

General News and Updates

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and a relaxing break. We have jumped straight back into our curriculum and all the usual trappings of school life. Thankfully, the weather has been fairly kind to us and despite being cold has allowed the children to spend most of their breaks outside - fingers crossed that next month is just as kind. One of our main focuses at the moment is setting up our PTA (parent, teachers association), so please keep your eyes peeled for the separate flyer that will be winging its way to you soon.

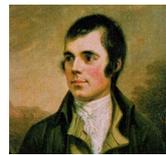


BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition

At Wold we would again like to support Radio 2's 500 word competition, as we know we have fantastic writers. 500 WORDS is a story writing competition for children run by Radio 2. To enter you need to write an original story that is no more than 500 words long. Once you've written your story, then you can enter it using the entry form on the 500 WORDS website. (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/28zgDX98FnDYbN9j1jbk4HS/500-words-2019>) Entry closes on Friday 8th March 2019 at 7pm.

There are two categories, the first for children aged 5 – 9 and the second for children aged 10-13. Prizes will be awarded to the 3 finalists in each age category: the 2 Gold winners will win Chris Evans' height in books (6.2") and 500 books each for their school. The 2 Silver winners will win HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books (5.6"). The 2 Bronze winners will win their own height in books.

The children need to write their story without adult support but if they would like a quiet place to work, Mrs Everingham can help arrange this. She is also happy to read through stories and check they meet the 500 word limit before they are submitted.



Piping in the Haggis

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Rothery for a celebration to remember on Burns' day to commemorate the life and works of the poet Robert Burns. The children enjoyed watching the piping in and addressing of the haggis. Reverend Whaley, who wore a traditional highland kilt, also joined us for the celebration. Singing with pride, the children finished the assembly singing one of Robert Burns' famous poems, "Auld Lang Syne".

Take Your Child to the Library Day



Saturday 2nd February is the world 'Take your child to the library day'. Our local library is a brilliant resource and we are very lucky to have it on our doorstep. All our children, apart from the very youngest, visited the library in the summer term last year and were introduced to how the library works. I am sure many of you are already members but if not, why not go on the 2nd February and join? It costs nothing to join. It is open on a Monday and Wednesday, 10am - 12.30pm and 2pm -5pm. On a Thursday, 10am - 12.30pm and 2.0pm - 6.30pm. On a Saturday, 10am - 1pm. It is closed Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.

Important Dates for Spring

Friday 1st February—3/4CA class assembly, 3pm start
 Saturday 2nd February—Take your child to the library day (see above)
 Tuesday 5th February—special Chinese lunch
 Friday 8th February—3/4R class assembly, 3pm start
 Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February 2018—Year 2 play (details sent separately)
 Friday 15th February—4/5S class assembly, 3pm start
 Friday 15h February 2018—Break for February Half Term
 Monday 25th February 2018—return to school for Spring 2 term
 Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th February—parent open nights
 Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (details to follow)
 Friday 8th March—3/4CO class assembly, 3pm start
 Friday 15th March 3/4MG class assembly, 3pm start
 Friday 15th March - Comic Relief Day (details to follow)
 Friday 5th April—Break for Easter holidays
 Tuesday 23rd April—return to school for Summer 1 Term



Scooters and bikes

Please can we remind you that children and adults should not be riding scooters and bikes on the school grounds as somebody could get injured. I am sure we all want to work together to keep everyone safe so please support us by pushing your bikes and scooters once you are on the school grounds. Many thanks.

Special Lunch for Chinese New Year

As it is the start of the Chinese New Year on Tuesday 5th February, our wonderful cooks have devised a special lunchtime menu to celebrate. There will still be a second choice of hot meal and the deli bar will run as always.



The full menu should be winging its way to you via our MyEd. Xīnnián hǎo! Some children will also be thinking about the Chinese New Year in their work.

Year 6 News—T4W and Other Learning

Year 6 have made a wonderful start to the new year! Our latest Talk4Writing unit has been based on a suspense story. The children have produced imaginative and highly skilful pieces of writing, which have included a range of complex sentence types, semi-colons, colons and figurative language – the Year 6 teachers were on the edge of their seats when reading these! As well as this, many children have engaged with our exclusive 'Year 6 Maths and Reading clubs'. Their positive attitudes to their learning is ensuring rapid progress in these areas – well done!

Year 5 News—Table Tennis

In PE this term, Year 5 are lucky enough to be taking part in table tennis sessions with an expert coach. So far, the children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and are learning new skills and techniques.

Year 3/4 News—Greek Day Success

On Thursday 10th January, Year 3 /4 had their Greek day to introduce their new topic. The children made Ancient Greek patterns using pasta, designed their own Greek vase, researched facts about Ancient Greece, took part in Ancient Olympic activities and created their own mythical creature. It was an excellent day all round! We can't wait for the next one!

Year 2 News— Egyptian Cinderella

In Year 2 we have been busy learning lines, stage directions, dances, songs and so on ready for our upcoming play. On Friday, we finally managed to get onto the stage itself and started thinking about our positions at various points in the play. We are all very excited and cannot wait to share the play with you. Details of the performances and ticket information should have been received through MyEd. Thank you to you all for supporting your children and helping them to learn their lines either for the acting part or the singing part. Thank you also to those of you who have sent in costumes and please remember if you have any issues, please do let us know.

Year 1 News - Singing

Year One were lucky enough to have had Alison from the Voices Foundation come in to teach us some new songs. It was great fun and they really enjoyed it! We can't wait to see her again.

F2 News— Handa's Surprise

F2 Have had a wonderful first month back at school. We have been learning about Africa and the children have especially enjoyed reading about Handa's surprise of Tangerines for her friend Akeyo. We have danced like African tribes in bare feet. We have been to Peru, Morocco and the Sahara . We have eaten exotic African fruits and created animals poems. We are looking forward to the next topic of dinosaurs and dragons... who knows we may have a sneaky visit from a dinosaur... we will keep you posted!!

F1 News— Take a Walk Little Bear

Foundation 1 and The Beehive have had lots of new children start during January. Everyone has settled in really well and our established children have been fantastic role models.

This term we are learning a new story called "Take a Walk Little Bear". You can support your child at home by encouraging them to retell the story, draw their own story map, visit the library to look for books and stories about bears and bumble bees, taste honey at home and plant some seeds to encourage bumble bees in the garden. Thank you!

Sport Highlights

The year 5 boys' football team and year 6 boys' football team have joined the girls by winning the Hull Active schools qualifying tournament. The finals nights are upcoming in February and March so hopefully there'll be some silverware.

The school netball team have just recently won the DRET Hull schools' netball cup.

The Y5 and Y6 athletics team participated in a tournament at Ennerdale as well this month and won! They will also be going through to the finals next month.

Finally, we're looking forward to the upcoming Cross country and Sports hall athletics events.

Please keep an eye out for our dedicated sports newsletter.

Marvellous Maths!

Research has shown that long-term success in mathematics is closely tied to strong number sense, including fluency with basic facts. In order for children to become fluent with their basic facts, they need to develop strategies that move beyond counting. Children practise these strategies at school daily.

You can help your child at home in a number ways:

Ensure your child is fluent in the times tables relevant to their year group (see below) using TT Rockstars.

Practise adding and subtracting 10 or 100 to any 2 or 3 digit number.

Practise quick recall of addition and subtraction (to add 9 use the strategy +10 and -1. Similarly to add 8 use the same strategy by adding 10 and subtracting 2, etc)

Know numbers bonds for all numbers up to 20 (eg know the different number bonds for 9: 1+8; 2+7; 3+6; 4+5; 5+4, etc)

Just 5 minutes per day of mental practice can help children develop a strong sense of number.

Your child might enjoy playing some of the games on the following websites to help improve their maths fluency:

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10

www.mathsisfun.com/

www.ilovemathsgames.com

Times tables by year group:

Year 2 children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and may begin going onto their 3s.

Year 3 children are expected to know their 2, 5, 10, 4, 8 and 3 times tables

Year 4 and above should know all their times tables up to 12 x 12