



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Monthly Newsletter

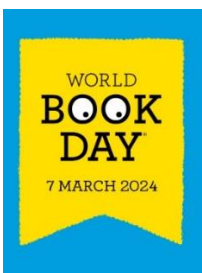
MARCH 2024...

Another extremely busy month and second half of the Spring term.

Years 5 and 6 had a very successful Federation residential to a new location, Newby Wiske. The children enjoyed a variety of activities, many of the highlights being the canoeing, high ropes, fencing and of course the silent disco! A huge thank you to Mr Chapman and Mr Houghton for accompanying the children with Sessay staff as well.



Our annual Mother's Day/special lady day sale once again was a huge success. Thank you for supporting this, we raised a fabulous £188 and we hope all our Mum's and special ladies' liked their child chosen presents!



On the 7th March we celebrated World Book day and 'The School Book Swap Shop' was very much enjoyed by all. It was lovely reading the children's blurbs and I know all the children thoroughly enjoyed unwrapping a new book!



Last week we also celebrated British Science Week and Red Nose Day in school. In science the children focused on the national theme of 'Time'. On Red Nose Day, Moneymakers organised for us all to dress in something red and to be creative and take part in the design a new red nose competition. Class winners were: Class 1 Ana, Class 2 Walter and Class 3 Phoebe. Thank you for supporting the people in need in Africa and across the UK.

Year 6 have had their KS2 SAT's Mock SAT's week this month. An opportunity to experience the week as it will be in May. The children gave their very best and I know in the official statutory May week they are already looking forward to the famous breakfast club!

As you know this half term you have had the opportunity to come into school and have a consultation with your child's class teacher. We hope you found this discussion informative and that you also took the opportunity to have a look at your child's books. Please remember to follow a strict open door policy and do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

Children in Nursery to Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed a recent workshop with 'Aquatic Finatics' linked to their current science and topic work. This was a fabulous opportunity to handle some real life animals and deepen their understanding about the different animals and their habitats.



Yesterday we had our Spring term curriculum enrichment day – Historical figures past and present! The costumes were fantastic and the children met and learnt about many famous historical figures from the past and present, learning about their significance and placing them on a class timeline in chronological order.



As you know FOHS and Mr Chapman organised a school 'PENNY WAR!', which I know has caused much excitement this half term and has most certainly encouraged all the children to be handling money. Thank you for all your support in this project and we now have lots of coins for the children to be using and handling in school when they get out the cash boxes as a resource to support them when learning all about money. After coin deductions...

Class 1 total 816 coins

Class 2 total 357 coins

Class 3 832 total coins

The winning class is Class 3 who will enjoy their ice cream treat on Friday!



Thank you to FoHS who this week held their much loved School Disco, which was very much enjoyed by all. We certainly had some movers on the dancefloor!

Also a huge thank you for organising the school Easter Egg Hunt and egg decorating competition to mark our next Christian church festival being Easter.

Finally, today is National Daffodil Day and we took time to remember Mrs Brack and reflect on how lucky we are to go to a school with such fabulous school grounds that are set within our unique and beautiful, rural local area. Thank you to Mrs Brack's family for donating a beautiful memorial bench which takes pride of place in our wonderful grounds which she so loved, alongside a new flowerpot and apple tree planted by the children in HOOSC.



Friday 1 March 2024 Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Dotty for her super work in phonics

Headteacher's sticker – Evie Mee (Class 2) for her fantastic aerial drawing of the school.

Writer of the week- Sharday for her super neat handwriting. Keep up the good work.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Arthur for his enthusiasm in reading sessions this week.

Headteacher's sticker – Walter for a brilliant first couple of weeks at Hustwaite.

Writer of the week – William P for working hard on his Little Wandle words and sentences.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Hope for her expressive acting during Open the book assembly.

Friday 8 March 2024 Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Hunter for his kindness and compassion with our younger children

Headteacher's sticker – Olivia for her continued effort in every area of school.

Writer of the week – Frank for trying so hard to write his name independently.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Eliza for her fantastic measuring work in our new length and height topic

Headteacher's sticker – Beatrix for her amazing book token design on World Book Day.

Writer of the week – Wilf B producing a well-presented published poem.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Mollie for her progress and passion in netball.

Headteacher's sticker – Douglas for his effort in sounding out unfamiliar words during reading practice.

Writer of the week – Rufus for his proof-reading and checking during Mother's Day and World Book Day activities.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

William A for being kind-helping someone without having to be asked.

Friday 15 March 2024 Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Oscar for being super brave and holding the snake after being reluctant to touch the first few animals.

Headteacher's sticker – Sharday for her wonderful under the sea diorama.

Writer of the week – Jack for his independent writing of a statement, a command and a question in English.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Phoebe for her fabulous fractions and great code work using Logo in computing.

Headteacher's sticker – William P for great explanations on how he has solved mental maths questions.

Writer of the week – Daisy for working hard to identify and include pronouns in her writing.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Rufus for his positive attitude and diligence in his work.

Headteacher's sticker – Timmy for the careful consideration he gave to his PSHE work around different types of drugs for our Healthy Me unit.

Writer of the week – Niamh for her wonderful recording of her early bird maths; it was systematic and methodical.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Freya for remembering all about the story of Jesus in the temple.

Walter for superb manners and holding the door open for everyone without being asked.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter service this morning at St Nicholas' Church, we do hope you enjoyed joining us.

We wish everyone a very Happy Easter and have a fabulous Easter holiday.

NOTICES:

- **Federation Elevate Multi Academy Trust Consultation.** As you know our formal consultation to all stakeholders closed at 5pm yesterday. We would like to thank-you for your opinions/views, all of which are being considered by our governing body. We will update our FAQ's in light of questions that have been asked through the formal consultation. Please don't hesitate to ask any further questions and we will continue to keep you informed and updated throughout the process.

- **Free holiday activities and meals for families this Easter notice for parents from NYC**

FEAST is back this Easter holiday and better than ever, with a fantastic range of activities to keep your children active, fed and having fun during the school holidays. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved, with free places and a free meal for eligible families, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

We're turning this Easter break into an adventure-packed extravaganza. From arts and crafts to sports and beyond, there's something for every young explorer to dive into.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or is made eligible by exception (see the [FEAST FAQs](#) for details), you will receive a voucher from their school. This will enable you to book school holiday activities that are part of the FEAST programme for free, using the online platform Holiday Activities. Watch our [step-by-step guide](#) on how to redeem your FEAST voucher and book free activities.

Ready to unleash the Easter fun? Head over to the [FEAST website](#) now to discover all the incredible activities waiting for your child. Don't miss out on the magic – claim your free place today!

- **COMMUNITY EVENT, Thursday 28 March, 2pm – An Easter Walk**
Starting and finishing at Coxwold Church.
- **COMMUNITY EVENT, Friday 29 March – Good Friday Family Eggstravaganza**
Games, crafts, The Easter story and hot cross buns! Hope Church Easingwold @ The Galtres Centre. 3.30-5pm
- **COMMUNITY EVENT, Easter Sunday, ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HUSTHWAITE – Family Communion and Easter Egg Hunt! 11am.**
- **Monthly online safety newsletter for parents.** We have subscribed to Knowsley city learning centre and will now be providing you with a monthly online safety newsletter to support you in providing your child with a safe online environment. Topics from managing your child with a mobile phone, parental control information, Fortnite and Instagram are the sorts of topics covered. All newsletters will then be stored on our website for your later reference if necessary. Being the first month today we have also attached a guide to parent controls booklet which will give you information and help in ensuring parental controls and privacy settings are in place at home. We always are wanting to promote having a safe online environment for children both at school and at home.
- **Home To School Transport.** We have been asked to inform you that North Yorkshire Council commenced a consultation on Monday 19 February proposing **changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy.** The necessary information can be found here on the Council's website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation> , together with **an online survey form for your responses** to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period. The consultation closing date is Friday 12 April.
- **Measles outbreak.** We would like to inform you that there have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands and there is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

The DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents.

DIARY DATES:

22 March	9.30am Easter Service St Nicholas' Church FoHS Easter Egg Hunt School closes 2.30pm for Easter
8 April	Staff Training Day-School closed to pupils
9 April	School opens for the Summer term. Stay and Play 13:00
25 April	EYFS/KS1 Cluster multiskills
28 April	Garden Force Morning-wildlife area project
6 May	Bank holiday – school closed
13-16 May	KS2 SATS week
14 May	Stay & Play 13.00
21 May	Faith and Beliefs curriculum enrichment day
22 nd May	Reception & Y6 National Child Measurement Programme visit
24 th May	3.20pm school closes for half term
3 rd June	8.50am School opens

Please also check the school website for future diary dates <http://husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/calendar/>