



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2024... another very busy and eventful month in school.

Before half term the federation supported NSPCC Number Day arranged by our Money-makers pupil voice group, Miss Wilkie and Mrs Chappell. It was a day full of maths activities and making maths meaningful as well as supporting the NSPCC. Our JustGiving page contributed towards the national total of £25395.00 raised to help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. Well done everyone!



Our computing, safer internet curriculum enrichment day was a great success. The class videos posted on Class Dojo pages were enjoyed by our whole federation communities highlighting many of the challenges that are faced Growing up in a digital world. Thank you to Mrs Bennison our federation computing subject leader for coordinating this event and all class videos will be on our school website soon.

Next month it will be one year since our much loved dinner lady Mrs Brack sadly passed away and last week her family kindly delivered a beautiful memorial bench which will take pride of place in our wonderful grounds which she so loved. Our Husthwaite Eco Gardening Group (HEGG) pupil voice group are planting some daffodils and an apple tree to sit beside it and on the last day of this term, 22nd March, National Daffodil Day we will all take a moment 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.



Many of our children are enjoying their spring term clubs which include Lego, Computing, Netball and Board Games!



A huge congratulations to our very own TTRockstar, National Superstar, Rhys in class 3 who came 4th out of 277,505 pupils nationally! He came 3rd when just including primary schools and was 1st for the North East area. Remarkable!

We Declare a PENNY WAR! As you know this is a fund raising event being organised by FOHS and Mr Chapman as Maths subject leader. This will run for 4 weeks this half term and there will be a prize for the class which gets the most points. The concept behind this event is that children don't use physical money any more and we would like to have some coins in school so that we can use it to teach children about relating money to the real world. Every Friday the classes will be sorting their pennies and will be trying to subtract amounts from the other classes – a Penny War! Children can bring in pennies at any time during the week which they put safely into their class cash box.

The winning class will be announced in the final week of this half term...

Friday 2 February 2024 Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Freya for her super phase 1 phonics, she is a super star at oral blending.

Headteacher's sticker – Jack for his interest and ideas in science. Jack loves learning new things and always gives 100% especially in investigations.

Writer of the week – Oscar is trying hard to form his letters correctly and is getting really good at using his sound mat to help him.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – William P for working hard to solve problems in maths especially in our new topic of multiplication.

Headteacher's sticker – Alfie for working well with a partner to create a twisted Red Riding Hood tale.

Writer of the week – Freya for having lots of lovely ideas for her writing and enjoying books by an author she didn't know well to use as a stimulus.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Felix for his development in hockey.

Headteacher's sticker – Hope for her passion in times tables rock stars.

Writer of the week – Evelyn for descriptive writing of a fantasy story.

Friday 9 February 2024 Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Archie for his wonderful explanations and predictions of how different materials would stop the gingerbread man getting wet.

Headteacher's sticker – Isla for her hard work with everything she does, Isla always gives 100%.

Writer of the week – Hunter for his super work in history when writing about similarities and differences of life in the past compared to now.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Evie for her amazing writing this week, writing her extra chapter to Beatrix Potter's Tale of Two Bad Mice.

Headteacher's sticker – Beatrix for making good practical suggestions in maths on how to use equipment to support our learning.

Writer of the week – George for a beautifully presented piece of writing on his Tale of Two Bad Mice.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Henry for leading by example both inside the classroom and out on the playground and holding others to account.

Headteacher's sticker – Sare for teamwork in the tasks for both PSHE and our curriculum day this week.

Writer of the week – Joseph for his extended piece of writing of a Mayan fantasy story.

Friday 23 February 2024 Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Sidney for his positive attitude to learning, he always try's 100%. Super work Sid!

Headteacher's sticker – Rhodie-May and Leonard for settling so well into Class 1.

Writer of the week - Isla for her super writing about our story Gecko's Echo. Isla made some lovely observations linked to the story and used her phonics to write a sentence.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – William H for working hard to include a beginning, middle and end in his mixed up fairy tale.

Headteacher's sticker – Phoebe for her fantastic chest pass and catching skills in netball. Lots of progress in just 1 session.

Writer of the week – William P for working hard to form his letters correctly and maintaining consistency of size.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Rhys for his meteoric rise up the Times Table Rock Stars ranks and for trying his very best.

Headteacher's sticker – Rufus for his positivity in maths.

Writer of the week – Eliza W. for her amazing homework writing for the "all the write ingredients" competition.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Evie-Mae for her wonderful phonics and reading progress.

Dotty for working really hard on her number recognition.

Niamh for her fabulous mixed up fairy tale, lots of original ideas and good use of brackets.

Our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Respect. Your child brought home a school values sheet this week should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

NOTICES:

- **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.
- **Mrs Jackson – Sessay class teacher.** I would like to inform you that due to personal family circumstances Mrs Jackson will sadly be retiring at the end of this term. We wish Mrs Jackson well in her retirement and move back to Wales and we sincerely thank her for all that she has contributed to both schools across our federation not only as a class teacher in Class 1 and now Fountains class at Sessay, but also in her roles as federation PSHE subject leader and staff governor.
- **World Book Day- Thursday 7th March.** We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school, with lots of fun activities planned. As part of the day, we will be holding a book swap shop. We would like children to bring in, from home, a book they no longer want. Please wrap it up and attach a short blurb and recommendation of who it is suitable for, written by your child. There will be plenty of spare books in school for those who do not bring a book in. Every child will then visit the swap shop to select a book to take home and keep. Please bring wrapped books in to school from Monday 4th March.
- **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:

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| 26 Feb – 1 March | Years 5 and 6 residential to Newby Wiske |
| 7 March | Mother’s Day / Special Lady Day Sale World Book Day |
| 11-14 March | Year 6 KS2 Mock SAT’s week British Science Week |
| 11 March | Parent evening |
| 12 March | Stay and Play – Spring Theme |
| 13 March | Parent evening |
| 15 March | Red Nose Day (MoneyMakers) |
| 19 March | FoHS School Disco |
| 21 March | Curriculum enrichment day – Humanities - ‘Historical Figures – past and present’ (Dressing Up) Elevate Multi Academy Trust consultation closes 5pm |
| 22 March | 9.30am Easter Service St Nicholas’ Church FoHS Easter Egg Hunt School closes 2.30pm for Easter |

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