



# February Newsletter 2024

## Latest News

Despite the January weather being unpredictable, the children have been working hard to make sure they are Ready, Respectful and Safe every day. During January, the children learnt about different famous artists and their styles of art they created. Year 6 are even looking forward to meeting the famous Burley Banksy. On top of this our children have taken part in many visits and events including trips to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Tropical World. It has been a great month and there is more still to come in February.

## Dates for your Diary

### Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Break Up for Half-Term

Children will be breaking up for spring half-term this Friday and will return to school on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5 and 6 School Councillors attending the Leeds Youth Summit

Once again, our fabulous school councillors in Years 5 and 6 will be heading to the Civic Hall to meet with other children across the city to discuss issues that are impact on them.

### Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Nursery attending Tropical World in Leeds

Staff in Nursery will be writing to you shortly to let you know about their exciting trip to Tropical World. As they will be there all day, they are letting parents and carers of children in Nursery know which day their child will be going on the trip.

Here are some about events a little bit further away...

### Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar and the children will be able to come dressed up as their favourite book characters and undertake a range of fun activities on the day.

### Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 6 Kingswood Residential

Children who have signed up, will be going on their residential to Kingswood Activity Centre. Activities at the centre will include, archery, zip-wire, laser tag and a camp fire.

### Parents' and Carers' meetings – Tuesday, 26<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

We will be holding Parent and Carer meetings on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of March**. Look out for more information week beg 18<sup>th</sup> Mar with details on how to book a time slot.

### Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> Mar to Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter holiday

We will break up on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** at 12.30 pm & open again on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> Apr**.

## Social Media

For more information, and to see photos of how the children are settling back into school life, follow us on Twitter [@HCPsLeeds](https://twitter.com/HCPsLeeds) or the Twitter feed at [hunsletcarr.co.uk](https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk)

## Questions and Information

If you have any questions or need further information about items on this newsletter, please ask your class teacher or myself and we will be happy to help.

Kind Regards, Mr Martin Lumb



## Governors' News

January was a quiet month for the governing board. A couple of the governors attended training and I zoomed in to hear the feedback from the school's Reading Audit.

Leeds City Council want as many children as possible to go to High School at the expected level in Reading. To help with this, a Reading expert from the council visits every Primary School for a whole day looking at how well the teachers are teaching the children to read.

At the end of the day, I zoomed into the meeting with Mr Lumb, the Reading expert and the school's Reading Leaders to hear how things had gone.

The expert was very impressed by the behaviour of all the children in school and actually said it was 'impeccable'. She also said that the children are learning phonics well which is helping give them the tools to read in Years 2 to Years 6.

She wanted us to be able to help the children who are struggling in Reception and Year 1 quicker than what we are doing now, so was going to give the school £9,000 towards a new book scheme that would help with this.

She was really impressed by the older children, how confident they were at reading and the different books they like to read at home. Altogether, it was fantastic feedback and great to hear about the success teachers are having helping children to read.

Kind regards.

Sarah Gardner

Chair of Governors

## School Council News:

One of our goals in School Council this year is to do more assemblies and have more presence in school. Our focus for our first assembly was all about bullying and what to do if it was happening. One of the areas we reminded everyone about was Tootoot. Remember, if you need to tell a teacher at school about bullying then please use this app. You don't have to put your name but if it serious then please put it so that the teachers can help you.

Recently, we also joined in with Year 1's sponsored run for the Dog's Trust. Thank you for all the sponsorship money. The Dog's Trust are coming in at the end of February so that we can learn how to look after dogs and we can present them with the money raised.

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February we are going to the Leeds Civic Hall for the Leeds Youth Summit with the Deputy Heads and Year 5 School Council. We are looking forward to meeting local councillors and other children from school councils. Our next assembly, in March, we focus on the Leeds Youth Summit and what we did.

Thank you for reading,  
Elsie and David.