yellow are open to parents and carers. **If any dates change, we endeavour to give as much notice as possible.**

Autumn Term

Date	Event	Class
23.10.23	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Whole School
24.10.23	Cannon Hall House Trip	Year 1
25.10.23	PTA Halloween Disco	Whole School
26.10.23	Cannon Hall House Trip	All Year 2
26.10.23	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Whole School
27.10.23	Break Up Today	Whole School
6.11.23	Back to School	Whole School
6.11.23	Parliament Week	Whole School
10.11.23	World Science Day	Whole School
13.11.23	Remembrance Day Assembly	Whole School
13.11.23	Anti-bullying Week	Whole School
15.11.23	Managing Big Worries – Parent Workshop – 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Whole School
16.11.23	Trip to Stump Cross	Year 3
17.11.23	Children in Need	Whole School
21.11.23	F2 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Reception
22.11.23	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
23.11.23	School Photo Day	Whole School

23.11.23	Safeguarding Parent Meeting 4:00pm	Whole School
29.11.23	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
01.12.23	PTA Non-Uniform Day	Whole School
6.12.23	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day and Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run	Whole School
11.12.23	Christmas Fair	Whole School
12.12.23	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
13.12.23	Early Years Christmas Show 2:00pm	EYFS
14.12.23	LKS2 Christmas Show 10:00am	Year 3 Year 4
19.12.23	KS1 Christmas Show 10:00am	Year 1 Year 2
20.12.23	UKS2 Christmas Show 5:00pm	Year 5 Year 6
22.12.23	Break Up Today	Whole School



Spring Term

Date	Event	Class
8.1.24	Back to School	Whole School
11.1.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
16.1.24	Y3 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Year 3
17.1.24	Multiplication Check Parent Meeting 3:30pm	Year 4
24.1.24	F2 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Reception
2.2.24	NSPCC Number Day	Whole School
5.2.24	Safer Internet Week	Whole School
5.2.24	Nursery Class Assembly	Nursery Parents
7.2.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
8.2.24	Chinese New Year	Whole School
8.2.24	Young Voices	TBC
8.2.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
9.2.24	Break Up Today	Whole School
19.2.24	INSET Day	Whole School
20.2.24	Back To School	Whole School
26.2.24	Year 5 Inspire 2:00pm	All Year 5
27.2.24	Year 6 Inspire 2:00pm	All Year 6
28.2.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
29.2.24	Y4 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Whole School
1.3.24	Zero Discrimination Day	Whole School
4.3.24	Careers Week	Whole School
6.3.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents

6.3.24	Safeguarding Meeting for Parents 4:00pm	Whole School
7.3.24	World Book Day	Whole School
7.3.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
12.3.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
13.3.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
14.3.24	Y2 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 2 Parents
15.3.24	Red Nose Day	Whole School
18.3.24	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Whole School
19.3.24	Y1 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 1 Parents
21.3.24	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Whole School
22.3.24	Easter Egg Competition	Whole School
22.3.24	Break Up Today	Whole School



Summer Term

Date	Event	Class
8.4.24	Back to School	Whole School
11.4.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
2.5.24	INSET Day	Whole School
9.5.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
13.5.24	KS2 SATs Assessments this week	Year 6
21.5.24	Y3 INSPIRE Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 3
22.5.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
23.5.24	Trip to Butterfly Garden Sheffield	Nursery
24.5.24	Break Up Today	Whole School
3.6.24	Pride Month	Whole School
10.6.24	Back to School Today	Whole School
10.6.24	Year 6 Bikability this week	Year 6
13.6.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
14.6.24	Scholastic Book Fair all week	Whole School
17.6.24	Refugee Week	Whole School
19.6.24	Y4 Trip to Murton Park	Year 4
20.6.24	Year 6 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 6
24.6.24	Year 5 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 5
01.07.24	Year 5 Camping Trip	All Year 5
3.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
3.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
8.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
10.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
11.7.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
11.7.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents

11.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
12.7.24	French Day	Whole School
15.7.24	EY Trip to the Watering Hole	F2
15.7.23	Y6 residential to PGL @ Newby Wiske, Northallerton	
17.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
18.7.24	KS1 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 1 Year 2
22.7.24	Sports Day EY: 9:00am KS1: 10:30am LKS2: 1:00pm UKS2: 2:00pm	Whole School
23.7.24	Y2 Graduation 2:00pm	Year 2
24.7.24	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole School
24.7.24	EY Graduation 2:00pm	Foundation
25.7.24	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 2:00pm	Year 6
25.7.24	Break Up Today	Whole School



