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## **Newsletter Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### **School Celebration and Autumn Fayre Evening.**

We had an amazing evening welcoming our families, friends and the local community into school to officially open our new build yesterday. It was fantastic to be able to welcome so many people to school and share with you all of the development that has taken place and how this is enhancing the learning environment for the children of today and the future.

I think you will all agree that the school is looking magnificent thanks to the support of the Local Authority, JP Developer, Snaith and Cowick Town Council and the school team. Thank you also to the children and families for your patience and understanding while this work has continued. (Baring some snags – we are almost there.)

Last night's event would not have been half as wonderful without the tremendous efforts of the PTA, thank you to them for their enthusiasm and dedication and to all of you for your support with the evening. A massive thank you must also go to the wonderful Y6 Shine Leaders who attended the event and showed such maturity and professionalism in their roles and to the staff and governors who attend to make the evening such a success.

### **Harvest Festival**

Today we held our Harvest Festival Assembly.

This year, we are supporting the Oxfam 'Food for All' campaign <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action/beating-hunger/>. All money raised (£243.60 so far) from today's non-uniform day will be sent to support this campaign, please click on the link above for further information on the campaign. We had a wonderful time in the school hall singing Harvest Songs, showing thanks and appreciation for what we have and thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves. It was lovely to have children and staff from Nursery to Y6 in the hall (we actually all fit!) and share this time together.

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to those who have supported the Royal British Legion so far with buying poppies and the school British Legion Merchandise. The merchandise box is very popular with the children, we will be continuing to sell the stock we have left after half-term. This year The British Legion have limited school merchandise stock, however, Mrs Ford's parents who are volunteers for the Royal British Legion are trying to replenish our stock as quickly as possible.

## **Next Half Term**

School re-opens to children on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

This week we had to say a fond farewell to Mrs Burns our school cook. I am sure that you, and especially the children, will agree that she has cooked amazing lunches for us over her time at our school. We wish her well in her new ventures. We are delighted to share that Mrs Butterill our Assistant Cook will now take up the role of School Cook continuing the tradition of scrumptious dinners.

### **School Lunch Menu Change**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – All Day Breakfast

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – No Change

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Italian Style Minced Beef Pasta bolognese

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – No change

### **Attendance Letters**

This year we will continue to share with you your child's attendance data. These letters will be sent home with your child the first week we are back.

The school in conjunction with our Local Authority, follow the Government guidelines. We take attendance very seriously. The letter will explain how absences impact on a child's learning.

### **Remembrance**

On Friday 10th November we will be taking some of our Y5/6 children to once again clean the plaques at the Memorial Garden at Pollington. The children will be transported by school staff. Please let me know if you would like your child to be part of this.

On Sunday 12th November, we will be taking part in the short service of Remembrance at the Memorial Garden on Heck Lane at Pollington and would like a small group of children, any age, to attend and lay a posy of poppies (provided). Children are asked to wear their school uniform. We meet at the garden at 11.30 for the short service at 11.45am. If your child would like to represent school please let the school office know.

### **Children in Need Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be hosting our annual Children in Need fund raising event. Children are invited to bring in any toys and/or books on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November (not before) for a 'bring and buy' sale in the hall on Friday morning. Children in Y5 and Y6 will be running their own enterprise games and stalls.

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform – the theme, as in other years is to wear spots for a donation of £1. Children can also bring money to spend at the toy stall or at the Y5/6 games and stalls in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name. The games include, nail salon, name the teddy, guess how many sweets in a jar, higher/lower game, guess the footballer and many more.

This is always a wonderful afternoon in school with lots of fun and laughter and it is always wonderful to see the older children supporting the younger children. We look forward to sharing the photos of the day.

### **Christmas Performances**

To allow you to get organised for our spectacular Christmas Performances, I would like to share our provisional dates. It is our intention to hold all our performances in our wonderful extended school hall.

Nursery – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, morning performance

Reception/Key stage one – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, morning and afternoon performances

Key Stage two performance – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, morning and afternoon performances (we may look to extending this to an additional performance on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – once we have assessed the numbers)

These are ticketed events (Free). Further details of the performances and how to reserve your place will be communicated after half term .

## **Parking**

Please could I remind everyone to show courtesy to our neighbours when parking and to take care when driving along Bourn Mill Balk road and the surrounding area. We have recently received information from the police about complaints they have received and concerns for the welfare of children walking to and from school. Please do make use of our layby drop off, if you are able, when driving your child to school. I would also recommend using Bourn Mill Balk Road as a one way – entering from Pontefract road, exiting from one of the other avenues to help ease congestion. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

## **Job Vacancies**

### **Teaching Assistant**

**Full time - 27 hrs, Term time only**

**To start asap until July 24 in the first instance**

Our friendly, welcoming primary school is looking to appoint an experienced Teaching Assistant to work in class. Experience working in school supporting children's emotional and welfare needs as well as their learning is desirable.

If you enjoy working with children, are enthusiastic and committed to helping children learn and develop socially as individuals, we would love to hear from you.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Further details and an application pack can be found at: <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/council/council-jobs-and-pensions/jobs-at-the-council/>

## Caretaker

### Casual hours

#### Term time only - To start asap

Our welcoming, friendly primary school is looking for an experienced, knowledgeable, hands-on, practical Caretaker who can help keep our school shining. A safe school environment is essential to promoting the safety and wellbeing of all and enabling children to flourish. Could you help to make this happen?

Hours will be on a casual basis but possibly 3 hrs per week to cover mandatory checks of the fire alarm, water, lighting and security systems and maintenance jobs as required. The work can be undertaken during the school day. This is ideal for someone who is looking for flexibility in working and someone who wants a few hours a week.

The successful candidate will be familiar with all aspects of health and safety within the role, ie. manual handling, although some training will be given.

Working under the direction of the Headteacher, you will be responsible for the general maintenance of the building. We look forward to your application.

Please note the school takes the safeguarding and welfare of children very seriously therefore two references for all shortlisted candidates will be requested and the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

A school support application form can be found on our website below or contact the school office for a paper copy. Please return applications to the office or email to:

[snaith.primary@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:snaith.primary@eastriding.gov.uk)

## PTA

### Our Final Bunday Monday will resume on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November for Year 6

School closes today for the half term break. The school re-opens to children on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. I would like to wish you all a happy and safe half term.

## Diary Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – non-contact day (**school closed to children**)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day – Non-uniform, wear spots.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Panto at Cast Theatre, Doncaster

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Nativity (morning)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Reception/Key Stage 1 Morning and Afternoon performances. Tickets required.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Reception & Y6 National Height and Weight Child Measurement Programme

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 2 Morning and Afternoon performances. Tickets required.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day – Non-uniform, Christmas Jumpers/Sparkle

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – individual school photos and Class Groups for Reception and Year 6

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Sats Week

Summer Term commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Swimming lessons for Year 4 and some Year 5's weekly for 11 weeks.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June to Year 6 Residential

### School Holiday

Please click on the link below to view the school holidays, these can also be found on the school app under Useful Links.

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=91>

**Please can I remind parents school is not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Therefore, it is important to consult these dates before making any booking.**

**We are committed to improving achievement through attendance, and any pupil whose attendance falls below 96% becomes a cause for concern. Attendance below 90% is classed by the Government as persistent absence.**

If a child's attendance falls below 90% we refer all cases to the education Welfare office at East Riding, who is likely to contact parents directly to discuss the matter.

## Community News

Please see information posters below from the Humberside Fire & Rescue Service.  
Keeping the Outdoors Safe and Christmas Electrical Safety.



HUMBERSIDE  
Fire & Rescue Service

Outdoor Safety

Keeping the outdoors safe  
from fire

Keep everyone at a  
safe distance



Have water available



Barbeques...

 Keep everyone at a safe distance from anything burning

 Whoever is supervising the barbeque should avoid drinking alcohol

 Water should be readily available to control the flames. If the flames become out of control, call 999 immediately

 Never leave matches or lighters in reach of children

 Do not use barbeques in a confined space such as a tent or a garage

 Never leave barbeques unattended

Bonfires and Campfires... Please avoid them

 Small fires become large fires very quickly

 Fire can quickly spread to nearby fences, sheds or trees etc.

 Your property or the property of others could be damaged

 If you have a fire on public land you could be charged with criminal damage

 There are laws for the nuisance that bonfires can cause

 Toxic smoke from fires can cause pollution or harm people's health





If your clothes catch fire... STOP, DROP and ROLL

For further advice or information please visit our website:  
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Make Every Contact Count: MECCLink - [www.mecclink.co.uk](http://www.mecclink.co.uk)

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**HUMBERSIDE**  
Fire & Rescue Service

**Celebrate Safely**

## **Celebrate in style and keep everyone safe**



### **Prevent...**

- ✓ Check your fairy lights are in good working order and replace any bulbs that have blown. Always unplug your lights when you leave the house or when you sleep
- ✓ Keep candles away from anything that could catch fire such as; Christmas trees, curtains, cards, ribbons or decorations
- ✓ If using fireworks, always follow the instructions carefully and never go back to a lit firework, even if it has gone off as it could still explode
- ✗ Do not overload the sockets, try to keep to one plug per socket
- ✗ Never leave a burning candle unattended and put them out completely before you leave the room or when you sleep. Take extra care if you have small children or pets

### **Plan...**

- ✓ Plan your escape route in case of a fire. The best escape route is your usual way in and out of your home. Choose a second escape route in case the first one is blocked
- ✓ Practice your escape plan with everyone in your household
- ✓ If you have guests staying, share your escape plan with them
- ✓ Make sure everyone staying knows where the door keys are kept



**In the event of a fire, use your escape plan – GET OUT, STAY OUT AND CALL**

**For further advice or information please visit our website:**

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