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Newsletter Friday 17th November 2023

What a Fantastic Snaith Primary School week we have had.

WWII

WOW! What amazing memories we have made together on our WWII theme day. The children looked incredible in their outfits – thank you so much. What a tremendous effort everyone went to (including staff). The day started with Drill on the yard followed by the air raid sounding – our cue to rush inside. Then, throughout the day, Squadron X, along with the two sheep, shared so much with the children. This included learning about animal welfare during WWII (there were some surprising facts revealed), military wear and items, entertainment in the form of music and dancing of the time, and numerous artefacts for the children to handle and learn about. Thank you also to everyone who so kindly sent in your own WWII treasure, from an incubator for babies, to gas masks, to precious medals, very proudly shared along with the stories of those they belonged to. We were also visited by Chris from WWI Research Group who shared his knowledge of WWI with the children, sharing lots of memorabilia. The children very much enjoyed all the super artefacts. Our WWII lunch was also fantastic. (Although, we are not that old, a few of us remembered how much we actually enjoyed carnation milk!) Our day ended with a rousing speech from Sir Winston Churchill and wonderful sing song in the hall finishing with 'We'll Meet Again'.

Throughout all of this time the children demonstrated such enthusiasm and polite manners and the visitors said that the memories the children had created for them would stay with them for the rest of their lives. We are now working to put a collection of pictures of the day together for you to enjoy.

We would also like to extend our thanks to members of Pollington Historical Society who started off our week with a fantastic assembly about Pollington Airfield, the experience of evacuees who came to Snaith (their names are in the school's admission book of the time) and what life was like for children at the time, including games, rationing and sweets!

Children in Need

And, as if Thursday wasn't enough our next WOW came in the form of an amazing day raising funds for Comic Relief. This is a highlight of our year as we watch the children 'run' the afternoon, with the older children having created games and stalls for everyone to enjoy, the way they support and look after the younger children makes us all proud and reminds us what a fantastic school family we are. Thank you to all families for your support with this and your kind donations. We will let you know the grand total as soon as we have it.

Royal British Legion

Thank you to all of your donations to the Royal British Legion, this year we raised £685.86. Thank you also to Mrs Ford's parents for keeping us stocked with slap bands, these are extremely popular with the children.

Pollington Memorial Garden

A group of children, once again, did a wonderful job on Friday last week cleaning the plaques at the memorial garden in preparation for the service of remembrance on Sunday. This was attended by four children who respectfully and thoughtfully represented our school so well as we paid our respects to the fallen. Thank you all. We are very proud of you!

Snow White

We had a very unexpected telephone call on Tuesday from a Production Company offering us a free pantomime for all children, from Nursery to Y6, to enjoy on Wednesday, this was due to them having an unexpected cancellation locally. This was a lovely surprise. The theatre group were brilliant and everyone enjoyed the production.

Christmas Panto

Yesterday, an email was sent giving details of the whole school trip to The Cast Theatre in Doncaster to watch the pantomime Beauty and the Beast. (oh yes we did!) This is a trip we now do bi-annually and is enjoyed by everyone.

Bunday Monday

Another WOW! Thank you to everyone for supporting Bunday Monday's this year you have raised a whopping £1102.50!

This is an incredible amount, and a big thank you to the PTA members for organising this every Monday in all weathers.

Christmas Productions

If you require a costume for your child for their Christmas Performance, please contact the PTA they have a selection of pre-loved costumes. Email: snaithpta@hotmail.com

Details of the tickets for the performances will be communicated next week.

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:

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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.

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PTA

Christmas Hampers

To enable the PTA to create their wonderful hampers, they would really appreciate donations of chocolates, sweets, biscuits, bottles (alcohol/juice/bubble bath), cosmetics, toiletries, new small toys and teddies for the Christmas hampers.

These wonderful hampers are then raffled at the end of the Autumn term. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Christmas performances. All proceeds raised go directly back to school for resources for the children.

Bag 2 School

The PTA have arranged for a 'Bag 2 School' collection for Thursday 7th December. The bags will be sent home next week. Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected.

Diary Dates

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.