



# May Newsletter

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#### **FIVE DOWN, ONE TO GO**

At the risk of repeating myself, where has Term 5 gone? It really has been a packed term, full of great learning opportunities, plentiful parental involvement and a huge number of sporting events and successes.

Back at the start of Term 5 we held our second round of Parents' Evenings. Once again, turnout was close to 100%, highlighting just how involved our parents and carers are in supporting the learning of their children.

The rearranged Y6 PGL residential took place in weather conditions which could not be further from those which caused the postponement in Term 4 – sun cream, hats and water were essential items when it actually took place, none of which are typically required on one of our PGL trips! It was absolutely fantastic to see our children challenge themselves and conquer fears. At the same time, we also held our rearranged World Book Day. Thank you to everyone for re-organising costumes for this.

Our Y6 children took on a challenge of a different kind in May, completing their SAT tests with typical determination to succeed and with maximum effort. Y2 have also completed their SAT tests whilst Y1 will be taking their Phonics Screening Check imminently. As in every school activity, all we ask is that the children try their very best.

We're now about to enter the final term of 2017/2018, but the diary is already full to bursting with exciting activities in and out of the classroom. It'll be the Summer holiday before we know it!

Mr. Hurdman

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Note: Dates may change and be added to! Look out for text messages and letters. Please visit our website too.

Monday 4th June: Start of Term 6

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 History Day – Anglo Saxons

Wednesday 6th June: Y6 Railway Safety

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 Flag Fen trip

Friday 8th June: Y4 Snipe Dales trip

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Wrates Class & Team Photos, Y6 Windmill Drama Workshop

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Show Evenings (provisional)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June: 2pm Commissioning Service/Festival of St. Peter & St. Paul in Church

> Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Y5 Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip

Saturday 7th July: Burgh Bonanza

w/b 16th July: Y6 Leavers' Service

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July: 2pm Leavers' Assembly in School, End of Term 6

Please see our website for more term dates.

#### **ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL**

25th May 2018

We have recently appointed Lois H. and Ruby S. from our Year 5 cohort as JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers). They have already met with Carole Hatt from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership regarding ways of promoting Road Safety in school. We have also been reassured that the 'crossing issue' outside school isn't being ignored by Lincolnshire County Council and that the lack of a Crossing Patrol is still on their agenda.

THANK YOU for supporting the PFTA Discos this term. The evening raised just under £500, all of which finds its way back to the children in some way. THANK YOU as always to the members of our PFTA for organising the event and to the school staff who also supported the evening.

## **BURGH BONANZA – SATURDAY 7th JULY**

Our Summer PFTA fundraising event, the 'Burgh Bonanza' takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Starting at 1:30pm there will be the usual array of games, stalls and activities, providing fun for the whole family. There will also be the annual raffle, which as always boasts some fantastic prizes. While you are out and about supporting our Bonanza, why not pop along to the Windmill to support the Burgh Family Fun Day also taking place that afternoon!

REMEMBER: CHILDREN BREAK UP AT 3:15pm ON FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY & RETURN ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE!

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#### **OFSTED INSPECTION REMINDER**

It seems a long time ago now, but you will remember that we had our last Ofsted inspection back in February. It is on the Ofsted website and our school website. Because it is now over five years since the school last received a two-day inspection (know as Section 5), Ofsted are due to visit us again at any time now for two days to see how we are getting on.

#### **DATA PROTECTION UPDATES**

If your email Inbox is anything like the school's, it'll be full of messages from companies asking if it is OK to stay in touch. This is due to the 'GDPR' regulations which have now come into force. In line with this, we have revised our 'Privacy Notices' for children and staff. These set out how we use personal information. The updated 'How we use pupil information' should be coming home with the children tonight.

#### **SPORTS NEWS**

HOCKEY: Congratulations to our Y6 Hockey team who are preparing to represent the school and East Lindsey in the 'Summer Cup' in July. This follows their victory over St. Andrews from Woodhall Spa in the recent playoff match. Good luck to Jake, Louie, Rio, Eryn, Frankie and Freya as they take on the best school teams from across Lincolnshire in July.

CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to the Y5/6 Boys for their victory in the recent KS2 Cross-Country event held in Skegness. Well done also the Y5/6 Girls for finishing third overall and to Jake for his overall second place in the boys' event.

SPORTS DAY: Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support our Sports Days recently. The determination shown by the children was wonderful to see, as was the way in which every single child was supported by competitors and supporters. Yellow Team were the eventual winners of the Foundation Stage/Key Stage One event (thank you to Mrs. Spence for coming to present the trophy), whilst the Key Stage Two competition was won by Blue Team (thank you to Mr. Pickett for coming to present the trophy).

MATHS IN MOTION: In 'Virtual Sports' news, our 'F1 Maths' club have once again survived the knockout rounds to secure a place in the World Final of this prestigious Mathematics competition. This year the team comprises our three reigning World Champions (Eryn, Frankie and Freya from Y6) who will be defending their World title, with the final team spot going to Oliver (also Y6). The rest of the 'F1 Maths' club will be working hard to support Mr. Hurdman's efforts to become 'Teacher World Champion' for the first time. Good luck team!

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS: We are always happy to celebrate children's achievements out of school during assembly and have already celebrated success in Horse Riding, Swimming, Athletics, Football and Hockey as well as Dancing and Music.

#### **BIBLE GIVEAWAY**

Following several months of holding the weekly Sunday Eucharist service in our school hall, the Parish church is now back in action on a Sunday. It has been lovely to welcome different members of the community into the school. A member of the congregation during the time services were held in school has arranged for every child in our school to receive a copy of the New Testament. Thank you!

#### Y1 PHONICS SCREENING:

w/b Mon 11th June 2018

#### **E-SAFETY UPDATE - FORTNITE**

As discussed at a recent Parents' Forum at one of our local Secondary schools, online gaming is rapidly becoming an aspect of children's digital lives with the potential to cause a significant number of issues. It is not an exaggeration to say that addiction, debt and mental and physical health problems are three of the most significant. Listening to and talking to our children here at our school, the world of online gaming and its impact on children is not solely a problem for older children. 'Fortnite' in particular appears to be a regular pastime for children as young as Y1 at our school. Whilst we would never set out to enforce our will on the choices of parents and carers, we also acknowledge that many adults are not completely aware what the game entails. To this end we are sending home information provided by the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board to all families from Y1 upwards. E-safety will to continue to be a focus in 2018/19.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY REMINDER: As one of our existing Parent Governors is coming to the end of the term of office, there is a vacancy on the Governing Body. Letters and forms were sent out on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May, with nominations due by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.