

Youlgrave All-Saints Primary

Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

As always at this time of year, I find it hard to believe that we already find ourselves half way through the school year. At last it feels as though the days are drawing out and we are beginning to see the first shoots of Spring (apart from the snow that arrived yesterday!!). I wish you all a restful half term break, however there are some busy days ahead. Today it has been fabulous to see the children dressed up for Team Theo day in support of Sheffield Children's Hospital and a big thank you to those of you that have made a donation to the cause.

Yours
Mrs Sophia Barker
Interim Executive Headteacher

School Library/Reading

As we continue to develop the school library, all classes will attend the library once a week starting next week. This is an opportunity for the children to choose a book for the 'love of reading' to take home over the half term break. This is an additional reading book for home, that parents might wish to read as a bedtime story, to share with wider family or friends. It may be that children only want to look at a few pages of it, it may be too advanced for their phonic ability, but it links with their passions and interests. As staff, we just want children to love books and be exposed to a wide variety of them, whilst giving them pleasure from choosing a book. There will still be the expectation that all children will complete their weekly phonics or accelerated reader tasks at home.

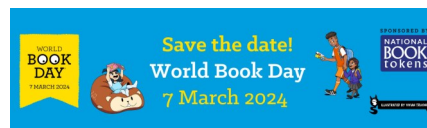
Mrs Barker, Miss Hemmingway and Miss Hulme along with some of the children from across the classes invited Mrs Askew (who knew nothing about it!) To open our new library by cutting the ribbon, we hope the children will love their new space to enjoy their love of books.



World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

This year we will be taking part in World Book day. The theme for this year is 'Significant people in History'. We are asking children to come to school dressed as someone significant in history, or to bring a prop in that associates with the person. Children can come to school in their own clothes that day, if they do not want to take part in the theme.

There will be activities throughout the day for children to take part in. Children will receive a book token to use in a book shop to buy a book for £1!! We will also be having Scholastic Books in school from Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd March. More details to follow.....



Key dates:

- Friday 9th February - Team Theo PJ day for Sheffield Childrens Hospital
- Monday 12th February - Online booking open for Parent Consultation evenings
- Tuesday 13th February - Class 2 Brass performance in church 9.15am, all welcome.
- Friday 16th February - Break up for half term
- Monday 26th February - INSET day, school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 27th February - School re-opens for pupils.
- Monday 4th March 3.45pm-5.30pm parent consultation evening
- Tuesday 5th March 3.45pm-5.30pm parent consultation evening
- Wednesday 6th March KS2 Girls Football Festival at Hope Valley College (selected girls) in school time.
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- Friday 15th March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day, details to follow.
- Monday 18th March - Class 1 trip to the Old House Museum in Bakewell, details to follow
- Tuesday 19th March - Friday 22nd March Scholastic Book fayre in school, details to follow
- Thursday 21st March Class 3 Hockey tournament at Tideswell (in school time)
- Saturday 23rd March - Y6 Extravaganza at LMS
- Thursday 28th March - break up for easter Holidays
- Monday 15th April—return to school

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Window of the World

In school, as we have developed the library, we are creating a unique display area, which will be called 'Window on the World'. We live in a multi-cultural world, and it is important to teach

children about the diverse religions and cultures of the world. Therefore, we are going to use this display area to reflect a different religion or culture each half term, which will hopefully tell the children a little about the featured culture and develop their wider curiosity of the world and society around them. The display area will also be an opportunity for the children to show off some of their wonderful work and share it between them. I cannot wait to see what they achieve, and we will share photographs with you in due course.



Sophia Barker
Interim Executive Headteacher

Book Club with Miss Hulme

We are very excited to be introducing 'Book Club' to school. Miss Hulme will be running these on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes for all children on a rota basis.

Each week the children will be focusing on a particular author and their books. The group will focus on different texts and genres, looking at different vocabulary and sharing thoughts on the books.

We really hope the children will enjoy this new club!



Important Message for Club Bookings

We are still unfortunately having a number of children appearing for clubs that we have no booking for. We have a legal duty to make sure our staff to children ratios are followed to ensure we are following guidelines for everyone's safety.

We have a restriction on the number of children that can attend Breakfast and After School Clubs, which is why booking online is essential, as if we are at capacity, the system will not allow any more bookings.

We are asking parents/carers to book with a minimum 24 hours notice for clubs. We request that the following days bookings are made no later than 4pm. If you need to book your child in last minute or have difficulty using School Money, please contact the office.

Unfortunately, if children show for clubs that we don't have booked in, they may not be able to stay, as it may push us over the threshold for safety.

Thankyou for your co-operation with this matter, we understand this is a change for parents/carers.



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We continue to say 'Congratulations' to our **YR children**, who remain the highest attenders in school, with a fantastic attendance of 98.41% since the start of September!!!!

In second place is Y2 with a wonderful 97.68% and our third place goes to Y4 with a super 96.39%.

A huge well done to all of you, and to everyone else who is trying hard to come to school every day wherever possible. It really does make a difference to children's education.

As a school we are currently at **95.81%**, which is a little lower than we would like, but we have had quite a bit of sickness in school, so it is not unexpected. Please remember that a cough and cold does not mean your child cannot attend school.

Thank you.



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.41%	92.56%	97.68%	92.18%	96.39%	95.22%	95.13%

NETBALL CHAMPIONS

We are so proud of Class 3 who took part in a Netball tournament last week and won! We now have another lovely trophy to find a home for, we really need a bigger display case!



Well done to all of you for your attitude, effort and spirit on the day. A big thank you to Miss Tonks for continuing to provide all the sporting opportunities for our children, for which there is so much work to organise, we really appreciate all you do. Thank you to Mrs Travers for attending and supporting Miss Tonks and the children too.

Wheelchair Basketball

Class 3 with Miss Hemmingway and Mrs Dale have recently attended a wheelchair Basketball event led by School Sports Partnership at Great Longstone School. The children had the opportunity to play a game of basketball using their wheelchairs. It was a great opportunity and lots of fun!

Parent Consultation Evenings - Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th March 2024 3.45pm-5.30pm for all classes.

There is a separate letter going out with details about booking your slots. If you have any queries or cannot attend on the days available, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you.

Class 2 Brass Performance

On Tuesday 13th February at 9.15am children in Class 2 will be performing music that they have learnt so far in their weekly brass lessons with the Derbyshire Music Partnership. The performance will be in church and should last about 20 minutes. It would be really lovely to see you there supporting the children and listening to what they have achieved so far.

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Children's Mental Health week and Safer Internet Day.

This week we have been supporting Children's mental health week, and on Tuesday it was Safer Internet day.

The theme for this years Mental Health awareness campaign is 'My Voice Matters'.

Mental Health is an ongoing awareness within school, and children take part in activities and watch clips about looking after their Mental Health.

The children have had a recent visit in school from 3 PCSO's to discuss internet safety and cyber bullying. They have also been doing activities in class to highlight the risks surrounding internet usage.

We hope that you are finding the monthly Online Safety newsletter both informative and useful. Parents can find lots of other advise and support from the school website pages:

<https://youlgrave-all-saints-cofe-voluntary-aided-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/health-wellbeing-and-financial-support/>

<https://youlgrave-all-saints-cofe-voluntary-aided-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/online-safety/>

If you have any concerns about your child surrounding their mental health or their use of the internet, please speak to their class teacher.



Next week we will be starting our journey towards Easter Sunday as we celebrate Ash Wednesday on 14th February. The season of Lent asks us prepare for Easter usually by some sort of fast or giving. In school we will be reminding the children of the significance of Lent and how we can all prepare in our own way.

Prayer for Lent

As we begin this season of Lent we ask you to remind us of what is important and what is not; of where we are wandering away and what we need to change; so that by Easter we will be renewed and strengthened for your service in the world. Amen



Team Theo PJ Pyjama day 2024



We have raised £151.44 so far!!!! Thank you to you all.

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