

Head's Message

Welcome to the new half term! It was wonderful to see the school burst back into life this week as we all returned from our half term break. It has been superb to hear about the many adventures that have been enjoyed during the holidays and to get back into the routine of school life. There is much to look forward to across the School, in the classroom and beyond, this half term. Please keep an eye on the back pages of this newsletter for any updates or changes to our online calendar over the next few weeks. I would also like to remind all members of the community to be cautious when driving along or crossing The Spital over the next few weeks. At this time of year on a clear day the sun can often be very low in the sky and reduce visibility. Please do take extra care.

As it is Remembrance Sunday this week we will be taking the time to stop and consider the sacrifices others have made for us in our annual act of Remembrance on Monday next week. We are so fortunate to live in peaceful times and it is therefore only right that we honour The Fallen, from every conflict, and ensure every future generation understands the importance of doing so. We are delighted that we will be joined by Cpt Robson for our service, a further report will follow next week.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: Add me to myself and multiply by 4. Divide me by 8 and you will have me once more. What number am I?



Photo of the Week:

Year 6 paid their respects to those who lost their lives in the World Wars on the recent French Trip.

Year 6 French Trip



I thoroughly enjoyed the French trip and would recommend it to Year 5. My highlights were the seal show at the aquarium and exploring the WW1 trenches.

Naila K.

This carefully planned trip was a great success and the best was when we glittered at the disco! We never stopped dancing! Our thanks go to our amazing staff and the Kingswood Tour guides.

Shlok A.

I really enjoyed the French trip and I found the day trips very interesting. Eating snails and frogs legs is something I think I will always remember.

Lily C.

The highlight of the French trip for me was visiting Nausicaa, which is the biggest aquarium in Europe!

Tanveer T.

I loved our visit to the chocolate factory. The smell of the chocolate was amazing and the way they make the chocolate is very clever.

Betty K.

I think the French trip was a great experience. I thought the part where we got to see the trenches of WW1 was especially interesting because I couldn't quite believe people were fighting in that exact spot over 100 years ago!

Claudia C.

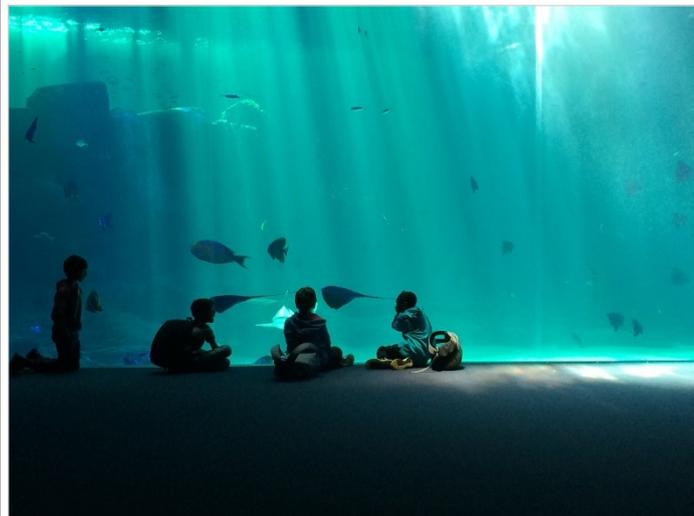
I loved the shark tunnel in Europe's biggest aquarium and the fish cinema where you could spend hours just watching the fish and turtles swim by. Thank you to all the teachers who organised this trip.

Jude C.

The French trip was most certainly memorable; the best trip so far! Frogs legs were surprisingly tasty! My favourite Kingswood instructor was called Scottie and we spent a lot of time conversing about Schrodinger's Cat!

Edward L.





Stephenson Charity Event

The Stephenson Charity event takes place on Tuesday 12th November, where they are supporting Daisy Chain. During Stephenson house meetings, the children have decided to run a variety of activities to help raise funds for this wonderful charity. All children in school are invited to wear an item of clothing with their house colour on (no football shirts) and bring in £1 to do so, which will be given to their form teacher on the morning of the event. Please also allow your child to bring in a small amount of change on the day to take part in the activities. Thank you.

Stephenson house staff

October Holiday School



October Holiday School was a huge success and was enjoyed by pupils and staff alike, with the weather holding out for the week. We went on trips to Alapmare in Scarborough, where they were able to conquer fears going down the many slides. Some enjoyed a Mr Grundmann North Yorkshire Moors walk, with a trip to Larry's Lanes. The most talked about trip though was the excursion to RIF59, where the children were able to bounce, climb and take part in laser tag. The final event of the week saw the traditional trip to the Station Cinema at Richmond, where we watched *Shaun the Sheep – Farmageddon*.

Mr Simpson



Uniform Reminders

Please read these reminders regarding school uniform, all of which can be found in the Parent Handbook (available via the school website). We politely request that all parents and pupils are aware of these and follow the uniform requirements set out by the school. This includes the wearing of school winter coats, correct footwear (smart, black school shoes—not trainer-type shoes) and no jewellery. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Prep Management Team.

Please can we ensure that children only wear school PE and/or Games kit for clubs and activities such as dance, gymnastics and football.

Appearance

Girls' hair (if below shoulder-length) should be tied back with a suitable small fastener, school scrunchie or hair band. Hair bands (school style) may also be appropriate for shorter hair. Fashion accessories, hair colouring and decorated hairbands are not permitted. **Boys' hair** should not touch the shirt collar, eyebrows or earlobes; nor should boys' hair be shorter than a number 3. The use of **hair products** such as gel, dye and wax is not permitted. **Nail varnish**, whilst not a hazard, does not look smart with school uniform and we ask that girls remove nail varnish before coming to school. We set much store by the appearance of our pupils and seek to maintain these high standards. Parents will be informed if pupils digress from these guidelines and will be expected to take action to remedy the situation.

The wearing of jewellery is not permitted. The wearing of earrings and ear studs is not permitted for safety reasons. Please avoid ear piercing which will necessitate the wearing of ear studs at school. Children will be asked to ensure any ear piercings are taken out as soon as possible. It is recommended and expected that any ear piercings take place in the school holidays, not during term time.

Identification

All clothing must be **labelled** with sew-in labels with your child's name and initials. PE and Games tops may have initials sewn onto the left side of the chest area. The Uniform Shop can arrange this for you. **All equipment brought to school should be clearly labelled with your child's name.** School bags and school sports bags should be named in a prominent position. Pupils should not bring toys, scooters, electronic games or similar, to School unless they are invited to.

Uniform and Personal Possessions

The reputation of a school is influenced in no small degree by the appearance of its pupils. The uniform is, therefore, formal yet practical. The School has a Uniform Shop from

where parents should purchase the items listed below. (Contact Mrs Carolan Henderson on 01642 786023). The Uniform Shop is open every day except Friday during term time from 1pm – 5pm and at published times during holidays. The Uniform Shop is open occasionally on Saturdays and accepts cash, card or cheque payments. These details are published on a regular basis in the Phoenix Flier.

Uniform (worn by all):

Blazer – navy blue with red piping

Burgundy v-neck sweater

School quilted coat - school pattern only

Scarf/Hat (optional) - school pattern only

Black sensible shoes (not trainer-type shoes) should be worn by boys and girls (no heels for girls)

Boys:

Pale blue shirt, long or short sleeved

Tie – School design

Grey shorts (Y3-5) or trousers (Y6, or any boys from October half-term until February half-term)

Uniform Shop Socks – grey with stripe (**short, grey socks, matching the shade of the long socks, are recommended when wearing trousers**)

Girls:

White blouse (school pattern only)

Red tartan skirt

Grey tights or socks

Hair accessories in school colours, some of which are available in the school shop

Late Spring/Summer/early Autumn Term:

Summer dress – school design

Short white socks (plain, no frills or sport socks)

Sandals – plain black.

After School Care

After School Supervision begins at 3.45pm with an outdoor play time for all registered children. Following this, children are usually supervised in two groups to complete homework and/or other quiet tasks - Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 – normally in 4P and the Science lab. Attendance is confirmed with pupils during morning registration.

We offer late supervision for pupils between 4.30pm and 6.00pm for those children who are not able to be collected by 4.30pm. After School Care is located in the Science Lab until 5pm and the Pre-Prep thereafter. It is supervised by

Miss Emma Jeffries and Prep School staff. A register is taken and a modest charge is made for this facility. A drink and snack are provided for pupils who attend. Any children not collected by 5pm are placed in After School Care at the Pre-Prep and are charged thereafter.

The care costs are as follows: 4.30-5.00pm - £2; 5.00-5.30pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge); 5.30-6.00pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge). Children involved in clubs until 5pm, children involved in fixtures and children whose siblings are involved in Prep School clubs and activities are not charged until these activities have finished. If a club or fixture is cancelled and parents have been contacted in good time (i.e. prior to lunchtime), parents of children who then go into After School Care will not be charged.

After School Care costs are added to the end of term charges bill for each family.

Please note the phone number for after school care: 01642 792584. It would help us enormously, if you are running late after 5pm, that you could contact this number to let us know your estimated time of arrival.

Mr Stone

Half-Term Dance



Prep School dancers from Year 3 to Year 6 took part in a dance workshop during October half-term. They learnt a contemporary and commercial dance routine based around butterfly wings. They were focused, hard working and full of energy!

Well done to all dancers who took part and we look forward to seeing it in the dance assembly in December!

Mrs Dunkley

Clubs and Activities News

Riding—Please note there will be no riding on Wednesday 4th December due to the Pre-Prep Christmas Nativity. All Y3-6 children will participate in activities at school and can be collected from 3.45pm.

Parents will not be charged for this session.

Mr Stone

Parent Zone Digital Schools

Our Digital Schools membership gives you FREE access to Parent Zone's Parent Lounge with:



- Online training
- Expert advice and information on all things digital
- Access to a free help service for all your tech questions.

For more information on how to join the Parent Zone Parent Lounge, go to the Online Safety Guidance for Parents section of our Parent Portal.

We will be holding our annual Internet Safety Week in February, where we will have a range of information sessions and events presented both by our Digital Leaders and experts in the field.

Mr Stone

Children in Need

Friday 15th November

On Friday 15th November we will be hosting a whole school spotty non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. Spots and dots of all shapes, colours and sizes are welcome! All we ask for in return for this event is a £1 donation for Pudsey, to support his campaign to help Children in Need.

Many thanks as always for your support and generosity.

Miss Darbar

School Values

Beaming, every child is throughout the school day,
Happy as a lark, when we're learning or when we play.
With teachers beside you, to encourage and support,
Especially when it's raining and we're outside playing sport.
Positively, we follow our school values, whether we're
outside or in,
Together, we'll commit to them and that's how we'll win.

Confidently, I understand what is and is not safe,
But have you ever felt unsafe and it's been keeping you
awake.
If in need ring the NSPCC and they'll help you out,
Don't flood your head with worries, they'll run away, no
doubt.

It's important to feel safe, wherever you go,
On holiday at the beach or performing in a show.

Ambition gets you anywhere, never doubt it's power,
Assertively persevere, and you'll blossom like a flower.
Tough times can be a challenge, but believe that you can
strive,
Making mistakes is not a problem, learning from them is a
high five.
Seize opportunities like an adventurer on a quest,
The sun will smile when you've completed it at your best.

As independent as birds, high up on the wing,
Success will meet the eye, but so will failure's sting.
Determined team players work together, whatever the
problem may be,
Resourcefully collaborating and comforted by nice, warm
cups of tea.
In or out of school, we use problem solving abilities,
With curiosity on our side, we're sure to get lots of victories.

Compassion is a quality, anyone can learn,
Smiling can go a long way, and it'll come back to you in
return.
Kind, kind hearts all over, assist charities in need of
generosity,
Selfless sponsored runs and activities, contribute to our
society.
During break times at school, we include one another,
Anti-bullying is the key, to prevent upsetting each other.

Honesty is essential, to earn the respect of others
around you,
Treat others with tolerance, and have multiculturalism.
Powerfully stand together as global citizens,
Whether you're a doctor, a teacher or a child full of
innocence.
Be mindful of others, even the places you go,
There's no Planet B if we melt all the snow.

Proud as a lion, we look smart in our uniform,
Ensuring our bodies and minds are healthy and warm.
Approving, positive examples all start with good manners.
Even if you just responsibly maintain the high standards.
The Earth's vivid dance may no longer be,
If we don't stop polluting and aim to keep our oceans plastic
free!

*Our thanks to Naila K. (6B) for writing this brilliant poem
about our school values for her homework.*

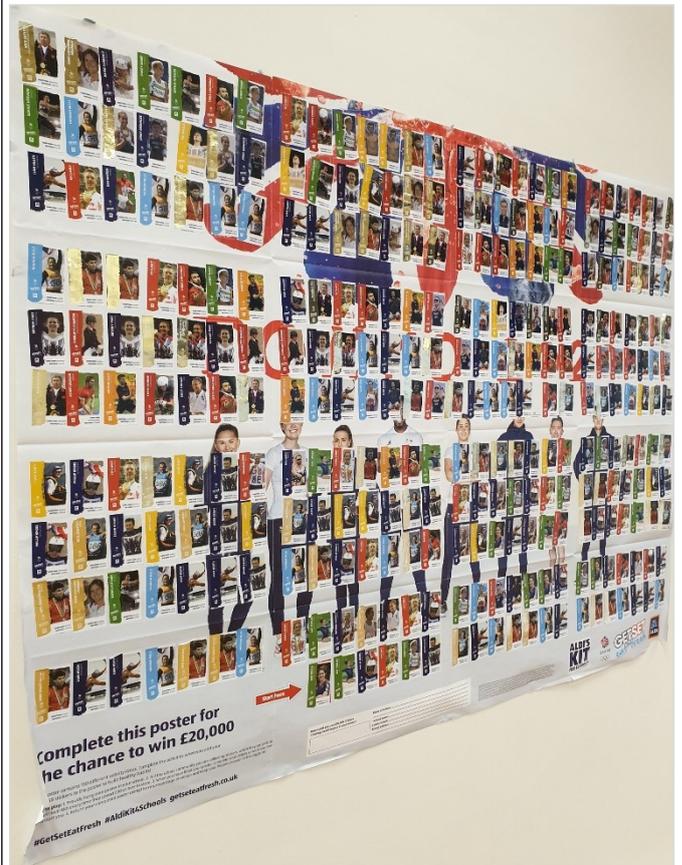
PE and Games News



Under 10 Hockey

On the last Friday of half-term our Under 10s were involved with fixtures against RGS Newcastle. It was lovely to host the whole year group and once again involve all of our pupils as well. The three teams all enjoyed their afternoon and played some very good hockey. The games were competitive with a plethora of goals scored by both schools. It really was a lovely afternoon of hockey, with supporters on the sidelines cheering on both schools.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney



Aldi stickers

Thanks to all who contributed to the Aldi stickers chart. We completed it and sent it off. The deadline has passed so do not send anymore into school. Fingers crossed!

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

Coming up

— NOVEMBER —

Sat 9	U11 Harrison Cup Rugby (QEGS, Wakefield, 8am depart, 10am start, 4pm return)
Mon 11	Arkwright House Duty
	Remembrance Assembly
	Anti-Bullying Week
Tue 12	Stephenson Charity Event
	U8 Hockey workshop with Cundall Manor (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)
	U8 Rugby v RGS Newcastle (away; 2pm start, 4.45pm return)
Wed 13	Curiosity Emporium (JP room; 1pm)
	Reception Stay and Play (8.45-9.30am)
	Prep Informal Concert (Prep Hall; 4-5pm)
Thu 14	Book Fair departs
	Yarm U9 Rugby Festival (Green Lane; 1-4pm)
	U9 Hockey v Barnard Castle (away; 2.30pm start, 5.45pm return)
Fri 15	4P class assembly (Prep Hall; 10.20am)
	U10/11 Rugby v Woodhouse Grove and Birkdale (at Woodhouse Grove; 1pm depart, 2.15pm start, 5.30pm return)
	Children in Need – Wear Spots/Stripes for £1 (please see inside for further details) - NEW EVENT
	U10/11 Hockey v Durham High (home; 2.15pm)
	Nursery Children in Need Café (2pm)
Mon 18	Brunel House Duty
	Activities Carousel 2 begins for Years 4-6
Tue 19	U8 Rugby v Cundall Manor (away; 1pm depart, 1.45pm start, 4pm return)
	U9/11 HMC Chess (QEGS Wakefield; 8am depart, 5.30pm return)
Wed 20	Years 3/4 Poetry Competition (Prep Hall)
Thu 21	U9 Rugby v Cundall Manor (home; 2pm start)

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3A	Olivia J.	Noah A.
3D	Lucy W.	Daisy N.
4C	Waleed A.	Tabitha B.
4J	George F.	Ben S.
4P	Rosie C.	Daniel H.
5L	Oliver D.	Minu P-M.
5N	Amirah A.	Eliash W.
5P	Tabitha L.	Luke E.
Y6	Niamh B.	Sabeeh Q.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 4: Felicia J.

Year 5: Jake W., Atsushi Y., Aradhya D., Charlie C., Oscar L., Janvi C., Oliver D., Ruby K.

Year 6: Anousha A.

Peer Mentor of the Week

Name: Niamh

Class: 6G

Favourite subject: Games

Best thing about school: All of the clubs and activities

Favourite cheese: Blue cheese

Most exciting thing to happen in my life so far: Going to France in the holidays.

When I am older... I want to be a cricketer for England

Writing or typing? Typing

Ketchup or mayo? Ketchup

Sun or snow? Snow

One wish: For all of the animals in the world to be safe.

Niamh was a kind, caring influence when we welcomed the Year 3 children from Layfield Primary School prior to half-term. As well as helping them with the activities she had meticulously planned, Niamh was also careful to make sure all of their needs were catered for. Well done Niamh!



Head's Challenge solution from last week: Spiders