

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18th

April :

Y2 Bolsover Castle visit

Friday 20th April:

Y3H Manor Lodge Visit

Monday 23rd April:

Y3B and Y3JB Manor Lodge Visit

Monday 7th May:

Bank Holiday Monday

Week beginning

14th May:

Y6 SATs week

Wednesday 23rd

May:

KS2 Sports Day 9—12

KS1 Sports Day 1—3

Friday 25th May:

School closes at 3.15pm for Spring Bank.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Westways had a two day visit from an Ofsted inspector on the 13th and 14th March. The visit was commissioned by the Local Authority to find out if the school is improving and ready for our next Ofsted inspection between June and December 2018. I am delighted to tell you that the HMI who is a current and experienced Ofsted inspector was very pleased with the improvements we have made. Below are some of the highlights of the report and points for development:

- * The school's provision has improved since the last inspection. This is because teaching has improved and standards have been raised. This has had a positive impact on learning and outcomes.
- * Assessment of pupils is well used and supports teachers and leaders in identifying issues around underachievement and, therefore, it leads to bespoke and meaningful intervention and support in a timely manner.
- * Leadership is strong. The school's review process is thorough and accurate, meaning the school can accurately judge itself. Leaders know where improvements are apparent and what is still to be done.
- * New systems to improve rapid reading development have been implemented very successfully. Adults know how to teach reading skills to a much higher standard than seen previously.
- * The curriculum is engaging and has worked to improve pupils' conduct and especially their behaviour for learning.
- * Activities across all subjects, and especially in mathematics, are engaging, challenging and there is good differentiation.
- * Y5 and Y6 pupils demonstrate particularly strong attitudes and conduct. This is also the case across key stage 1 and the early years.
- * Pupils are highly productive and present their work well, showing pride in their learning. They also have to think hard and challenge themselves. When given an option of difficulty level most choose the higher end. This has been a significant contributory factor in the improved progress pupils now make.
- * Marking and feedback meet the school's policy which is clear and promotes efficient and impact focused feedback. Pupils always respond and this again supports their ability to be independent learners and to make strong progress.
- * Early years provision is strong. There is a wide range of activities both indoors and outdoors. These all engage children's interest and

- * Ensure that there are opportunities for pupils across the school to learn about the rich diversity of British life so that they understand the need to celebrate and respect different, faiths, cultures and lifestyle choices.
- * Ensure that attendance is rigorously checked and that there is a robust response from school where absence is an issue and that parents are fully aware of their responsibilities to get children to school every day.
- * Continue to develop teaching so that where there are very small pockets of teaching which is not consistently strong this is further developed.
- * Ensure that there are more opportunities for children in early years to reinforce their number, space, shape and measure skills in the outdoor setting.

I would like to thank all of our staff and pupils for their tremendous hardwork and all our parents and carers for your support and encouragement. Have a wonderful Easter break. Sam Fearnough Executive Head teacher

EYFS—Our Nursery children had two exciting visits to Whirlow Hall Farm last week where they saw some lambs and other farm animals. They held guinea pigs and rabbits. In F2, we have been enjoying our RuggedEds sessions working on co-operative team games. Thank you to parents who came in to talk to the children about their chosen career. We appreciate your support .

Year 1/2 The Y1s have had a great time growing plants and enjoying solving a ‘crime scene’ when the golden eggs disappeared! The Y2s have enjoyed ‘The Enormous Crocodile’ by Roald Dahl, producing some fantastic writing and textured art work. As a key stage, we have embraced World Book Day (teachers included!) and my thanks go to all parents, staff and children for making this day a success. We had a fun assembly with the All Stars Cricket visit too.

Y3– have been studying the human body and the function of the skeleton. They have compared animal and human skeletons at the Alfred Denny Museum at Sheffield University. They also had a talk from Dr Robinson a trauma surgeon. Children are also enjoying a series of cricket sessions with Cricket Kidz.

Y4 are studying Roman Britain, the expansion of the Roman Empire and how this has shaped the way we live today. They have put on gladiator helmets and retold the story of Verus, a gladiator in the Colosseum.

Y5/6—In Year 5 the Viking Day was a great success making swords and writing runes with quills. The residential visit to Kingswood was also a fantastic experience . Children were able to challenge themselves . develop team-

Y6 Crucial Crew

**Week beginning
Monday 25th**

June:

Y6 residential
Walesby

Friday 20th July:

School closes at
3.15pm for the
summer holiday

drivers must find a suitable place to park before letting children out. **We advise that you leave yourself time to park well away from the school and walk in to ensure the safety of all our pupils.**

If you see irresponsible parking or stopping in the street please call 101 and report the number plate. Please don't confront drivers or put yourself at risk. Parking services visit all schools on a rota basis and our local police are aware of the ongoing issues.

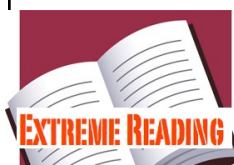


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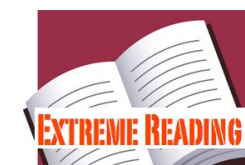


Our new website is under construction and will be up and running as soon as possible. It will be mobile so that it is easier to read and navigate using mobile devices and simpler so that you can get easier access to the important bits. Please get in touch via email through the enquiries@ address if there is anything you want to see on the website or suggestions you have.

School Council went to see the Mayor, councillor Ann Murphy and were treated to a guided tour of the Town Hall and Lord mayor's Parlour. On arrival we were given biscuits and juice and saw the inner workings of Sheffield Town Hall. There was a chance to ask lots of questions and the children are presenting an assembly to Key Stage 2 after the Easter break to share their experiences with everyone.



COMPETITION WINNERS!



please contact the class teacher or Assistant Headteacher for the phase. Email addresses are listed on our website. Please note that conversations with teachers are best at the end of the school day.

If you have concerns about the well being of a child contact Wendy Scott our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Office staff can help you with information about visits, school meals, medicines in school,

Punctuality.

Key Stage 1 morning drop off

Please remember that all pupils in Y1 and Y2 need to come in to school by themselves in the morning to encourage independence.

HAPPY EASTER

Peer mentors

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have just completed a training course to become peer mentors. This is a very important role in school and they will use their conflict resolution skills to support children to resolve minor disputes at break and lunchtime. They are being supported by our learning mentor Mrs Sawyer and Mrs Gill. The peer mentoring programme will be launched in our first assembly back after Easter.



Goodbye to... **Jo Brumley**, teaching assistant with Y3/4 and previously in KS1. We would all like to thank Jo for her years of service and wish her all the best in her new role. Welcome to... **Mrs Chandler** covering in Y4HB and **Mr Moffatt** supply teaching assistant in Y4HB

Good Luck

