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A Voluntary Academy

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**Newsletter: Autumn Term
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we had a visit from James from Wakefield Trinity in an assembly to talk to the children about being Eco Champions. Our children are really enthusiastic about 'doing their bit' to support the efforts in caring for our planet. I am sure they will be encouraging you also at home to 'turn off lights' and 'turn things off' if they are not needed. The children are very clear that we are the caretakers of the earth and together we can all help by contributing a little. Our Eco Council are super role models in this and their achievement of the Green Flag award earlier this academic year is a real testament to their efforts.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Warters

Medicines in school

Could I remind all parents that all medicines that are required to be administered in the school day must be handed in to the school office and not left in your child's care. A form is required by school to be completed by the parent or guardian stating dosage and time of medication. This must be completed prior to any medication being administered to your child by members of staff. Please speak with Mrs Edginton in the school office should your child require medicine in the day.

BBC 500 Words Competition

BBC Radio 2 has launched the annual 500 Words writing competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to get creative and write a story. Please see the BBC 500 Words website for further information. There are many ideas to help support the children in how to write a good story as well as all the competition details. All entries must be submitted by 27th February 2020.

We will be hosting our own 500 Words competition to link in with Book week. Further information on this will follow soon. We have some very talented writers in our school so ... get writing!

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book day in school. Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative outfits and we will have special reading-themed events on the day. On this day, children will bring home their World Book Day £1 token which can be used in participating book shops.

Diocesan Singing Programme

Our children in Y2 and Y4 will be presenting a short performance of the work they have undertaken with Miss Kitson on Monday 10th February at 11pm. All are welcome

Y3 Singing and music performance

Y3 will be giving a singing and ocarina concert for parents/carers on Wednesday 12th February at 9.30am.

Skipping Festival

The children in Years 2 and 4 will be participating in a Skipping festival at St Wilfrid's in the coming weeks. If your child is in Y2 or 4 and wishes to purchase a skipping rope from the Skipping-school to practise they are available from the school office at a cost of £5

Y1 Phonics Screening information meeting

The children in Y1 will undertake a statutory phonics test in June. Miss James will be holding an information meeting for parents of children in Y1 regarding the process and how you can help support your child in phonics on Monday 10th February at 3.30pm.

Y6 SATs Meeting

There will be an information evening for the parents of pupils in Y6 on Monday 27th January. The SAT tests will take place during the week beginning 11th May. Please note no holidays should be taken during this time. The evening will give information regarding the statutory tests. This will take place at either 2.30pm or at 5.30pm for parents to choose the most convenient time.

Y2 SAT's Meeting

There will be an information evening on Monday 3rd February at 3.30pm for the parents of pupils in Y2 regarding the SAT tests which will be administered during the month of May. The meeting will inform parents on what aspects of the curriculum will be assessed, and how the test process is undertaken for pupils in Y2.

Easter colouring competition

Normanton Town council are once again holding the annual Easter Colouring competition. Please look out for further details coming home with your child regarding entry.

Volunteer Readers

We are appealing once again for parents, parishioners or friends of the school who may have a morning or afternoon free, and would like to come into school and listen to children read individually. Any regular volunteers will be required to have a DBS check and provide two character references prior to working in school. If you are interested in supporting school in this way, please leave your name with Mrs Edginton and we will get back to you.

Procedure for unplanned School Closures due to adverse weather

Although we are experiencing a very mild winter at the moment, should school need to close for any adverse weather conditions information will be sent to parents via Groupcall as well as notification on the school website. Postings will also be made on the Wakefield council website Wakefield.gov.uk and also on Ridings FM. Information will be updated daily and we would advise parents to check regularly for any new information.

Masses at St John the Baptist Church

Saturday at **6.00pm**

Sunday at **10.00am** – Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10.00am Mass during term time. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy - We remind parents that the Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word is **only** for children up to, **but not including** those who have started their Preparation for or have already received the First Sacraments.

100 Club

If you wish to purchase a 100 Club number for £10 for this academic year, please call in to the school office. Our next draw will take place tomorrow.

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold Book Assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 24th January at 2.30. The following children have made it into the Gold Book this week. We are very proud of them, and their achievements:

Lunchtime Awards – Shelbie Y3 & Seth E Y2

Late Foundation – Alex K & Thea

Year 1 – Isabelle & Filip

Year 2 – Seth H & Killian

Year 3 – Blessie & Ruby

Year 4 – Ava & Kara

Year 5 – Georgia-Lee & Kacper

Year 6 – Emilie & Felix

The dates for Gold Book Assemblies this half term are

Friday 24th January

Friday 7th February

Friday 14th February

Diary Dates

Friday 24th January – Gold Book Assembly

Monday 10th February - Y2 and Y4 Singing presentation 11am

Wednesday 12th February – Y3 Singing and Music performance. 9.30am

Friday 14th February – Half Term holiday

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March – PA Film Night

Monday 16th March – Class Photographs

Monday 16th March – Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th March – Parents Evening

Friday 3rd April – School closes for Easter

Attendance



Our school attendance target for each class is **96%**. Classes are rewarded for achieving the highest attendance for the week. This is acknowledged in the weekly Gold Book Assembly.

Congratulations to Year 3 who had 100% attendance for week ending 13th January.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.33%	96.67%	99.33%	100.00%	98.33%	98.79%	98.57%

Our Virtue to live by: Faith
I know that faith is a gift from God

Safeguarding: Should you have any concerns regarding the safety of children please contact the Safeguarding Team. DSL: Mrs L Warters (Head of School) Deputy DSL: Mrs S Spittle Deputy DSL: Mrs D Ferguson Deputy DSL: Miss B Noone Mr K Flood (Executive Headteacher)