



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach Easter (and the weather hopefully warming up), we are looking forward to more exceptional experiences through school. Already this term we have had external visits from the likes of AMRC who have worked on engineering projects with children and also the Dogs Trust who gave an amazing presentation to Early Years children. As always, more detail on what your child is learning this term can be found on our website class pages [here](#).

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we welcome children who come to school on bikes and scooters, but we are still finding children riding these across the playground when pupils and families are arriving or leaving. Please ensure your child does not ride a bike or scooter on school premises for everyone's safety.

Our enrichment clubs are in full swing for the spring term. A full list of current clubs is available on our website [here](#). Keep an eye out for our summer term enrichment clubs.

Thank you to all parents and carers who are attending our parents' evenings which are this week. These will give you an update on your child's progress and what their current targets are. There will also be advice given on how you can further aid your child's academic development at home. We please ask that you complete the survey given to you by your child's class teacher as this aids us in identifying further improvements we can make in school.

We have been informed by Rotherham Council that our crossing patrol on Lilly Hall Road, Mrs Utting, will be leaving her role after the Easter holidays. We will keep all parents and carers informed of her replacement and when they will be in post as soon as we know more details.

I'd like to wish all our families a happy and well-deserved Easter break.

Yours faithfully
Mr Pease
Principal

DIARY DATES:

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 13th and
Thursday 14th March

Easter Discos

Monday 18th and
Tuesday 19th March

EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 28th March

Y6 SATS Week

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May

INSET Day

Friday 28th June

Sports Days

Wednesday 3rd July
Friday 5th July

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 10th July

Y6 Leavers BBQ

Thursday 11th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly

Thursday 18th July

ATTENDANCE

As previously mentioned, in your child's planner for 2023-24 there is a specific page especially for attendance (this is on page 134). There is a star for each week of the whole school year. Each time your child achieves 100% attendance on that week, they will receive a gold star sticker. Rewards now include a draw for any child who has had 100% attendance for the week, the winner receiving a £10 Amazon voucher. There is also a draw for any child achieving 100% attendance over a half-term. The draw prize for this is a £50 Amazon voucher.

Please ensure your child attends school regularly (including not being late) to ensure they don't miss out on their learning. Every day missed and every time a child is late for school, key learning is lost.

MRS MOORE'S UPDATE

Miss Denton and I would like to commend Year 6 for the fantastic effort and high levels of motivation they are showing as we work towards their SATs assessments. Year 6 children have made some excellent progress this year which has been fantastic to see. We are now into the final few weeks before the SATs assessment on w/c 13th May so keep it up Year 6! You're doing a great job!

As we enter summer term, both our UKS2 residential are quickly approaching. We are really looking forward to both the Year 5 residential to Bamburgh in April and Year 6 residential to London in June. Both are set to be fantastic trips giving the children a range of exceptional experiences.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day on Thursday 7th March was an amazing experience in school.

Some of the costumes the children wore were simply amazing and the range of texts covered, both fiction and non-fiction was really quite something, as you can see from the photographs here. We had costumes ranging from Harry Potter to The Tiger Who Came To Tea and from Oompa Loompas to The BFG.

Not only was the day a celebration of books and reading, but there were also webinars and workshops with illustrator Helen Stephens and author Michael Rosen for the children to enjoy. Key Stage 1 learned illustration techniques that they will use in future work. Our collective assemblies on the day celebrated the diverse costumes and the effort that had gone into these. The day was a special one and one we will all remember.

Thank you to all parents and carers who helped make the day so special through your inventiveness and imagination.

FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the recent bingo night, over £100 was raised for school, which is always appreciated.

The neon discos also went down extremely well – it was certainly a sight to see so many bright lights – I think it's fair to say that a great time was had by all. World Book day was a great event in school and the golden tickets hidden inside the chocolate bars went down very well with the children.

The book vending machine for school is now fully stocked and ready to go. As previously mentioned, children will be rewarded with a book to keep, out of the machine when they complete milestones of their 25-book challenge for each year group. This was fully funded by the Friends of Lilly Hall group.

Our Easter discos take place on Monday 18th March (years 1 and 2, then years 5 and 6) and on Tuesday 19th March (EYFS then years 3 and 4). We hope your children enjoy them!



UNIFORM

Our uniform exchange scheme is still in operation, if this is of use to any parent or carer, please contact the school on 01709 812148.

Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform on every day, including correct PE kit – our school uniform details can be found on our website [here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA

For all our recent exceptional learning experiences, events and celebrations of achievements, please see our Twitter / X profile which can be found [here](#).