



Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

Firstly, a huge thank you to all for your continued communication, support and understanding over what has been a very challenging few weeks regarding COVID-19 cases in school. These times are worrying for all and priority is of course keeping everyone as safe as possible. I am very happy to say we currently have 100% of children back in school and have resumed as normal timetables and procedures as possible. Unfortunately, I myself have just tested positive, having had no symptoms at all and found out through regular lateral flow testing. I am currently working remotely and can be contacted through the school office. Miss Goodchild as senior teacher is in charge on site in my absence should you need anything at all. As always we continue in school to be super vigilant and cautious. If at any time you are in any doubt that your child may have symptoms, please don't hesitate to book them a PCR test. Doing regular lateral flow tests also helps to keep everyone safe and we continue to politely ask adults to wear masks when on site or in close proximity at drop off and pick up.

We have had another busy fortnight, last week was Anti bullying week, following this year's theme ONE KIND WORD. Class 2 I know really enjoyed the BBC Antibullying week live lesson, which included a special performance from Andy and the Oddsocks! Last Friday our MoneyMakers pupil voice group arranged a much enjoyed Children in Need day in school. Many children loved wearing their pyjamas/non uniform and buying a 'spotty - Smarties breaktime treat'. Thank you to all for supporting such a worthwhile cause.



Hustwaite has decorated one of the forty trees at York Minster Christmas Tree Festival 2021. The new festival is in a festive marquee next to the cathedral and feature trees decorated by local businesses, schools and charities. Our design represents the heritage of rural Hustwaite village using natural materials, promoting our school motto 'Sowing seeds, Bearing fruit and Harvesting potential'. A huge thank you to Mr Chapman who has designed and coordinated the children's decorations and decorated our tree.





Class 1 loved their educational visit to Flamingo Land Zoo, nearly as much as their first experience of going on a school trip and a big bus! They saw many different African animals and even got to stroke a snake and a tenrec! Tenrecs look like hedgehogs but are actually related to elephants! In science the children have been learning about animal classification and have made posters describing reptiles, amphibians and mammals. They have also loved been very active learning new songs and dances for both PE and the festival Divali.

Class 2 have been completing 'How to Clean a Woolly Mammoth' instructions and publishing them as well as beginning their new class text, 'The Secrets of Stonehenge'. During antibullying week, the children learnt all about what bullying is and the different roles people can play in bullying. They have now begun their new maths topic of money and have been refreshing their knowledge of the different coins and notes Y2 thoroughly enjoyed a practical session buying items and paying for them. In science Y3/4 have been exploring pitch and volume and how sound travels. They were surprised to learn that sound travels best through solids and when they linked it to their previous topic, 'States of Matter', they were able to make the connection with particles being closer together in solids which helps the vibrations travel.



Class 3 have been writing myths in English based on their much-loved class text, 'Who Let the Gods Out?' In science last week the children had an amazing time with Mr Houghton exploring forces using rockets. They have been busy acquiring and developing new skills in their swimming lessons at Thirsk Pool and are in full rehearsal practise learning the 'Young Voices' songs. Below is a picture of the children singing along and doing the dance moves to 'Power in Me!' A firm class favourite!



Friday 19 November Awards

Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

Bird Award – William P for trying so hard with his blending in phonics.

Headteacher's sticker – Wilf B and Ethan for persevering in maths using part whole even though they found it tricky.

Handwriter of the week – Evie Mee for letter formation in phonics, as well as using her phonic knowledge in writing.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Freddie for working brilliantly in maths including working hard to correct targets and identifying further improvements.

Headteacher's sticker – Bryony for helping a friend and Leo for being a magnificent teachers assistant.

Handwriter of the week – Heidi for working super-duper hard on her handwriting for publishing her Woolly mammoth instructions.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Jessica H. Our school value is 'Enjoyment' this half term linked to the assembly value of 'Hope'. Jess has enjoyed being back with her friends this week and has been a fantastic learner, trying hard in everything she has done.

Headteacher's sticker – Enes for a Match-of-the-Day-worthy goal in this week's P.E. session.

Handwriter of the week – Charlie H for fluent cursive handwriting.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Class 1: Daisy

Class 2: Archie

Class 3: Jessica H

Friday 26 November Awards

Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

Bird Award – Sidney for his amazing dancing, both for Divali and in PE. Sidney has also been so enthusiastic learning his nativity songs.

Headteacher's sticker – Dotty for being amazing on the school trip and Beatrix for her remote learning keeping up with her phonics.

Handwriter of the week – William A for his fantastic writing about the different animal groups.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Eliza W for impressing with her reading. Eliza's fluency has really improved, and she is becoming much more independent with her comprehension tasks. Eliza practises at home and always does her reading homework.

Headteacher's sticker – Henry for a super reply letter to Conker. Joseph and Millie for working really hard on their corrections in maths. Charlie T for working amazingly on his phonics and reading and blending words.

Handwriter of the week – Sare for working hard to join her handwriting and for lovely presentation in all her books.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Jess B for giving it her all when singing our Young Voices songs.

Headteacher's sticker – Lucas and Seb for excellent paired writing of their Greek Myths.

Handwriter of the week – Rory for keeping up his stamina in consistently forming all his letters when writing at length.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Class 1: Freya and Eliza

Class 2: Leo and Timmy

Class 3: Lucas

Friday celebration Assembly at 2.50pm will once again be in the school hall today to which you are warmly invited (this week will be hosted by Miss Goodchild). Please can we politely ask all adults to wear masks, lateral flow test prior to coming and spread out as much as possible.

Finally, thank you to all for your very generous Christmas Hamper donations today.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- Thursday 2nd December (3-4.30pm) - We invite you to our Christmas Fair with as much of the usual fun taking place as possible. Please can we ask adults to wear masks and we are going to try and spread out as much as possible over our large site for obvious safety reasons. Ventilation will be at it's maximum and we will be inside and out. We will be politely asking adults and visitors to wear masks, lateral flow test before attending the event and to wrap up warm! School pick up will be at the earlier time of 3pm on this day.
- As advertised earlier this half term we are very happy to inform all parents/carers that our 'Governor Surgery' will resume this half term. Liz Hebdon your Husthwaite parent governor will be available on Tuesday 7th December after drop off at the school gate / in the school hall. This is an opportunity where you can meet a governor for an informal chat and ask any questions you may have. Liz is also available by email lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk
- I would like to signpost you to the Place2Be – a practical wellbeing advice website for concerned parents and carers run by child mental health experts and offers support regarding a number of parenting topics. From anxiety to problems at mealtimes, many of the articles may be of help. <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk>
- FOHS – Friends of Husthwaite School are holding a 'Grown Up's Bingo night' at Husthwaite village hall on Thursday 16th December, safety measures in place. This fun event welcomes a chance to meet parents/carers and supporters of the school past and present. All proceeds will go towards subsidising educational visits and funding an end of year day trip for all the children in school to enjoy. Please see the posters for further details and how to book.

DIARY DATES:

Sunday 28 November 11am - 3pm	Husthwaite Village Christmas Market
Wednesday 1 December	Flu Immunisations (must be booked online)
2 December 3-4.30pm	Christmas Fair
7 December	Liz Hebdon Parent Governor Surgery
9 December 2pm or 6pm	Class 1 Nativity in the school hall (Class 1 parents) We will be doing over 2 performances to be able to distance and minimise numbers inside as much as possible. We will be limiting places to 2 adults per family and are politely asking adults and visitors to wear masks and lateral flow test before attending the event.
13 December	Christmas lunch
16 December	Christmas Pantomime, Dick Wittington and Christmas parties
17 December 9.30am	Christingle service at St Nicholas' Church