

NEWSLETTER

A message from our Principal – Mr Metcalfe

The half-term has flown by with so many highlights taking place in classes. I have particularly enjoyed the regular updates from Nursery as their caterpillars first became chrysalises before finally changing into butterflies. Reception pupils have been bouncing with excitement as they hosted chicks and ducklings - we will miss the cheeping but perhaps not the accompanying smell! It was also great to hear the fantastic feedback about our Year 3 pupils who took part in Chance to Dance at Cast last weekend - they were a credit to the school and contributed to a moving performance. Finally, a huge well done to our Year 6 children for their recent national tests - I was very proud of the way they approached SATs week. The end of half-term also brings with it a goodbye to Mrs Bentley, one of our long-serving teaching assistants. We thank her for her service to the school and send her our very best wishes for the future. As we approach the final weeks of the school year, we have lots to look forward to. Next half-term includes the remaining end-of-year trips, and lots of sporting activities. We look forward to welcoming you to our sports days so that you can join us to cheer on your children as they take part in their events.

KS1 Building

During half-term, roofing work will commence on the KS1 building. This will mean there will be scaffolding around the whole of the KS1 building from 25th May up to and throughout the summer holidays. We would appreciate your assistance during this time with children at drop off and pick up time to ensure that children are not climbing on any of the equipment.

P.E. Days

Reception Dolphins: Wednesday
Reception Whales: Tuesday
Reception pupils now require a P.E kit.
Year 1: Tuesday & Friday
Year 2: Monday & Thursday
Year 3: Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 4: Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5: Monday & Friday
Year 6: Tuesday & Thursday

School reminders

School start times:

Nursery: 8:30am to 11:30am or 12:30pm to 3:30pm
Gates open at 8:30-8:40am, 12:30-12:40pm & 3:20-3:30pm

Reception to Year 6: 8:45am to 3:15pm
Gates open at 8:40-8:50am & 3:05pm-3:25pm

Absences must be reported to the main office no later than 9:30am. Unexplained absences may result in a home/welfare visit from the school.



SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

We have finally arrived at the warmer months & would like to remind you to send your child to school with a cap, pre-applied sunscreen and a water bottle. Please note, staff are unable to apply sunscreen.

All pupils must ensure they have their own, named water bottle in school which they will be able to refill as necessary from class. Children should not share water bottles with their friends.





Playtimes

Our pupils have been very busy at break and lunch times filling our new bug houses and caring for our school grounds by litter picking and enjoying sitting under the trees.

Pupils have been identifying lots of insects, butterflies and birds, especially our (Sandringham) crow that visits us every day on the playground.

Upcoming Sports Events

We've had a much quieter term for sporting events but we are getting ready for lots of upcoming events. Watch this space for news on the very competitive Trust Games, a cricket competition, a Year 6 Summer Spectacular and not forgetting our Sandringham Sports Day.

The provisional date for the Year 1 to Year 6 Sports Day this year is Wednesday 26th June & EYFS will be on Monday 1st July – fingers crossed the British weather allows us to go ahead first try.

Year 1 Phonics Screening & Year 4 Multiplications Tables Checks

As you are already aware Year 1 and Year 4 have their statutory checks commencing in June.

Year 1 will commence their Phonics Screening Checks, week commencing 10th June. Please can you ensure your child gets lots of practice in between now and then to ensure they have the best opportunity to show their full potential. Parental support really does make a huge difference in children's progress.

Year 4 will commence their Multiplication Tables Checks as soon as we return from half-term, week commencing 3rd June. Children should practice using TimesTable Rockstars.

Baby News!

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Stringfellow who has given birth to a very healthy & beautiful baby girl. Staff at Sandringham can't wait to meet her.



Nursery

Nursery have been learning all about creepy crawlies! Their topic, 'Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!' was brought to life by an amazing in-school visit from Sam's Safari! The children observed stick insects, giant land snails, mossy frogs and a crested gecko, to name a few! They also watched the metamorphosis of their caterpillars as they transformed into beautiful butterflies!

Reception

Reception have been learning all about farms! They have enjoyed learning about the different animals, crops and types of jobs you might see on a farm. Their chick/duck hatching experience and trip to White Post Farm brought their learning to life! They had a fantastic time! They have also enjoyed lots of planting this half-term, and look forward to eating the food they have grown when it is ready

Year 1

Year 1 have focused their learning around the texts - Dogger, Man on the Moon and The Wall and the Wild. They have been continually working on their basic writing skills, such as remembering capital letters, full stops and neat handwriting. They have worked on adding adjectives and conjunctions to extend their writing. In PE, they have developed their ball skills and learnt how to work cooperatively with help from our Activ8 coach. They have also enjoyed learning about significant individuals in their history lessons, particularly David Attenborough. They found out that he is 97 years old!

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about all sorts of measurements in maths and finding out what plants need to survive and thrive. They have loved creating their own magic potion stories, just like George and his marvellous medicine!

Year 3

Year 3 have continued to look at the Roman Empire and looked at the impact of the Roman Invasions on Britain. They have used drama and roleplay to remember the invasions and what happened in them. In English, they are reading Julius Zebra – Rumble with the Romans and are using this as a stimulus to write their Prequel. They're only 2 chapters in so far and are loving the speech bubbles in the pictures.

Year 4

Year 4 have been writing a discussion text linked to their class novel (The Girl Who Stole an Elephant) considering the morality of stealing from the rich to help the poor. In History, they have been exploring the Old, Middle and New Kingdoms of Ancient Egyptians and their culture. In Science, the children have been constructing their own electrical circuit and understanding how electricity works.

Year 5

Year 5 complimented their Maya topic by making wooden pyramids as part of their DT topic. They have been writing some excellent character descriptions about Dracula and have already planned some artwork around this.

Year 6

It's been an incredibly busy half term in Year 6 as the children have all taken their SATs. Everyone in the Year 6 Team is incredibly proud of the positivity and determination they've shown. You've all done so well.



Our learning next half-term

Nursery

Nursery will be learning about the seaside! They will be learning lots about the features of the seaside, and the creatures that they might find there! They're so excited to actually visit the seaside, too! Hopefully, the water isn't too cold to paddle in! Finally, they're looking forward to our EYFS Sports Day, and our transition visits to Reception!

Reminder: Please bring book bags on a Monday for a new reading book. Please ensure jumpers, cardigans and water bottles are named and brought every day.

Reception

Reception will be learning all about the woods! They are excited to walk to Sandall Beat Wood to explore, play games, and have a picnic! They're also really excited for their EYFS Sports Day, graduation ceremony, and transition visits to Year 1. Keep an eye out for letters/texts that outline key dates. What a year it has been!

Reminder: Please bring water bottles and book bags to school everyday.

Year 1

Year 1 will be conducting a scientific experiment which will be very exciting! They will learn how to make a prediction, write a method and share their findings after the experiment. They will also be learning how to program in computing using an app that teaches children how to build algorithms to create a program.

Reminder: Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip will take place in June. If you haven't already paid please continue to make contributions via Parent Pay to avoid cancellation of the trip.

Year 2

Year 2 will be finding out how Bill got on when he woke up as a girl in their next class novel Bill's New Frock. In maths they will be looking at how to tell the time and continuing comparing our lives here in Doncaster to life in Kenya.

Year 3

Year 3 will continue to look at the Roman Empire and learn about Italy in Geography. In English, they will be writing a letter from a Roman Soldier who is writing back home and describing what they have been doing during the Roman Invasions. In maths, they will be learning how to tell the time on a digital and analogue clock and will also be learning everything there is to know about shapes. They will also be practising their athletic skills in preparation of Sports Day!

Year 4

Year 4 will be continuing their class novel and writing a vivid setting description as their characters begins their journey into the jungle. They will be moving onto Geography where the children will learn about environmental regions across the globe. As part of their geography learning, they will also be visiting The Point in Doncaster – more information to follow.

Reminder: All year 4 pupils will be taking part in their Multiplication Tables Check in June. Please encourage your child to use Timetables Rockstar for plenty of practice.

Year 5

Year 5 are excited about their trip to Whitby, and as part of Geography they will be comparing and contrasting Whitby to Doncaster, which they will then apply in their writing as a non-chronological report.

Year 6

Year 6 have lots planned next half term as well, with their visits to Kingswood and Crucial Crew coming up, as well as a visit from the Holocaust Museum to follow on from the learning they've done earlier this year about World War 2. Then we're sure the children will be looking forward to visiting their Secondary schools on their transition days. You'll all have a great time when you're there!



Dates for your diary!

Date	Event
Thursday 23 rd May	Last day in school for pupils
Friday 24 th May	School CLOSED to pupils – staff training day
Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May	School CLOSED – May half-term
Monday 3 rd June	School REOPENS to all pupils Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Checks start (across 3 weeks)
Thursday 6 th June	EYFS - Spring Disco (during school hours)
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 - Phonic screening starts Year 5 – Salvation Army visit
Week Commencing 17 th June	Year 6 – Bikeability
Tuesday 18 th June	Sing Out event at Doncaster Dome
Wednesday 19 th June	Nursery – Seaside Visit
Thursday 20 th June	School council – Bake sale for McMillan charity
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 1 – Yorkshire Wildlife Park visit Athletics at Keepmoat – 20 pupils from Year 5
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 1 to Year 6 - SPORTS DAY
Thursday 27 th June	EYFS – Woodland walk Year 6 – Holocaust workshop
Fri 28 th to Sun 30 th June	Year 5 – Whitby Residential
Monday 1 st July	EYFS – SPORTS DAY
Tuesday 2 nd July	Trust Games at Keepmoat Stadium
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 3 – Eureka visit
Thursday 4 th July	Reserve day for Year 1 to Year 6 Sports Day
Friday 5 th to Sunday 7 th July	Year 6 – Kingswood residential
Week commencing 8 th July	Secondary school transition days; Astrea / Hungerhill / XP – 9 th to 11 th July Armthorpe / Outwood / Hayfield – 9 th & 10 th July McCauley – 10 th to 12 th July Ash Hill – 8 th & 9 th July Hall Cross – 10 th & 11 th July
Thursday 11 th July	Children’s University Graduation – Doncaster College Hub (evening)
Monday 15 th July	Reserve day for EYFS Sports Day
Tuesday 16 th July	Orchestral concert for parents (morning)
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 – Crucial Crew visit
Monday 22 nd July	Year 6 - Leavers assembly (morning) EYFS – Graduation (afternoon)
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day in school for pupils

Have a wonderful half-term
We will welcome pupils back in school
on
Monday 3rd June 2024