



School Newsletter

Together We Make A Difference

WHAT AN AMAZING START!

They say time flies when you're having fun and it hardly seems possible that we are already half a term into the new year! Already pupils across school have been immersed into their learning with so many fantastic opportunities including trips to places such as Rural Pride, Dove Dale, Cromford and Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The football and tag rugby leagues have started with pupils putting on a sterling performance and Roe Farm came first in the city handball competition; more on these in our sports newsletter. We have had several visitors into school including Google (see overleaf), local author and mountaineer Nigel Vardy, Premier League Primary Stars and Yogabugs.

It was great seeing so many pupils dressing up and taking part in the Halloween Discos and the new format certainly seemed to be hit. A special thanks to the Y6 Team Captains who gave up their time to support the running of the activities.

There is lots happening this term with test week, parents evenings, productions and all the fun that comes with the festive season. Thank you for your continued support and together we really are making a difference!

Mr Davenport

School App

We have previously mentioned about the launch of a school app. This has been delayed by some families not returning their contact information forms.

The app will enable us to send notifications, copies of letters and contact groups of parents in emergencies.

Details of how to access the app will be sent out in the next few weeks.

School Improvement

The school continues to strive for academic excellence and build on our successes. This term staff have had further training on positive behaviour handling, physical literacy and early reading to name a few.

Curriculum coordinators have begun a review of their subjects to ensure what we teach is meaningful, has depth and there is a balance across the timetable.

Details of this year's improvement priorities will be sent out to all parents soon.

DIARY DATES

Monday 5th November

Start of new Autumn 2

Tuesday 13th November

Mr Blanchard's Class Assembly

Tuesday 27th November

Miss Hemsall's Class Assembly

Tuesday 4th December

Foundation + Year 1/2 Parents
Evening

Wednesday 5th December

Year 3/4 + Year 5/6 Parents
Evening

Wednesday 5th December

F1 Production

11th / 12th December

Year 1/2 Production

Friday 14th December

Xmas Jumper Day
Xmas Fair

17th / 18th December

Year 3/4 Production

Wednesday 19th December

Achievement Assemblies
- by invite only

Thursday 20th December

End of Autumn 2

Friday 21st December

INSET Day

Monday 7th January

INSET Day

Tuesday 8th January

Start of Spring 1

WB 18th February

Half Term

Monday 25th February

INSET Day

Tuesday 26th February

Start of Spring 2

BABY BOOM!

The baby stalk has been very busy this year so congratulations to the following staff past and present:

Mr Miller on the birth of Caleb.

Miss Langford and Mr Allston on the birth of Ivy.

Mrs Daniel on the birth of Evelyn.

Mr Nish on the birth of Martha - Mr Nish left Roe Farm at the end of May.

Mrs Huckerby on the birth of Arthur - Mrs Huckerby left Roe Farm at the end of July.

Mrs Weston will be returning from her maternity leave and taking over as the substantive Head Teacher towards the end of term.



GOOGLE



On Thursday 25th October, we were pleased to welcome Google into school with their Internet Legends roadshow for KS2 pupils. Pupils were taught to be internet sharp, alert, secure, kind and brave. Both presenters were impressed with the attitude and behaviour of pupils when participating in the various interactive elements including using their voting hands and not forgetting, Colin the cat! If parents want to find out more, or pupils want to explore Interland, then search for 'be internet legends'.

WHO'S WHO?

A frequent query I have been asked of late is who should parents talk to if they have questions about their child's education.

In the first instance, questions or concerns should be addressed to the pupil's class teacher as they are working with your child on a daily basis.

When the class teacher is unavailable or you have a more serious concern then each year group has a team leader who is a member of the school Senior Leadership Team (SLT). These are:

Foundation 1 and 2	Mrs Beer
Year 1 and 2	Miss Kendall
Year 3 and 4	Mr Dodson
Year 5 and 6	Mr Wibberley

If your concern is more sensitive or you don't feel you can speak to the class teacher or their team leader then my door remains open as always. Please contact the school office to make an appointment or email if it is of a less urgent matter.

Please bare in mind that the office staff may not be aware of the circumstance surrounding your enquiry but are more than happy to pass messages to teaching staff and help where they can.

