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Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023

Fond Farewell.

Today we had to say a fond farewell to a wonderful, well respected and highly valued member of our team; Mrs Selkirk, who has worked at our school for 17 years. Throughout this time, she has nurtured and supported so many children with kindness, compassion, enthusiasm and good humour in her various roles as Teaching Assistant, Senior Midday Supervisor and at After School Club. Putting the children at the heart of everything she has done, like us, I know so many of you appreciate the immense contribution she has made to the children, her colleagues and our school community. We wish her and her family well as she returns to her beloved Liverpool and thank her for all that she has given to us over the years. We hope that she keeps the well-trodden path between Liverpool and Snaith open and comes back to visit us often.

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. We will let you know the total as soon as possible.

The children have been busy creating their own Poppy display in the school grounds and taking time to remember those caught up in conflicts past and present.

Today a group of children visited the Memorial garden at Pollington to clean the plaques in preparation for the remembrance that will take place there on Sunday. The children did a super job and showed reverence and respect. Thank you.

I would like to share this poem with you, written by Henrietta.

*I have a little poppy
As red as red can be,
To show that I remember
Those who fought to make me free.*

Thank you Henrietta, this is a beautiful poem, well done.



First Aid Training for Y5/6

I always like to share with you the pride we feel in the fantastic attitudes of the children. On Thursday 9th November Y5/6 all received First Aid Training. The trainer complimented the children on their maturity, good manners and knowledge. She shared how much she had enjoyed the day working with them. Well done everyone. You shine!

Attendance Letters

Attendance letters for the first half of the autumn term have been sent home this week. If you have not received this, please check your child's bag.

Invoices

Reminder that payments are due for November's Nursery sessions and October's Before and After School Club sessions. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

SPORT

Well done to our year 5/6 girls football team, who played at Wolfreton School in the East Riding finals on Wednesday.

After a heavy defeat in the first game, they bounced back with back-to-back 1-0 wins to give themselves a chance of qualification. Their final group game brought their best performance - however unfortunately the girls couldn't find a winning goal. The game finished 0-0, which meant the team finished second in their group - just missing out on a semi-final spot by 1 point. What an effort by an awesome team!

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

WWII

You will have received a letter detailing the school theme week for Y1-6 focusing on local history during WWII. On Thursday 16th November we will be having a special theme day and children are invited to dress up in 1940's style. This could be in the style of military personnel, land army, evacuee/1940's child.

On this day there will also be a change to the lunch menu to accommodate a 1940's theme dinner of, sausage and onion gravy, mashed potato, broccoli and carrots and tinned peaches with evaporated milk (optional) and a slice of bread and butter.

We have lots of 1940's re-enactment visitors running workshops on the day to help the children learn about this time in our local area.

Children in Need Friday 17th 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 16th November (not before) for a 'bring and buy' sale in the hall on Friday afternoon. 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.

Access around the building

Following the completion of the footpaths around school, while we continue to use the two gates as entrance and exit points, to avoid congestion on the corner of the new building/existing building near the park, we ask that after dropping off your child at their classroom in the newbuild and/or year 1 classrooms you continue to exit via the back of school and the playground gate near the adventure play area. (Effectively creating a one way system.)

Please **do not** use the staff car park to access school. Please use the entrance gates and keep to the footpaths around school. Thank you

Christmas Orders

All Christmas Card/Mugs etc. orders have been sent home this week. I am sure you agree these are amazing, we have some very talented children in school. We have raised over £550 in commission, which will go to the School Fund which funds extra-curricular items for the children.

If you have not received your order yet, please contact the school office.

VACANCIES

MIDDAY ASSISTANT

12 noon – 1:15pm

Term time only

To start as soon as possible

We are looking to appoint a midday supervisor who would like to join our happy team to make lunchtimes a really enjoyable time of the day for our children! Duties include: setting up for lunchtime, supervision of children over lunch break in classroom and outside, clearing away and cleaning lunch areas.

If you are interested and would like to apply, please contact the office for an application form or complete the application form for 'Support Staff' on the school website.

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.

Please return applications to the office or email to:

Caretaker Vacancy

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

PTA

Bunday Monday – Year 6

Our final Bunday Monday for this year! A huge thank you to everyone for their support.

On Monday, parents/carers of Year 6 children are invited to donate buns/cakes for the PTA to sell in the playground after school. These are sold for a small donation to the PTA fund.

These can be homemade or shop bought.

PLEASE BE AWARE - some of our children have food allergies, if you are making buns which are dairy/gluten for example, please could these be labelled clearly and can we request NO NUTS!

If you are putting your baked goods in a container you want back, please label it with your child's name and class. On the day, please hand to the class teacher who will keep them safe until the end of the school day.

Future dates -

Diary Dates

Thursday 16th November – WWII theme day, **Non-uniform** WWII style.

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day – **Non-uniform** suggested donation of £1, wear spots.

Tuesday 5th December – Whole school Panto at Cast Theatre, Doncaster

Wednesday 6th December – Nursery Nativity (morning)

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

Thursday 14th December – Reception & Y6 National Height and Weight Child Measurement Programme

Friday 15th December – Key Stage 2 Morning and Afternoon performances. Tickets required.

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner Day – **Non-uniform**, Christmas Jumpers/Sparkle

Wednesday 13th March – individual school photos and Class Groups for Reception and Year 6

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 Sats Week

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

Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st 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

Colouring Competition age 5-7

The Snaith Post Office is organising a colouring competition which is open to ages 5-7. Colouring sheets are available from the Post Office. Closing date 14 December.

Snaith Priory

Autumn Fayre

Saturday 11 November

11am to 3pm

Raffle • Tombola • £1 Bags

Bric-a-Brac • Books • Jigsaws

Card Stalls • Plants • Children's Tombola

Patchwork & Mixed Crafts

Jewellery & Felted Figures

Refreshments including Light Lunches

All Welcome – FREE Admission