



Hookstone Chase

PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

WW1 Centenary

As part of our theme of Homecomings, this term we are commemorating the centenary of WW1 and looking at famous people of this era.

Tempus Fugit Educational Theatre Company came into school and performed a very interactive presentation to our KS2 children about life during WW1 including what it was like to be a soldier in the trenches as well as singing morale boosting songs.



Yorkshire Wildlife Park visit

Earlier this month, our KS1 children had a fantastic day out at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster. They visited animals from around the world and took part in 'Fur, Feathers & Scales' workshops. We were very impressed with the behaviour of all the children and the patience that the children on the second coach showed when they had to wait for their coach to be fixed to bring them back to school again! (They were treated to an ice lolly and an extra playtime.)



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to all those who either donated cakes or attended our coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, we raised a fantastic £252.81 and it was a lovely community event with lots of parents catching up with each other.



Reception Tea Party

It was lovely to see so many reception parents and children at the after school Tea party. There were lots of lovely craft activities to participate in. Fruit kebabs were our favourite!



CHAMPION MINDS

We are continuing our champion minds and metacognition work and looking at how we can learn. This year we are focusing on how we can improve confidence through developing performance skills.

Sport in School

Sporting influence continue to support our children in PE and well-being sessions. In addition, they have also been running Young Leader courses.

Congratulations to our Y3/Y4 Football Team below who won all their matches during the local inter schools Football Competition. They only conceded 1 goal and showed excellent sportsmanship!



Harvest Festival

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival assembly and we are so grateful for the amazing generosity of our parents. The donations were split between 'Springboard' the Harrogate Homeless Project and the Harrogate Foodbank. Both organisations were extremely grateful for the Harvest donations.



Fundraising

Evie in Year 5 ran a bracelet stall selling beautiful bracelets that she had hand made herself. She raised a fantastic £35.00 which will buy new toys for the children on the Heart Ward at Leeds Hospital. Well done Evie!



PE

Maple class had their own mini Wimbledon during PE, improving their team work and fitness.



Dragonfly Schools Foundation

Sue Bretherton from The Dragonfly Schools Foundation came and gave a talk in assembly updating the children on the work that is happening in the school in India, a project which we continue to support. We are also delighted to hear that they are finalists in the Centre of Excellence Community Awards 2018.

Bikeability

24 Year 6 children took part in cycle training this week. The training is provided by NYCC and we are really pleased that our children are given the opportunity to enhance this very important life skill.

Music

We are delighted to welcome our new Wider Opportunities Music Teacher, Pam Roberts, into school on a Wednesday afternoon for our group of 8 Year 6 children and our new after school Junior Music Group is going really well with Mr Hills. If your child is in KS2 and is interested in learning a musical instrument, we have Peripatetic music teachers from NYCC, please visit their website for details www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk

Attached to this newsletter are the Term Dates for the next Academic Year 2019-2020

Please note: spare copies of Term Dates for this current Academic Year 2018 -2019 are available in the main entrance

School Apples

Year 3 in Oak Class picked apples from our school orchard. Our cook then turned them into a delicious apple crumble that the children enjoyed for lunch.

Applying for a Primary School place

If you are a parent or carer of a child living in North Yorkshire, who is eligible to start primary school (i.e. a child born between 1 Sep 2014 and 31 Aug 2015 inclusive) **or transfer from infant to junior school** (i.e. a child born between 1 Sep 2011 and 31 Aug 2012) during the academic year 2018 / 2019, you will need to apply online for a primary school place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. Paper applications can be requested by contacting 01609 533679. You must submit either an online or a paper application form **no later than 15 January 2019**. Late applications received after this date will be dealt with **after** those received on time.

Thurs 25 October	PTA Hallowe'en Discos
Fri 26 October	School Closes for half term
Wed 31 October	Deadline for Secondary School Preference Forms to be returned on line to North Yorkshire Admissions
HALF TERM	
Mon 5 November	First day back at school for pupils Beech Y3 Swimming for 6 weeks
Fri 9 November	Non Uniform Day – please bring in donations for the tombola at the Christmas Fair.
w/c 12 November	Anti-Bullying Week. Theme: 'Choose Respect'
Thurs 15 November	Year 6: Christ Church WW1 Commemoration Service
Fri 16 November	Fundraising for Children in Need Day Silver Birch Class Assembly
Tue 20 November	Royal Armouries visit Horse Chestnut/Maple/Silver Birch
Fri 23 November	Maple Class Assembly
Thurs 29 November	Oak Class Forest Schools at the Yorkshire Showground
Fri 30 November	Horse Chestnut Class Assembly PTA Christmas Fair
Thurs 6 December	Reception (Sycamore & Rowan) Nativity
Wed 12 December	Infant Christmas Nativity for Grandparents
Thurs 13 December	Infant Christmas Nativity Holly/Pine/Willow/ & Y2's in Oak
Fri 14 December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day – fundraising for Save the Children
Mon 17 December	Christmas Party: Reception
Tues 18 December	Christmas Party: Year 1 & Year 2
Wed 19 December	Christmas Party: Year 3 & Year 4
Thurs 20 December	Christmas Party: Year 5 & Year 6
Fri 21 December	Close for Christmas

