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The dinner menu for next week is week 2



A big thank you to Simon Shenton for delivering a fantastic and informative session on staying safe online for our wellbeing coffee morning this week. We've had some lovely feedback from those who attended. Please keep your eyes out for our next coffee morning and let us know if there are any particular wellbeing themes that you would like us to cover. Another big thank you to Lisa Fearn for running our fancy dress swap shop in preparation for World Book Day. This is a great idea for the pocket and for the environment and we can't wait to see everyone showing off their outfits next week.

Our Key Stage 2 children were engrossed by an afternoon of story telling from Peter J Murray on Monday and it was great to see so many of them keen to get stuck into his new book. On Tuesday, our Year 4 basketball did a great job of representing our school, showing fantastic teamwork and energy. It was also great to see a wonderful example of creative, immersive learning from our fabulous EYFS team with Vets and Pets day on Wednesday. I was very pleased to hear that all of the pets left school feeling much better after being seen to by our young vets.

I hope all of our families have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hewitt x



Railway Safety

We have been asked to share the following railway safety videos with our families. These have already been shared in school but may be good for you to watch with your children to guide conversations at home about staying safe.

KS1 video:

<https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

KS2 video:

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

Clothing Donations

We would be very grateful for any donations of girls and boy's pants, socks and tights aged from 2-6 years of age. Please drop any donations off at either office and we'll make sure these are delivered to Nursery. Thank you.

Dental Care

Please remember to take your child to the dentist regularly. NHS dental care is free for children. All children aged 3-16 can have fluoride varnish painted on their teeth by the dentist at least twice a year, to help strengthen their teeth and prevent tooth decay. If you do not have a family dentist, you can find your nearest NHS dentists at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>

Nuts about Nature?

We certainly are! In true Thorpe Hesley style, we are going to be making a big splash about our natural world for our Picture This and Science weeks. Children throughout school will be getting hands on with art and creativity linked to three nature-based artists, James Brunt, Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Marianne North, whilst also doing lots of science work linked to the environment too. We will be doing some collaborative land art on the junior field which we will invite parents to view and take part in - watch this space! All this will be during the weeks of Monday 18th March – Thursday 28th March to round off what is shaping up to be busy, productive and fun Spring term.

Thank You

We were delighted to receive this lovely letter this week from a gentleman who received a Christmas gift from those donated by our thoughtful, generous families to Age UK at our Christmas Gift Service.

Dear Thorpe Hesley Primary School

I just wanted to write you a short letter to thank you very much for the Christmas present bag you donated that came to me this Christmas.

It was a lovely thing to receive, and it is so wonderful that you take the time and effort to put a little light into so many people's lives at what can be a very lonely time for many people.

So many of my generation seem to view young people as noisy, troublemakers or something to be fearful of, and it should be recognised that you are a credit to your school, and your generation.

Anyway, thank you once again. What you are doing does make a difference in people's lives, and the generosity you have shown should be an example to others of all generations.

With Kind Regards

John Colton
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Stars of the week w/c 26 th February 2024		Class 10	Lydia S
		Class 11	Ella B
		Class 12	Millie R
Class 2	Leo M	Class 13	Liv S
Class 3	Harry P	Class 14	Mia C
Class 4	Rohan H	Class 15	Sofia S
Class 5	Emily S	Class 16	Pearl V
Class 6	Joshua C	Class 17	Jenson M
Class 7	Ronnie K	Class 18	Luke D
Class 8	Pippa H	Class 19	Amira K
Class 9	Lylah R	Class 20	Tilly M

Well done to the following children who have answered the most questions correctly this week:

1. Isabella W class14
2. Isabelle A Class 14
3. Divine O Class 12
4. Louie P Class 14
5. Eileithya A Class 14

Percentage of children in each class who have read at least three times a week and recorded in Reading Record books

Class 2	81%	Class 11	75%
Class 3	86%	Class 12	96%
Class 4	95%	Class 13	76%
Class 5	84%	Class 14	92%
Class 6	86%	Class 15	88%
Class 7	88%	Class 16	94%
Class 8	89%	Class 17	85%
Class 9	93%	Class 18	94%
Class 10	98%	Class 19	100%
		Class 20	100%



This week you should have received on your personal email...

Reception Dinner Choices

Red Nose Day



Dates going forward

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character
Wednesday 13 th March	9am Y6 Writing Stay and Learn
WC 18 th March and WC 25 th March	Nuts About Nature whole school topic TT Rockstars Battle with Anston Greenlands and Redscope Primaries
Monday 18 th March	9:30 SEN Coffee morning for parents
Wednesday 20 th March	Class Photographs
Monday 25 th March	Y6 Visit to Eden Camp
Tuesday 26 th March	National Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness – Children are invited to wear something purple in addition to their normal school uniform, e.g. hair accessory, scarf, socks etc. and make a donation via https://www.epilepsy.org.uk/donations 3:30pm – 4:30pm School Disco
Thursday 28 th March	a.m. Easter Church Services for Reception to Y6 Children’s last day in school



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Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

You can claim free school meals for a child who lives with you and who you are responsible for.

Your claim will be automatically processed if you receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support and get any of these qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run- on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

You can apply using this link: <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/532>

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, they are entitled to 'universal infant free school meals' regardless of your income. You do not need to apply for this.

Pupil Premium is addition funding given to schools. Your child may be eligible for this if:

- They have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM')
- They have been looked after continuously for more than six months (LAC) or have previously been looked after (PostLAC)
- Are children of service personnel
- You are in receipt of benefits such as income support, income-based job seekers allowance, income related employment and support allowance, child tax credit, Universal Credit and other qualifying benefits

Currently, Pupil Premium funding is £1,455 per child (£2530 for LAC/Post LAC) which is given to school to support your child's education and fund valuable support and resources in school.

If you have already applied for Pupil Premium funding for an older sibling, this will not automatically entitle younger siblings to the funding. Therefore, it is really important you apply for each child if you feel they could be eligible for this additional support.

To make a claim please apply at: <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals>

Disability Access Funding

Are you in receipt of Disability Living Allowance for any children who are either 3 or 4 years old? If so, please let us know via your child's class teacher or the school office as school could receive extra funding to support your child in school.