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# School Newsletter

## Friday 15th March 2023

Here is the latest school newsletter which is packed with information about completed and upcoming events.

### PTA

Our active PTA have been busy organising a bingo evening which will take place on the last week of term. We have been delighted with the response and are pleased that it is a sell out! The group have also applied for vouchers from the Blakemore Foundation and have been in touch with local supermarkets to try and make sure they can provide children with some Easter gifts. What a team we have!



Next academic year, key members of the PTA will be stepping back from their roles as their children/grandchildren leave Scarcliffe. Please consider whether you would be interested in joining the PTA next year. More information to follow.

### Easter Events



We have been busy putting some plans in place for Easter. We will be heading over to Scarcliffe Church for an Easter Assembly, will have an Easter Egg Hunt and will also be running our decorate an egg contest – more information on Class Dojo. Please make sure decorated eggs are in school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### PSHE Focus this Term

This half term all classes are learning about **difference and diversity**. During this topic, children will learn to recognise and celebrate differences, they will also learn about stereotypes and about discrimination. The unit allows us to discuss and consider different family setups, disabilities, sexual orientation and race. All sessions are delivered in an age-appropriate way.

Class 4 have had some disruption to their timetable for various reasons but will catch up with this topic later in the year.

### Attendance Updates

We are absolutely delighted with the attendance levels of our pupils at the moment. Despite a few bugs circulating over the winter, we have managed to achieve a school attendance figure of 96.4% for the year so far. To put this in to context, the national average for all primary schools is 93.7%. We are very grateful for your ongoing support in helping to get your children to school as often as possible.



### Sports Events

#### Handball Event

A group of our Year 6 students visited The Bolsover School last week to take part in a handball competition. The team competed well against what proved to be very tough opposition. We seemed a little nervous at first but grew in confidence throughout the competition.



### Upcoming Competitions

Later this term, a team of Year 5 pupils will be travelling to Tupton Rugby Club in an attempt to retain our Tag Rugby title from last year. I have every confidence in the team and look forward to seeing what they achieve.

We will also be heading over to Clowne next week to take part in the swimming gala. Again, we wish the team the best of luck!

### Mini leaders

Our team of mini leaders continue to do an amazing job of running activities at lunchtimes. They have shown a range of leadership skills and have been very committed in their roles. Lois and Darcie (Year 6) manage the team extremely well and had the chance to have a virtual meeting with mini leaders from other schools to share ideas. Thanks for all the hard work!

### **Ukulele Concert**

We recently invited parents and carers from Class 3 in to school to see a ukulele concert. The assembly was fantastic and showed how well the children have been concentrating in their lessons. The staff from the Music Partnership are now busy teaching flutes to Class 4.

We are proud of the fact that children in upper school get the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele and the flute during their time with us.

### **School Website Updates**

Recently, subject leaders have been adding information to the curriculum section of our website. Now, almost all subjects have their own webpage which includes lots of interesting information about what we teach and how we deliver each subject. Perhaps some people would be interested in taking a look?

### **Safeguarding**

As I have recently posted on Class Dojo, the Internet Watch Foundation have developed a great website <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/> which includes a useful checklist and a range of facts about online risks to children.

While much of the information is about teenagers, it would be well worth reading so you are up to date with the latest findings.

### **World Book Day**



Mr Horton did a great job of organising our World Book Day this year. By removing the dressing up element, we could really feel the difference and there was a much clearer focus on books rather than on what people wore. Children had the chance to listen to lots of poems and stories and should have brought home a book token. Hopefully, they enjoyed the day as much as we did!

### **Redhill Trust Update**

The date for joining Redhill Academy was delayed from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. We have been associate members of the trust for two years and are very excited to becoming full members very soon. As previously mentioned, the day-to-day running of the school will remain very much unchanged, but lots of systems and access to support and advice behind the scenes will be transformed.

### **Residential Visits**

At the end of this term, Class 2 will be heading over to Lea Green for some amazing outdoor adventurous activities and a night away from home! We can't wait to be able to let you know about all the amazing things the children have been up to!

At the start of next half term, Year 4 and 5 pupils have been given the opportunity to have a two-night residential visit to PGL. I have seen the programme of activities and I'm counting the days until we go! More information will be shared with Year 4 and 5 parents and carers next week via Class Dojo. This will include a programme of activities and a kit list.

### **Snow Day Closure**

Finally, we know that last Friday would have caused lots of disruption for families and really appreciate your understanding about having to close school. We do not take the decision to close lightly, but on this occasion felt it was the right thing to do. Once again, our families showed how supportive and understanding they were as I did not receive any complaints or grumbles about the decision to close. Your continued support is much appreciated and does make a massive difference to us all. Thank you!

