



Hookstone Chase

PRIMARY SCHOOL

END OF AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Homework Projects

This term we were delighted to see the results of the Homework Challenge Projects, the children have been working very hard and produced some amazing work.

KS1 have been finding out about different animals and their habitats.

Lower KS2 have been researching European Countries.

Upper KS2 produced a range of homework including homemade periscopes, musical instruments and research about the role of women in conflicts.

A big focus for this term has been our work on the 100th anniversary of the end WW1.

Remembrance Day

Following a study of World War 1 Poetry and novels connected with that time the KS2 children have written some wonderful poems and created some lovely poppies from clay.

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal, a fantastic £314.87 was raised for this very worthwhile cause.



Horse Chestnut Class produced a thoughtful and moving assembly based on the themes of World War 1 and remembrance.

Royal Armouries visit

Horse Chestnut, Silver Birch and Maple classes enjoyed a visit to the Royal Armouries in Leeds, where they explored the museum, watched re-enactments of battles and had demonstrations on how historical weapons were used in warfare.



Our Year 6 attended a Commemoration Service at Christ Church with other local schools. The Service included readings and poems from participants in the war, together with a narration covering some of the history of World War 1 songs. The Service finished with The Last Post and the hymn "Make me a channel of your Peace."



World War 1 Day

Oak, Beech, Hawthorn, Horse Chestnut, Maple and Silver Birch took part in a World War 1 day in school. During the day, the children visited a trench, undertook drill practice, learned how to bandage wounded soldiers and how to keep their "chin up" in tough circumstances. A big thank you to Mr Watson for helping to organise it.



Wake Up, Shake Up!

We have had a change from the Wednesday Walk and the children have enjoyed a Wake Up and Shake Up session with Rachel from Sporting Influence. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

Forest Schools

The Reception children enjoyed making rockets and filling them with fairy leaves and elf juice and watched them fly to Santa on their Forest Schools Day. They also had a wonderful interactive time with the animals from Noah's Ark including seeing a chinchilla, snakes and a magnificent eagle owl.

Oak Class enjoyed a cold and blustery day in the woods near the Yorkshire Showground and the KS1 children sang songs around a campfire back at school.



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.

DragonFly School Foundation Fundraising

An account by Rocco about the fundraising in Beech class for the Dragonfly School Foundation.

On Thursday, we got the food. We had popcorn and ginger bread men. We did a play and watched a movie about Jack and a Mummy. It was a Stop Go animation made by Rocco. We had hot chocolate and mini marshmallows. At last we played a game to make a mummy. We raised £55.00 for the Dragonfly charity.



A wonderful £223 was raised for Save the Children on Xmas Jumper Day. Thank you so much everybody for your support.



We have been treated to two absolutely fabulous Nativity Productions, Reception were adorable in their Nursery Rhyme Nativity and Year 1 and 2 performed a Strictly inspired "Lights, Camel, Action". Well done to all the children and the teachers for all their hard work.

Anti-Bullying

We had some wonderful entries into our Anti-Bullying competition, with a strong focus on friendship.



Horse Chestnut Class built some fantastic Ginger Bread Houses, we are very grateful to Morrisons for their contributions.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need fundraising this year, we raised a magnificent £440.18



Our Junior children were visited by a Consultant Neurologist from Harrogate Hospital who made the children aware of some of the issues faced by people as they grow older. They were taught about CARE – showing Compassion, Acceptance, Respect and Empathy to older people.



PE



Beech and Hawthorn classes took part in an interclass Cross Country competition, well done to the winning team and to the best team work winners.

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| Mon 7 January | Staff Training Day |
| Tues 8 January | School reopens for pupils |
| Fri 11 January | Y5/Y6 Young Voices School Concert, Sheffield |
| Mon 14 January | Oak Class Swimming (Y2 & Y3) for 6 weeks |
| Wed 16 January | PTA Meeting |
| Thurs 17 January | NSPCC Assemblies or KS1 and KS2 |
| Fri 1 February | Hawthorn Class Assembly NSPCC workshop for Y5/Y5 NSPCC Parent Meeting re Online Safety |
| Tues 5 February | PTA Infant Story Night |
| Fri 8 February | Beech Class Assembly |
| Fri 15 February | Oak Class Assembly |
| Wed 20 February | Oak, Beech & Hawthorn Performance |
| Thurs 21 February | School Closes for Half Term |
| Fri 22 February | Staff Training Day |
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| Mon 4 March | School reopens for pupils Pine & Willow (Group A) Y2 swimming for 6 weeks |
| Thurs 7 March | World Book Day |
| Fri 8 March | Willow Class Assembly |
| Wed 13 March | Parents Evening |
| Thurs 14 March | Parents Evening |
| Fri 15 March | Pine Class Assembly Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day 2019' |
| Thurs 21 March | PTA Junior Night |
| Fri 22 March | Holly Class Assembly |
| Fri 29 March & Sat 30 March | Kids Aloud/Rotary Club Concert |
| Mon 8 – Fri 12 April | Year 6 Residential Week at Marrick Priory |
| Thurs 11 April | PTA Easter Activities |
| Fri 12 April | School Closes for Easter |
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Further information will be sent out as appropriate regarding some of the above dates nearer the time. Also additional dates will be added for visits, etc when known.

Please visit the school website which is updated weekly for more information, plus photos and news from the classes

www.hookstonechase.n-yorks.sch.uk

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