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March 2022 Newsletter 7

Dates for your diary:

1st 2nd March

Highfield Library to visit school

3rd March World Book day

7th -11th March Local History week

8th March

Y5 Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet

9th March

Y6 Kelham Island Y2 Bishops House Y1 Porter Brook river walk

10th March

Y4 Shepherds Wheel

World Book day

Mrs Ray has organised a whole week of literacy activities to coincide with World Book Day on Thursday. We have planned visits from Highfield Library, a cosy read and a visit to KS1 from author Katherine Clarke. Children are welcome to dress up as a book character on Thursday. Please, remember to spend your £1 book token that has already been sent home.

Local History Week

We are pleased to announce that next week is our local history week. All classes will be visiting a historical landmark in Sheffield, as we believe it is important that our pupils understand and learn about the heritage of this great city. There will be a local history exhibition on Friday 25th March at 2.30pm for parents and carers to look at the work we have been doing. We hope you can come and join us.

FS2- National Fire museum

Y1- Porter Brook River walk

Y2- Bishops House

Y3- Weston Park

Y4- Shepherd Wheel

Y5- Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet

Y6- Kelham Island

Mr Malik

We are very sad to announce that Mr Malik will be leaving us on Friday 11th March. We would like to thank him for all his support and hard work over the past eight years! Mr Malik is going to work at Fir Vale Secondary school as their new Learning Resource Centre Manager and we would like to wish him all the best in his new role. He will be sadly missed by the Porter Croft community.



Late arrivals

Please ensure your child is in school before the bell at 8.55am. The number of late arrivals has started to increase and lateness has a negative impact children's learning.

PE Days-Spring 2

FS2-Thursday and Friday

Y1-Monday and Wednesday

Y2-Friday and Thursday

Y3-Wednesday and Friday

Y4-Tuesday and Thursday

Y5-Monday and Swimming

Y6-Monday and Wednesday



11th March

Y3 Weston Park FS2 National Fire Museum

15th 17th March Parents evenings

18th March

Y4 Moorland Centre Comic Relief Day

23rd March

Y2 & Y1 Yorkshire Wildlife trip

Family Faith and Fun club

24th March

Easter service at St Marys church 1.30pm

25th March

History exhibition for parents 2.30pm

1st April

Last day of Spring term

19th April

Return to school after the Easter holidays

Science Week

This year the theme is 'Growth' which will tie in with our Spring term Oxfam Global Citizenship goal, 'Sustainable Development'. The classes will also be finding out about a significant figure in science, which ties in with our new diverse and inclusive curriculum. FS2- little scientist rhyming books

Y1-little scientist rhyming books

Y2-Lonnie Johnson

Y3- Chien- Shiung Wu

Y4-Zaha Hadid

Y5-Stephen Hawking

Y6-Hidden Figures (Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, Christine Darden)

After school clubs

The following clubs are running in Spring 2, up until the Easter holidays.

Monday-Y5 & Y4 Football

-Y6 Maths club

Tuesday-KS1 Dance

- KS2 choir

Wednesday- KS1 Football and multi-skills **Thursday**-Netball

There will also be a running club during Wednesday lunchtimes.

Gardening volunteers

Miss Holman is looking for parent/carer volunteers to help in the school garden on Mondays. Please inform the office if you can help on any Monday, or even every Monday we would be most grateful!

Family Faith and Fun club

This will take place on Wednesday 23rd March in the hall at 3.30pm. places are limited so you will need to book. Look out for the flier to book your place.

Active Challenge 10 days

Once again our two weeks' challenge of walking to school starts on Monday 7th March. As part of the work we do on active travel and promoting 'green' issues, we have been awarded the Platinum award from Mode Shift Stars. We are one of only 26 schools in the country to earn this award. We are planning to celebrate this amazing achievement during this half term.



Parents Evenings

These will take place after school, on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th March. If your child has a structured conversation with Miss Hocking and their class teacher, you do not require a parents evening slot. Please look out for the parents evening letter coming soon.

Comic Relief Friday

This will take place on Friday 18th March. Children can come as a super hero, or wear something red. Red noses will be on sale in the office at £1.50 each from Friday 11th March.



Reminder for parents/carers

Please do not go past the entrance door inside school, unless a member of staff has asked you to. We are mindful of safeguarding issues and ask you to help us in this matter.

Thank you
Cath Thomas
Headteacher



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