



# WEEKLY NEWS

## FROM HUSTWAITE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

*This half term our Christian Value is Creativity through the theme of Enjoyment*

### Diary Dates and Reminders

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re-opens
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day – details to follow
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science/Technology Week
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mother's Day gift stall
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> April	FOHS jumble sale – Hustwaite village hall
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> -Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Sports Week – (Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> May Sports Day)

### A fortnightly note from your headteacher...

A busy final fortnight of the first half of the spring term at Hustwaite.

All our children were given an amazing opportunity to meet the inspiring British mountaineer Alan Hinkes OBE. The children learnt of his exploits in an assembly before doing a special talk with Class 3 who have been learning about Mount Everest as part of their topic on Asia. Alan brought with him some of his mountaineering equipment that he had used to climb all 14 of the World's highest peaks, including his enormous walking boots, huge down-filled suit and survival tent. Children were also given the chance to participate in a questions and answer session which really engaged the pupil's interest in Alan's achievements. A couple of the notable Class 3 questions and answers included: 'What is your favourite mountain view Alan?' 'Roseberry Topping – a wonderful 360 degree vista and one I never tire of.'

'What are you afraid of?' 'The sea.'

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring afternoon by an amazing mountaineer.



All our children enjoyed a musical performance by 'Music from county hall'. The children experienced a range of instruments including the violin, viola, trombone, trumpet and the tuba.



Miss Goodchild accompanied our Year 2 children to a Multiskills event at Easingwold Outwood Academy. The children were in mixed teams with children from 4 other schools: Linton, Huby, Alne and Sheriff Hutton. They took part in activities which included running, balancing, team games, speed bounce and throwing at targets.

'All the games were really fun, I most enjoyed the balancing game using tennis rackets and bean bags.' (Henry)  
 'I liked all the games and my favourite was the jumping from side to side (speed bounce). I liked being with different children because you could make new friends.' (Gabby)

Class 1 enjoyed their trip to The Yorkshire Museum and Gardens. They were all palaeontologists for the day. They took part in a dinosaur dig workshop and made their own fossils. They learnt many interesting facts including that dinosaurs did not fly. They even touched dinosaur pool!



A very warm Husthwaite welcome to Helen and Suzie from Treetops before and after school club at Husthwaite. A very successful first week and very much enjoyed by all the children that have used this service which I know is essential for many of our families.



I would also like to warmly welcome Mrs Ryan our new school cook, who has already served up some fabulous school dinners and we look forward too many more.



Last night all the children thoroughly enjoyed the FOHS Valentine Disco. Thankyou to all of you that helped FOHS put on this much loved event by the children. FOHS next event is a jumble sale and community social at Hushwaite Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.



Our school informal 'Spelling Bee' event on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February was enjoyed by all. A big congratulations to Jessica Hodson, Henry, Faith, Ellesia and Millie who represented Hushwaite at a cluster Spelling Bee Competition at Linton on Ouse Primary School on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs Gale and myself were extremely proud of all of you. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who came along to support the children and school.

In the past fortnight we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with the theme 'Find Your Brave' and Safer Internet Day with the theme 'Together for a better internet'. Key messages were reinforced with special assemblies to mark both events.



On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. As part of our World Book Day celebrations this year we would like the children to bring in a photograph of themselves reading a book or having a book read to them in an unusual place! Will you be reading a book in an exciting place over half term? We will use all the pictures to create a Celebration of Reading Wall. Further details to follow.

Please also note that we are currently struggling to get rid of 'Headlice' in school. Please can all parents and carers take the opportunity of half term to check and treat hair. Please ensure long hair (shoulder length +) is always tied back and please check your child on a regular basis. We thank you all for your support on this matter and if every child is checked and treated, fingers crossed we will be a 'nit free' school!

Please can I remind all parents / carers that drop off and pick up by vehicle, that the yellow zig zag bay at the foot of the school drive is not for stopping on. Only the school bus and Livewires taxi are allowed to drop off in this area. This is for the safety of all and I thank you for your co-operation.

The Husthwaite Village drama group are doing a performance of Wind in the Willows 26-29 February , starring our very own actors and actresses – Bethan, Bob and Isaac. Please see the posters for further details  
I would like to inform you that we have now got a new school website that has gone live this week. Our previous website was no longer fit for purpose and we hope you find our new one easy to navigate and full of useful information.

Have a fun and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### Where's Church this week?



#### **Sunday 16th Feb**

9am Morning Prayer at Husthwaite  
10.30am Holy COmmunion at Wass

#### **Sunday 23rd Feb**

9am Holy Communion at Coxwold  
10.30am Worship for all at Husthwaite

#### **Wednesday 26th Feb**

Our Ash Wednesday service is at 7.30pm at Crayke church

#### **Sunday 1st March**

9am Holy Communion at Carlton Husthwaite 10.30am Morning Prayer at Wass 6.30pm Prayers for Healing with Communion at Husthwaite

With best wishes,

Revd Liz