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Newsletter Friday 8th March 2024

This week's school attendance is 97%

Book Week

It has been a fantastic week in school. Children were inspired by the visiting author on Monday and have been working hard on their story writing this week. I can't wait to see the finished pieces of work. Everyone enjoyed wearing their PJ's to school on Thursday and we all enjoyed a 'rapping rendition' of some old story favourites in the hall.

Wow, there have been some people working incredibly hard on creating the most outstanding puppets. Thank you and well done to everyone, it will be a hard job selecting a winner. If you haven't made one yet and are inspired to create one over the weekend please make sure it is in school by Monday.

Thank you also to the many people who have sent in cushions and beanbags and all those who have pledged to buy a book. A few of these have started to come into school and we are looking forwards to developing our class libraries from your kind donations. If you have not already purchased a book, and are able to do so, we would be very very grateful for your contribution.

Wonka Bars

Thank you to the PTA for arranging the sale of Wonka Bars. For the lucky winners, the prizes were drawn in school today. Thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA.

Leaving to have baby

Today we said a fond cheerio to Mrs Johnson who starts her maternity leave. We wish her well and can not wait to meet baby Johnson.

Staying Safe

While social media sites are very much a part of modern life, learning the responsibilities we have to use these safely, for ourselves and others, is something that school and parents have joint responsibility for. With this in mind, and in line with growing national concern, we have been working on our new social media policy. A copy of which is now on our website and you can access by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=16>

In a recent survey carried out with KS2 children, YouTube and online games appear to be the top online sites children are accessing. While we typically think of Facebook etc being 'social media', any app or game which promotes social interaction and communication comes under this heading.

It is very important that children are made aware of their responsibilities for themselves and towards others when using these sites. In school we continue to undertake specific lessons and assemblies, and are soon to hold a drama workshop with this in mind. But we also need your help!

I urge parents to continue to monitor what children are accessing and posting and to check the age appropriateness of apps and sites. For example – most social media platforms such as TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, state that their age appropriate rating as 13+ while WhatsApp is rated as 16+. The ratings offer guidance relating to the understanding and maturity required to be actively participating in these sites. Online games also carry specific guidance. Please see the link for more advice and support. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

I thank you in advance for helping us to help your children to be safe and responsible online.

Mobile Phones in School

The Government have issued new guidance on children bringing mobile phones to school and I am currently updating the behaviour policy to reflect the guidance.

At Snaith Primary School

- Children should only bring a mobile phone to school if this is to secure their safety when walking to and from school.
 - All phones are and must be handed in to the class collection box on arrival.
 - They are stored securely throughout the day and only handed back before children leave.
- If your child is being dropped off/collected by you they should not bring a mobile phone into school.

Year 5/6 Healthy & Happy

On Wednesday 13th March the Year 5/6 children will have a Healthy & Happy show performed by a travelling theatre production.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 13th March Tempest Photography will be in school taking individual pupil and sibling 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.

Thursday 14th March

An assembly will be given by Reverend Eleanor of Snaith Priory.

Parents' Evening

Face to Face Wednesday 13th March

Video Link Thursday 14th March

The online booking system is open.

Face to Face – (Monday 9th March) Mr and Mrs Clarkson

Face to Face – (Wednesday 13th March) All teachers (except Mr and Mrs Clarkson) 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.

Sports

A massive well done to our year 5/6 athletics team who took part in the SSP finals on Tuesday night. They represented school brilliantly throughout the tournament. While they congratulated Swanland as the overall winners, Snaith won a number of races and events. A great team effort, well done everyone!

PTA

Bingo Evening

Thursday 21st March – please see the poster below for further details.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th March – School Photographs

Wednesday 13th March – Parents evening face to face (you will be notified when the booking system is open)

Thursday 14th March – Parents evening video link (you will be notified when the booking system is open)

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief/Jay Day – **non-uniform**, wear something silly or blue, £1 donation to Comic Relief.

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.



