



March Newsletter 2024

I hope that as we move into the first month of spring, you and your family are able to enjoy the longer days and the better weather ahead. Here at school, we have a jam-packed month ahead, before we break up for the two-week Easter holiday. Here are some of the things we have to look forward to in the next month.

Friday, 8th March – Children in Year 6 going to Kingswood for the weekend

Forty of the children in Year 6 are coming away with the teachers for a fantastic weekend at Kingswood. Hear they will take part in activities like a Zip Line, Archery, shelter building and the 3G Swing. We can't wait for a weekend without parents!

Friday, 15th March – Red Nose Day

It's the time of the year where we join in and raise money for Red Nose Day. This year, children are invited to come dressed in red to raise money for this charity. We are asking for a donation of £1 per child paid through our on-line money system.

Friday, 15th March – Cake and Bun Sale to help Rothwell Juniors Football Club

On this Friday, Maisie Burton in Year 6 will be selling Cakes and Buns to raise money so the team can visit Barcelona in 2025 and play local Spanish football teams. Cakes and Buns will cost £1 each and will be sold at playtime that day.

Monday, 18th March – Year 6 trip to Whitby

As part of their English topic around Dracula, the children will be heading to the scene of where many believe the story begins. They will also be experiencing the world famous fish and chips (and maybe even some mushy peas!)

Wednesday, 20th March – Open Morning and Open Afternoon

The children are very excited to show parents and carers (and friends of the family) all that they have been learning about in their topics since Christmas. The school will be open between **9 and 10 am** for people to visit our classrooms and enjoy spending time with the children as they show off their work. Look out for more information on a separate letter coming soon.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th and 27th March - Parents' and Carers' Meetings

As usual, you will have the chance to meet your child's teachers after school on Tues, 26th or Wed, 27th of March between **3.30 & 6 pm** on both evenings. Look out for a letter with information about how you can book an appointment online.

Wednesday, 27th March – Headteacher's McDonald's Reading Breakfast Prize

On Wednesday, 27th March, Mr Lumb will be taking the prize winners from the reading challenge for a McDonald's breakfast. Will it be your child picked out of the hat from their class and invited to enjoy pancakes or egg mcmuffins? All they have to do is read at home, have their reading record signed by you and their name goes in to the hat for a chance to win a prize.

Thursday, 28th March – Break up for Easter

The children break up for the Easter Holiday on Thursday, 28th March **at 12.30 pm**. They come back to school on **Monday, 15th April**.

Kind Regards
Mr Martin Lumb
Headteacher



Governors' News

When I went to school, World Book Day wasn't a thing although I did get to dress up for Red Nose Day. Reading was one of my joys growing up because it allowed me to escape to worlds that I would never see.

We recently had a deep dive look at on how we deliver reading to our children as this is one of our school's priorities because we know that not every child has the same experience I had with reading. By keeping our focus on how reading is taught, we can help every child in the school begin to explore the possibilities that books of any nature can bring to them. I was so pleased to hear from Liz Brook that the school continues to teach Reading effectively and that children in school speak happily about the books they read in school and at home

Finally, I know all the teaching staff are looking forward to being able to discuss your child/children with you at the Parents and Carers Meetings, so please do book a slot so that you can find out about how well they are getting on.

Kind regards.

Sarah Gardner

Chair of Governors

School Council News

This month the school councillors from Year 5 and Year 6 went to the Leeds Youth Summit at the Civic Hall. If you have never been there, it is a very posh building in the middle of Leeds, with very expensive furniture and chandeliers.

Here we got to meet children from other Leeds schools who are on their school councils to discuss things that are impacting on children and young adults. We discussed things like litter and vaping, which we were all very worried about.

The best things about the event was the lunch! We got £6 each to spend at the café in the Rose Bowl building (which is part of one of the Universities). We all loved the food, especially the Brownies!

Miss Roberts is trying to book this year's visit to the Houses of Parliament. She almost booked tickets this week but just as she went to pay for them, the website crashed. She is going to try again later in the month, when the booking site re-opens.

Thank you for reading,
David and Elsie (Head Boy and Girl)