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Newsletter

Reasons to celebrate...

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we begin the last week of this half term. Here are some highlights and updates from our school community:

Adventures at Robinwood: Our recent trip to Robinwood was nothing short of amazing! Our children had a fantastic time exploring, learning, and bonding with their peers. We witnessed teamwork, resilience, and a true sense of adventure among all participants. A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made this unforgettable experience possible!

Fantastic Learning on the School Curriculum: We are thrilled to report incredible progress in various areas of the school curriculum. In particular, we have seen remarkable improvements in writing skills across all year groups. Our children are demonstrating a greater recall of sentence structures and are expressing themselves with newfound confidence. We are immensely proud of their achievements and hard work!



Core Values: During recent walks around the school grounds, we have observed our children embodying our core values with excellent manners, respect and moral character evident in their interactions with one another and with staff members. It's truly heartening to see our children embracing these values and contributing positively to school life.

We are delighted to share some heart-warming news with you! Thanks to your incredible support and participation in the Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run held in December, we have successfully raised an outstanding total of £318.00. Your enthusiasm and generosity have truly made a difference in supporting the vital work of Wakefield Hospice. Your contributions will go a long way in providing care and support to those in need within our community.

As we approach the half-term break, we want to express our appreciation for the dedication and commitment of our children and staff. It has been a busy and productive term, and we believe everyone deserves a well-earned break. We hope you enjoy this time to relax, recharge, and create wonderful memories with your families.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. Wishing you a restful and rejuvenating half-term break! *If you haven't already done so, you can follow us on X / Twitter @MackieHill to see school photographs and updates.*

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Gendle and her husband have welcomed a beautiful baby boy into the world! Please join us in extending heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Gendle and her family on this joyous occasion.



**School closes for the end of term on Friday
9th February school and reopens on
Monday 19th February**

**5th—9th February - Children's Mental
Health Week**

**Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day
activities in class**

Friday 9th February - Dress to Express Day

Monday 19th February - PTA Film Night

**Wednesday 21st February - Year 1
Educational Visit to Armley Mills**

**Friday 23rd February - Year 3 Celebration
Assembly at 2:30pm**

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

**Friday 8th March - Year 2 Celebration
Assembly at 2:30pm**

**Tuesday 12th March - Year 5 Educational
Visit to Coxley Woods**

**Thursday 14th March - Class
Photographs**

**Friday 15th March - Year 1 Celebration
Assembly at 2:30pm**

**Friday 15th March - Comic Relief (wear red
and donate £1)**

**Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March -
Parent Consultation Evenings. ([Letter to
follow](#))**

**Wednesday 20th March - Easter
Competition judging**

**Friday 22nd March - Nursery &
Reception Celebration Assembly at 9am
([Please note a change of time](#))**

**Friday 22nd March school closes for the end
of term and reopens on Monday 8th April**

*Further information for these events will be
shared nearer the time.*

*Please note: we endeavour to keep to this
schedule but from time to time dates will alter.*



PTA
Home & School Together

After half term, the PTA are planning a Movie Night with snacks and refreshments.

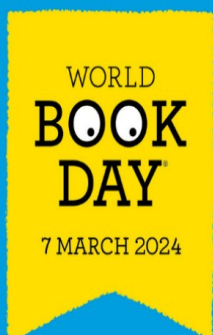
Once we have consulted with classes to vote on a film, we will release tickets on the PTA website.

Further details to follow once they have been confirmed.

Class Photographs

The school photographer will be taking photographs of classes on **Thursday 14th March**. You should send your child to school in normal school uniform and, if Thursday is your child's PE day, PE kit in a bag.

If you do not want your child to have their photograph taken, please contact the school office.



Save the date!
World Book Day
7 March 2024



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Children are invited to come to school in pyjamas or onesies (dressing gowns and slippers are welcome) for a comfy, cosy day of book-based fun.

Easter Competition

To celebrate Easter this year, we are continuing our annual competition and challenge the children to decorate an egg. The theme this year is animals and you can be as adventurous and creative as you like.

Entries should be brought into school on
Wednesday 20th March for judging.

Prizes will be awarded for the best design and a runner-up per class. I'm sure you will have a cracking time making your designs.



RED NOSE DAY IS BACK

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 15th March and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change.

We are supporting Comic Relief by asking children to come into school in their own clothes, red if possible, and make a small cash donation to support the charity. Please make sure clothing is suitable for the weather and PE for those who have lessons on a Friday.

Suggested donation is £1.

If your child has a red nose they would like to wear to school, please ensure their name is on it.

