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Dear parents and carers,

Young Voices

Our choir travelled to the Utilita Arena at Sheffield to join with over 4000 other local school children take part in the Young Voices concert on 20th February. We all loved the experience and the children's behaviour was a credit to the school. They were simply the best! They sang their hearts out, danced the night away and were inspired by some phenomenal professional live music performances. They performed with MC Grammar- check out his World Book Day rap!



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.

World Book Day

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.



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 Dominic in 6P reading a massive 47,704 words and Maddison in 2W with the most quizzes.

Mobile Phones

As you may be aware the DFE has published guidance over the use of mobile phones. The documentation can be found here:

[Mobile phones in schools - February 2024 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

The DFE have stated that the use of mobile phones should be prohibited. At our school we do not allow mobile phones and children should not have them in the playground or access to them during the school day.

However, in some circumstances, we recognise that children have phones because they walk home independently, and it may be needed for safety. In these circumstances, children hand their phones into the school office on arrival. Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in how many are handed in. Whilst the school may keep the phones during the day, we take no responsibility for loss or damage. If you feel that your child falls into exceptional circumstances and needs to bring their phone to



school, please complete the form sent to you on parentmail. We will not prevent children from handing them in from now, however from the start of the summer term, we can only accept phones that parents have notified us that they need to bring in.

Please note that due to safeguarding and behaviour, we will be forced to adopt processes for any child found with a phone that has not been handed into the main office. Updated policies will be sent to families soon. This is already in place.

Year 5 Enterprise Challenge

On the final Friday of last half term, Year 5 participated in an enterprise challenge day where they worked in randomly selected teams to design and pitch a product to a panel of judges. The product was a sensory room for pupil to use and they were given a budget and a items that they could buy for their room. Children designed logos and mascots for their business and all participated really well. Sadly, there could only be one winning team that will be going through to the enterprise finals in a few months. Well Done to team 'Good Vibes' who wowed the judges with their confidence and attention to detail in their pitch.



Parent voice

We have recently sent out 3 surveys to collect parent and pupil voice. We always appreciate your feedback and would be grateful if you can complete any surveys that have been sent to you.

- 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

Learning the art of emotional control 🤔😭❤️ Young ones can sometimes find it difficult to manage their feelings – this week's guide has expert advice on how trusted adults can help children learn to self-regulate. 🧘‍♀️



Parking

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.

26.02		No.1 & F1 church visit AM
27.02		YR 4 Castleton
28.02		YR 4 Castleton
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
14.03		4D Class Assembly
15.03		End of British Science week Comic Relief – Red Nose Day



21.03		Year 4 Exploring Easter @ ST. Peters World poetry day
22.03		Y2 @ Austerfield Y5 @ St. Peters Church 1pm
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:

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