



## A fortnightly newsletter from your headteacher...

What a successful first fortnight back for all our children in school.

Last week all our children across the Federation got to meet the author Sarah Oliver which they all thoroughly enjoyed, this was linked to World Book Day which we celebrated as always at the beginning of March. A big thank you to Miss Goodchild our English subject leader for organising this event.



Over the last fortnight Class 1 have been so excited to be back at school and playing with their friends. They have been on a minibeast hunt in the wildlife garden as part of their science topic and even found some frogspawn! In maths they have investigated capacity in the water tray and weight using the balance scales. They have also been learning about the Easter story in RE and have made crosses that represent happy and sad feelings. They have used their senses to investigate signs of Spring and have written some Spring poems too.

On the first day back, Class 2 explored the meaning of International Women's Day. They enjoyed finding out about some more recent inspirational women who Y3/4 wrote acrostic poems on. Y2 created posters around the phrase 'Girls Can Do Anything They Put Their Mind To'. They have also been enjoying focusing on well-being and making a positive return to school. They have continued with their Ancient Egypt topic and in DT have been making Egyptian meals based around flatbread and evaluating them. The children are also thoroughly enjoying their music and computing this half term, exploring terminology such as melody, tempo, rhythm whilst creating their own electronic music on PurpleMash.

Class 3 have been enjoying being in each other's company once again. They have investigated volume in maths, edited and improved a piece of extended writing on Google Classroom and finished their class text, Private Peaceful. In Topic/DT/Computing, they have been designing 3D models using tinker cad. They have also really enjoyed finding out more about the Easter story and making lanterns in Forest Schools linked to this. This week they have been studying statistics to tie in with the Census 2021. The children have planned their own surveys, collected and then represented the data.

This week we have also had Parents Evenings. We hope you found them informative and had the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled back into school, any individual needs and their progress. We have had very positive feedback on our Parent Evening Zoom meetings and will consider offering them again in the future. Thank you.

### Friday 12 March Awards

#### **Class 1, Mrs Jackson.**

*Bird Award* – Sare for coming back to school with a great positive attitude and trying her best. Sare has listened to advice on how to improve her work and acted on it.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Alfie for his work in maths exploring capacity.

*Handwriter of the week* – Daisy for writing independently during role play in the home corner.

#### **Class 2, Miss Goodchild.**

*Bird Award* – Jessica B for her positive attitude to her learning and taking on board feedback and acting on it the next day.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Archie for his maths. Enes for his enthusiastic dance and yoga efforts in PE. Esme B for doing extra runs for a friend in PE to help her team.

*Handwriter of the week* – Oliver for his efforts in joining his handwriting and being consistent with the size.

**Class 3, Mr Chapman.**

*Bird Award* – Millie for precise editing and improving of her writing to maximise the effect on the reader.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Isaac and Dominic for being inspired to write by Sarah Oliver.

*Handwriter of the week* – George for keeping up his high standards in all his handwriting and presentation.

**Miss Goodchild Superstars:**

Class 1 Phoebe R and Alfie, Class 2 Isla and Mollie and Class 3 Jess C and Bethan.

**Friday 19 March Awards**

**Class 1, Mrs Jackson.**

*Bird Award* – Niamh for her descriptive spring poem. Some fabulous, imaginative adjectives.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Evie Mee for recognising and ordering her numbers to 15.

*Handwriter of the week* – Ellie for writing her recipe outside in the mud kitchen.

**Class 2, Miss Goodchild.**

*Bird Award* – Jessica H for her mature attitude and leadership skills shown in organising the Class 2 School Council to tidy the shed.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Felix for trying hard with his writing and for his great efforts when reading with Miss Wilkie this week.

*Handwriter of the week* – Daniel for his sustained efforts over the last fortnight.

**Class 3, Mr Chapman.**

*Bird Award* – Zaria for meticulous detail in drawing her pie chart to represent her survey data.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Seb and Bob for fantastic letter writing inspired by our text Private Peaceful. George and Stella for their creativity in computing with 3D modelling.

*Handwriter of the week* – Millie for consistency when writing at length.

**Miss Goodchild Superstars:**

Class 1 -Ethan and William H

Class 2 Joseph and Isabel T

Class 3 Dominic and Stella

As you know I am continuing to host my Friday Celebration Zoom Assembly. This is an opportunity for all our classes / children in school, alongside you the parents/carers at home, to still be able to all come together at the end of the week to celebrate individual and group achievements. As always everyone is warmly invited.

Celebration Assembly invite . **Please note that next Friday will be our Easter Service which will start at the earlier time of 1.30pm. Please use the link below as normal.**

Miss Bennett is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: HUSTHWAITE Friday Celebration Assembly

Time: Every Friday at 2pm

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZYqdemtpjkqE9Gr8gyIwam5o4raUdAg6\\_nR/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGqqTkqH9yXsBCCRpwQB4joc-\\_xiHpfj\\_p6jkiGgIEYw6jObZQM4d7Md-G](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZYqdemtpjkqE9Gr8gyIwam5o4raUdAg6_nR/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGqqTkqH9yXsBCCRpwQB4joc-_xiHpfj_p6jkiGgIEYw6jObZQM4d7Md-G)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82720582095?pwd=TmZOczNPT1g1WIRaYU04TVVhdllKdz09>

Meeting ID: 827 2058 2095

Passcode: 743347

Have a lovely weekend.

**NOTICES:**

- Easter Lunch is on Wednesday 24 March. It will be a yummy roast chicken dinner, seasonal vegetables and a festive Easter biscuit.
- **Purple Day.** On Friday 26 March we are supporting and raising epilepsy awareness across the Federation. Epilepsy affects some of our own families at the Federation and we want to raise awareness of Epilepsy, a central nervous system disorder. We are having a non-uniform day/ wearing something purple next Friday and a special epilepsy awareness assembly. On Thursday your child will have an Epilepsy donation envelope in their bag, please then bring the envelope back on the following morning and drop it in the box on the gate as your child comes to school.

- A message from FOHS. During lockdown the Friends of Husthwaite school have dusted off their knitting needles. They have been busy knitting some wonderful Easter chicks/animals with creme eggs inside to raise funds for the school.

These are available for the children to purchase for £1.50 each. Due to current restrictions please can you message Sarah or Kellie to order your chicks so that they can be quarantined accordingly prior to delivery. Orders to be received by Sunday 21st of March. Many thanks FOHS. Kellie (Mum of Mollie in Class 2) 07799 386326 Sarah 07968863157 (Mum of Eliza in Class 1 and Henry in Class 2)



- Online services for the Byland Churches. The next one will be available on Sunday March 28th, Palm Sunday, and is based on the Crayke Family Service. It will be found on our website [www.bylandchurches.net](http://www.bylandchurches.net) from 6am on that Sunday and it, along with all the other online services, will stay there and be available to watch at any time. They are doing one per month at the moment - on the 4th Sunday of each month - so do keep an eye out for them.
- **ART COMPETITIONS – optional Easter Holiday art activities** – if you decide you are going to enter please take a photo of you and your artwork before you send it in to share with us in a Friday celebration assembly.

### Archbishop of York – Children of Light Festival.

The festival is designed to support communities to give children and young people a voice in our diocese and celebrate all the ways that they bring light into our lives. The competition theme is 'being light in difficult times' as we all reflect on the difficult 12 months we have all had and think about how we can bring hope and light to this time. Please see the attached letter and details for information. The deadline for entries is 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### Climate change art competition



In the lead up to the UN Climate Change conference 'COP26' being hosted by the UK in Glasgow during November, school children are being encouraged to take action to cut carbon and learn about climate change.

If you would like to take part, get creative and show global leaders the world that you want to live in.

Whether it's green forests and garden cities, clear skies and wind turbines or oceans teeming with life – you can paint, draw or design a piece of art that shows how you'd like our planet to look in the future. The deadline for entries is 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Winning pupils' artwork will be displayed at the COP26 conference, where world leaders and their representatives will be coming together to discuss taking action on climate change.

Please go to: <https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/creative-earth/> for further details. The global template is attached.

### DIARY DATES:

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| Friday 26 March  | Wear Purple Day – Epilepsy Awareness Day 2021  |
| Friday 26 March  | Break up for the Easter holiday at normal time |
| Monday 12 April  | Training day                                   |
| Tuesday 13 April | Back to School for the Summer term 2021.       |