



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

Hustwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Newsletter
Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Welcome back, what a busy first week of the second half of the spring term. I hope everyone had a lovely half term holiday.

The week before half term we marked Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week and NSPCC Number Day..



Also, a huge thank you to FOHS who held a much loved Movie Night which was thoroughly enjoyed by many of our children and raised £250!

Thank you to all Year 4, 5 and 6 parents who attended or requested the recording of our parent 'Social Media, online pressures and gaming' workshop yesterday evening. We hope you found it informative and supportive in providing information about keeping your child safe online.

Your fortnightly class summary from..

Class 1, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Carass.

Before half term the children took part in internet safety day. They thought about how to stay safe online and learnt what they should do if they saw something they found upsetting or didn't understand.

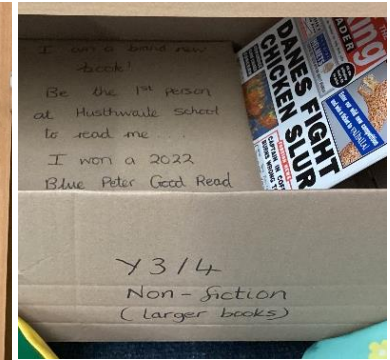
This week the children have enjoyed learning about Shrove Tuesday - making and tasting pancakes. Their favourite topping was syrup, but the orange and lemon were also popular! The children also enjoyed their first Forest School for this year with Mr Houghton. They collected resources to make fairy and pixie dens, adding bedrooms and fireplaces! Our Reception children were introduced to their new ICT topic of "to sequence", they had to create a piece of music with a focus on pattern, using drag and drop.



Class 2, Miss Goodchild

Before half term the children took part in Internet Safety Day. The children considered which types of activity were better done in person and better done online, there were some that caused debate! They also thought about who they could talk to if they saw something or experienced something that upset them online.

This week the Y3/4 children practised their mental maths skills solving lots of double and halving problems to assist them with their perimeter work in maths. The Year 2s have been using manipulatives to support them begin their division work in maths; they've been focused on grouping and sharing equal groups. Next they will move onto applying this within their 2s, 5s and 10s times tables. Some exciting parcels also appeared in our newly organised reading environment. I wonder who will be first to open them, read and review them?



Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Before half term we went up to the village hall for Prime Time. As always, the children were fantastic ambassadors for the school and interacted really well with the Prime Time attendees.

This week, the children investigated the solubility of materials. In maths, Year 6 have acquired new knowledge and skills in ratio; Year 5s have been looking at area and perimeter in rectilinear shapes. In English, the children have looked at war poetry linked to our topic, World War I.



Friday 10 February Awards

Class 1, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Carass.

Bird Award – Freya D for always working to the best of her ability. Freya always checks she is doing her tasks correctly. She knows her targets and works hard to achieve them.

Headteacher's sticker – Sidney for his excellent behaviours for learning and always trying to do the right thing.

Writer of the week – Sharday for writing a sentence independently in phonics and remembering her finger spaces!

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – William H for his reading and increased expression.

Headteacher's sticker – Phoebe R for excellent multiplication.

Writer of the week – Daisy for her non-chronological report writing.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Felix for his ability to always step in and step up, such as using his initiative to go and help with assembly when someone is absent.

Headteacher's sticker – Enes for his enjoyment and inclusivity at boardgames club.

Writer of the week – Charlie for his fantastically detailed writing using the full range of taught features.

Friday 24 February Awards**Class 1, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Carass.**

Bird Award – William P for his hard work and determination in all areas of the curriculum. William likes to do a job well and is always proud of his efforts.

Headteacher's sticker – Phoebe J for her hard work in maths, specifically for using her knowledge of number bonds to help with subtraction problems.

Writer of the week – Evie for ensuring her writing is a consistent size and that her letters are correctly formed in all her writing tasks this week.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Sare for working really hard on our new maths topic, learning about perimeter.

Headteacher's sticker – Eliza W for helping and supporting others in class-really showing our caring and sharing school value.

Writer of the week – Bryony for working hard to have consistent handwriting across all subjects.

Class 3, Mr Chapman

Bird Award – Lucas for standing up for what is right, showing honesty and integrity.

Headteacher's sticker – Isabel for her passion for reading and finding texts linked to our topic.

Writer of the week – Henry for showing creativity in his letter writing.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars!

This week has focused on good behaviours....

Class 1 Jack for brilliant tidying in the provision areas.

Class 2 Leo for being a fabulous role model.

Class 3 Poppy, who is ALWAYS respectful, polite, and helpful. Another great role model.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in the school hall at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by myself.

Have a great weekend.

NOTICES:

- World Book Day Thursday 2 March 2023 – Instead of dressing up, we are dressing a wooden spoon character up! Today your child has been given a small wooden spoon to take home and turn in to a favourite book character. Please bring them back in next week on World Book Day (feel free to bring the book as well) and every child will have the opportunity to present and share their character with their class. Have fun creating your character! Today your child will bring home their £1 World Book Day National Book Token, which entitles them to a free book.
- On Friday 3 March, 9am school hall. Everyone is warmly welcome to our FOHS meeting.
- MP3 Player Wanted – Do you have an old (but working) iPod/quality mp3 player stashed at the back of a cupboard? Our school mp3 player is on its last legs and needs replacing. If you do and would be willing to donate it to school, please let Mr Chapman know and it will be gratefully received.
- This half term we will be moving to a new school payment and communication system. We will be adopting 'Arbor Parent Portal' and the Arbor app will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently. We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and next week will be sending you further information. It will be a gradual process over this half term and we will keep you informed at each stage. Please bear with us as things may take longer to process.
- Before half term we had an increase in Scarlet Fever and Strep A cases and once again we would like to draw your attention to this information. Please make sure you are aware of the symptoms and we recommend you seek medical advice immediately if you have any concerns at all about your child.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment/scarlet-fever-factsheet>

- As informed last half term the NEU (National Education Union) has announced the following strike days for teachers: Tuesday 28 February 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. As always we will do everything we can to ensure that school remains open to all children and that all staff are supported by each

of us, regardless of this action. We would like to confirm that at this present moment in time school remains open on these days for all children Your child may be taught by a different teacher to normal on these days.

- Please can we remind all parents **not** to park on the yellow zig zag lines in the bus bay; this is for the school bus and taxis only. If you want to 'drop and go' you can use the bus bay for that reason only and not to park whilst you get your child out of the car / take your child into school / wait for them to come out at the end of the day. Please also be mindful of considerate parking and not block any of our neighbours' driveways.
- Please note we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. It is important no food containing nuts is brought into school under any circumstances.
- Please add us as a Facebook friend: www.facebook.com/HusthwaiteCofEPrimary .
- Five children from our school are performing in the Village Family Pantomime next week 'Treasure Island' with performances from 1st-4th March in Husthwaite Village Hall. It is lovely that children from the school can participate in village events. Tickets are available from Sheila Mowat on 07936 721775. We look forward to hearing all about Timmy, Phoebe, Felix, William P and Charlie's experiences of being on the stage!
- **DIARY DATES:**

2 March	World Book Day 2023
3 March	9am school hall. FOHS meeting.
w/c 6 March	Year 6 mock SAT's week
10 March	Non uniform day in return for Mother's day sale gifts
14 March	Science Enrichment Day as part of National Science Week Parent's Evening
15 March	Mother's Day Gift Sale at playtime
17 March	Liz Hebdon our school parent governor will be doing her governor surgery at drop off. HEGG educational visit to Allerton Park Red Nose Day 2023
20 March	Parent's Evening
31 March	Easter Service at St Nicholas' Church 9.30am FOHS Easter Egg Hunt