



1st March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Castleton Residential

This week some year 4 children visited Castleton in the Peak District for an overnight stay. We all had an amazing time and the children were very well behaved. They participated in activities such as archery, Roman battle formations, gem panning, bingo and a walk through Castleton. We are very proud of all the children for completing the wonderful 5 mile walk through the muddy countryside.

Learning with Parents

This week we are encouraging everyone to be registered on Learning with Parents. All children who are registered, whether they are already on or new this week, will receive a raffle ticket. Any child who is registered on Learning with Parents can win a prize if their raffle ticket is drawn out at the end of the following week. GOOD LUCK!
We currently have 367 children registered and 17 more to go.

Reading 3x

We have joint winners of the reading 3x competition. 3B and 2K. Both classes had 11 children reading 3x!

World Book Day

Remember **World Book Day is next week. 7th March 2024.**

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7th March this year and we want the day to be fun packed and exciting. We want children to have a deep interest in books and a love of reading so please engage in as much as you can. On World Book Day itself, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. This can be character from books children have been reading this year in school. (see list below). Prizes will be given for the most imaginative costume.

Building up to the day itself, we would like you (and your children) to be creative and either decorate a pebble, make 3d models of characters/setting or create a story in a box. We would like all children from F1 to Year 6 to take part. While making, you can discuss the setting, what they characters are like and share the story. There will be prizes for the best entries. The deadline is Thursday 7th March 2024.

Have fun, be creative and good luck.



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Story in a box



3d models



Character pebbles

During the day, we will be holding a preowned book sale in the small hall where you can buy any book for 10p. If you have books you would like to donate, please drop them into the office.

Overall, we want your child/children to share their love of reading and have fun.

Secondary Admissions

[Secondary admissions - City of Doncaster Council](#)

Apply for Secondary School

All children in Year 6 are due to start Secondary School in September 2024.

It is important to apply on time as a number of schools will be full next September.

You are encouraged to include your catchment area school as one of your preferences even if this is not your first choice. Use the link above to do this.

- National closing date for applications is 31 October 2023
- However, you may still apply and this will be considered after the national offer date
- National Offer Date is 1 March 2024 - Parents will be emailed their decision, using the email account used to apply.

Accelerated Reader

Well done to Micah in 4D for reading a whopping 91,869 words this week and to Thaksana in 2K for completing the most quizzes.

Home Learning

Home learning is sent out weekly on a Friday. Teachers will make sure that whatever is sent home, has been covered in class beforehand whether it be maths, writing or wider curriculum knowledge. The expectation is that home learning will be returned the following Thursday, so teachers have a chance to look at it and prepare the new piece. Please support us with this as we would love to see as many children completing learning at home, when possible.



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Science Week

Next week, at the end of the week, will be the launch of Science week. Children will be experiencing a live launch assembly from the Royal Observatory next Friday and then will be participating in live lessons and a short experiment the week after. In the meantime, we are starting our Science Week poster competition and the details are below. Also don't miss the opportunity to sign up to the family learning session where you can do messy and fun science experiments with your child after school on Thursday 7th March – a parentmail has been sent to sign up for this and it is for families in year 1 – 5 with limited spaces so don't miss out!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

The theme this year is **"Time"** – children could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Students could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

Categories for entry are:

- Early Years
- Infant
- Junior

The judges are looking for:

- **Creativity in approach** – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box
- **Content** – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- **Effective communication** – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Entries need to be submitted to school by Friday 15th March.
Must be flat to submit – no flaps or pop ups!





PE reminder

All children should wear a white t-shirt with black shorts or black pants. Plain dark tracksuits are allowed for outdoor games. Children must have their hair tied back and earrings are not permitted during PE for health and safety. Any children who do wear earrings to school must be able to remove them prior to starting their PE lesson or they must be removed at home prior to coming to school on PE days. No jewellery such as bracelets, necklaces etc. are allowed.

PE Kit:

Indoor PE Kit: Black shorts and White T-shirts are to be worn.

Please do not send football shirts or other coloured T-shirts for PE.

Outdoor Games Kit:

Children should have a pair of pumps or training shoes for outdoor games lessons. Many children also wear dark coloured, plain tracksuits for outdoor games.

If you wish your child to wear stud ear-rings please ensure they are able to remove the earrings themselves for PE lessons.

Hair:

We expect a sensible approach to hairstyles. Whilst doing PE long hair should be tied up with a soft band.

Parent voice

We have recently sent out 3 surveys to collect parent and pupil voice.

- Parent survey: Found in forms section on parentmail
- Children's safeguarding survey (to be completed with your child)

<https://forms.gle/z8LQxqFuDVobUJbS7>

- Parents of children with SEND

<https://forms.gle/45r32a6G2wKnMLcx9>

Safeguarding

Bullying continues to be a problem which can impact young lives: this week's guide has expert advice for trusted adults on ways to support young people who are being bullied

Parking



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Please can we again remind parents about parking near the school site. As a school we are concerned about how cars park on the road adjacent to the school carpark and we are working with the local authority about this.

We do not advise any children leaving school to walk to cars parked on the roadside. This is due to the amount of cars and the lack of visibility. Please take care if you drive and park here. We urge you to drive and park sensibly. Please remember that it is an access route for other businesses and emergency vehicles who may need access.

Best wishes,

Miss Austwick

Principal

Diary Dates

Attached are diary dates for the term. Obviously there may be circumstances where these have to change but we will do our best to give you plenty of notice.

01.03		
04.03		F1 Parents evening 3:40 – 5:00pm
05.03		F2 @ Eureka Whole school & F1 Parents evening 3:40 – 7:00pm
06.03		Careers day
07.03		World book day
08.03		World maths day Start of science week
11.03		Year 5 @ Space Centre
12.03		5&6 New college – football tournament
13.03		
14.03		4D Class Assembly
15.03		End of British Science week Comic Relief – Red Nose Day



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18.03		
19.03		
20.03		
21.03		Year 4 Exploring Easter @ ST. Peters World poetry day 1G class assembly
22.03		Y2 @ Austerfield Y5 @ St. Peters Church 1pm
25.03		
26.03		End of term assemblies No.1 & F1 – 9:15AM & 2:45PM Yr 5 - 10:30am Yr 6 – 11am Yr1 – 1pm Year 3 Merton Park
27.03		End of term assemblies Yr 3 – 9:30am Yr 4– 9:45am F2 – 1:30pm Yr 2 – 2:30pm Yr1 emergency services museum
28.03		End of term assemblies F2 – 1:30pm Yr 1 – 2pm Yr 2 – 2:30pm

Doncaster Transition Dates:





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School	Dates for Y6/7 Transition (Summer 2024)
Armthorpe Academy	9, 10 July 2024
Ash Hill Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Astrea Academy Woodfields	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Campsmount Academy	9, 10, 11 July 2024
De Warenne Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Don Valley Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Hall Cross Academy	10, 11 July 2024
Hungerhill School	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Outwood Academy Adwick	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Outwood Academy Danum	9, 10 July 2024
Ridgewood School	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Rossington All Saints	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Sir Thomas Wharton Academy	10, 11, 12 July 2024
The Hayfield School	9, 10 July 2024 (8 July 2024 Transition Evening)
The Laurel Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
The McAuley Catholic High School	10, 11, 12 July 2024
Trinity Academy	10, 11, 12 July 2024
XP EAST	9, 10, 11 July 2024
XP SCHOOL	9, 10, 11 July 2024



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