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Newsletter Friday 1st March 2024

This week's school attendance is 96.8%

Y5/6 Charity Event

As part of their PSHCE work, this week children in Y5/6 held stalls and undertook acts of kindness, and in doing so raised an astounding £460 for charity. Thank you to everyone who supported this. As part of the learning, the children had to research and present a charity that they would like the money to go to and then vote to select the deserving cause. The children were unanimous in their decision to support Sheffield Children's Charity, which in turn has supported their friends.

Visit from Imman Habeeb

On Wednesday the children were visited by Imman Habeeb, who came to tell the children about what his Islamic faith meant to him. The children were all interested in the learning about the many similarities and some differences between the Islamic faith and Christianity and the common values that unite. The children asked some very mature and intelligent questions, which wowed us all. Imman Habeeb was very impressed with their lovely manners and understanding.

Dodgeball

This week saw the start of competitions once again after the winter break. Well done to all the Y3/4 who took part at the event at The Snaith School, with an extra well done to Snaith C team who made the semi finals, and Snaith B team who won the event after a very tense and exciting final. Snaith B will now go through to the SSP finals next month.

The Big Tree Plant

This week we were delighted to receive 280 trees from the woodland trust. Each class has had the chance to go out and help plant the trees around the school grounds today. We are hoping to develop the area at the back of the new extension into a wildlife area, with spaces to sit, learn and play within it.

World Book Week Reminder – Highlights for next week!

Monday = Launch of Book Week with a visiting author sharing their story of becoming a writer.

Thursday = Wear your Pyjamas to School – cosy up with a book day.

Friday = PM – step into a world of your imagination. Comparing a story and film.

Throughout the week – children will be creating their own stories/books based on a mini film – 'Something Fishy'. A tale of stray socks, jeans, coins and a few other items coming to 'life' in the washing machine.

Along with this, children will be exploring stories where characters step into new and imaginative worlds, such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Alice in Wonderland and so on.

World Book Week Annual Competition – Don't forget to get creative and send in your amazing book inspired puppets. We can't wait to see them!

Alternative Book Fayre – Please see the school app, payment section to chose a book you would like to donate to school. Please note: there is no charge on the app for the book, you are simply indicating your commitment to sourcing this book and sending it into school. Once you have selected a book – this will not appear for others to see. Please see further details regarding this, and the information shared on last week's letter at the end of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your support.

Parents' Evening

Face to Face Wednesday 13th March

Video Link Thursday 14th March

The online booking system will be live from Monday 4th February at 9.30am

Face to Face – (Wednesday 13th March) appointments are in school, times are approximate as on occasions appointments overrun. Therefore, please be mindful of this when it is your appointment time.

Video Links - (Thursday 14th March) are more time effective, your appointment can be taken in the comfort of your own home, at work or at the side of a football pitch if you so wished! You are able to share the video link with your partner and both be at the meeting no matter where you are.

Termly Support Plans

Children on Termly Support Plans will be contacted separately to make an appointment, therefore please **do not** make an appointment.

.Bookings are made via the School Gateway App, go to useful links, Parents Evening tab.

Or click on the weblink <https://snaith.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Jay Day– Friday 15th March and Comic Relief

Annually Jay Day is a time to remember a past pupil of Snaith Primary School. On this day children are invited to wear something silly/non-uniform including something blue (Jay's favourite colour). As this date, annually coincides with Comic Relief, (poignantly, Jay loved to share a joke) children are able to bring a £1 donation to school which we will donate to Comic Relief in Jay's memory.

Staff Carpark

Please can I remind you, the staff carpark is for staff cars only and please do not use this as a cut through.

Thank you

Snack Time

At break times, key stage 2 children are able to bring fruit for a snack, this will be eaten in the classroom before going out to play. Please do not send your child with biscuits/crisps etc. these are not allowed. All key stage 1 children are given fruit as part of the government fruit/vegetable scheme.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 13th March Tempest Photography will be in school taking individual pupil photographs and class group photographs of Reception and Year 6. On this day children are to come to school wearing the correct school uniform with school jumpers/cardigans and school shoes (NO TRAINERS). If your child has PE on this day they are NOT to come to school in their PE clothes, their lesson will be adjusted accordingly.

Nursery Photographs - if your child does not attend nursery on the morning of 13th March, you are welcome to bring them to school for their photograph taking at 8.45am, please go to the hall doors at the rear of the building.

Book Week – Extra Information

World Book week competition.

This year, still thinking of those stray socks, we are inviting children to create a book character sock puppet, or alternatively glove finger puppet, wooden spoon puppet or painted stone character. Prizes will be given for the best puppets/character in each year group. Please ensure that your child's puppet/character is labelled with the title of the character, your child's name, class and year group and send into school by Wednesday 6th March.

If possible, we would love to keep some of the puppets to use in story sacks for the younger children, so please let us know if you would like the puppet returning – by adding 'return' to the label.

We know how creative all of our children are so can't wait to see what you will create from those stray socks, odd gloves, wooden spoons or pebbles. Here are a few little ideas to get you started.



Come to school in your Pyjama's day. This will be on Thursday 7th March. When our focus will be on cosying up with a good book.

Book Fair alternative –instead of hosting the annual Book Fair, we are inviting parents to purchase a book from our 'recommended reading list' and after enjoying the book at home with your child, donate this to the class library. In this way we can collectively create a wealth of high-quality books for all the children in every class to share and enjoy, now and for the future. The recommended reads to the school app enabling you to privately select a book to purchase from a retailer of your choice to send into school if you are able to do so. In this way we will be able to ensure we avoid repetition of the same book and swell our library with a varied selection. Please see the instructions below of how to sign up for a book/
(To avoid confusion, the book you select on the app, will be removed from your child's class reading list, at your convenience please purchase the book from a retailer)

How to consent/sign up for a book -

1. Go to the school app
2. Select Payments
3. Choose your book
4. Tap on consent
5. Select add to basket
6. Select view basket
7. The balance will show zero
8. Select checkout (**no charge is made to your credit card/account**)
9. Select OK to complete
10. At your convenience, purchase your book via a retailer.
11. If you use a high street retailer you will be able to use the £1 book token which was sent home this week.
12. Enjoy at home and when finished, please donate to school for everyone to enjoy.
13. Once you have consented to purchasing the book of your choice, this will be automatically removed from the reading list.

I would like to express our thanks and gratitude to you in helping us create a wonderful library of books in school.

Instead of or as well as we are asking for donations of cushions/beanbags (if you have one going spare) to enable us to create 'comfy' reading spaces, including developing the cabin into a relaxing reading den for us at playtimes.

During world book week the PTA will be on the playground at the end of each day selling chocolate bars – some with golden tickets inside for amazing prizes. Please see PTA poster below.

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (*snuggle up with a book, PJ/Onesie day, non-uniform*)

Wednesday 13th March – School Photographs

Wednesday 13th March – Parents evening on line (*you will be notified when the booking system is open*)

Thursday 14th March – Parents evening in person (*you will be notified when the booking system is open*)

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief/Jay Day – **non-uniform**, wear something silly or blue.

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

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

Wednesday 12th June – Year 6 Growing Up Talk

Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st June to Year 6 Residential

School Holidays

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>

Term Dates 2023-2024

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2719&type=pdf>

Term Dates 2024-2025

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2891&type=pdf>

Please can I remind parents that 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.

Will you find a Golden Ticket ??



Smith Primary School PTA

Chocolate Prizes !!

25 Golden Tickets to Find

EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE.

Childs All Day Adventure Play Entry to Williams Den
Voucher from Junior Kitchen in Morley
50 Bounce Passes
and 22 Chocolate prizes.

PRIZES DRAWN FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

Chocolate Bars for sale £2.00 each
Monday 4th March to Thursday 7th March
(in the playground after School)

ONCE THEY ARE GONE, THEY ARE GONE !!!

Community Notices

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR...

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

AGED BETWEEN 9-12 AND LOVE TO BAKE? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

Applications close 17th March 2024



Arad's Academy of Dance proudly presents

Ballet
Tap
Modern
Jazz
Musical Theatre
Contemporary

SHOWCASE 2024

Saturday 11 May 2024 | 2pm and 7pm

With music from Dickens, Madame M., Moulin Rouge, The Little Mermaid along
with World Classics and the best of Rock!

Arad's Academy of Dance is a registered charity. All proceeds from the event go to the charity.

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