



Friday 29th April 2022

Weekly Newsletter

'Flourish, Succeed, Let Your Light Shine'

A Message from Mrs Thompson

Welcome back, I hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter break and that you have managed to enjoy some of the glorious weather this holiday. Both schools have been a real hive of activity during the holiday period. I am sure that some of the children will have passed on that we now have new flooring across the Hawsker site and this has made a significant difference to the learning environments. We would like to thank Drapers carpets for pulling out all the stops to make sure that all of the works were completed before the end of the holiday. We have also been very fortunate to have received support from the Skills4work team, who have decorated some areas of the Hawsker site for us. They are going to continue to support us in the coming months and we will be able to provide further updates in the near future.

All of the children will have received their new learning journals this week, which have been designed to support effective home / school partnerships. There are a range of age specific resources in the front and back of the journals to support with both homework and learning in class and we hope that you have enjoyed looking at these this week. We would really value your feedback about these bespoke journals, so that we can make any adjustments before going to print for September.

Our staff have been busy planning lots of really exciting activities for the final term of the year and more information about the class topics will be coming out to you all soon. There is a lot to look forward to including Jubilee celebrations, sporting fixtures, Fylingdales May Queen, visits and visitors, Sports day and much more. We have now set up a new calendar on the school website, which will be updated as new events are planned and we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible for all events. We hope that this calendar will provide a useful reference point for all families – please do give us feedback about this new feature.

Flood update

It is wonderful to be able to say that this will be our final flood update! The last elements of the work will be completed over the Bank holiday weekend, so that we will be ready to open to children on Tuesday 3rd May. It has definitely been a very long journey. There have been a few very close calls with this over the last few days as a result of supply chain issues, but the contractors have worked incredibly hard to get the works to a stage where we can finally return to the Fylingdales building. The contractors are aware that some small final touches are still required, but we have negotiated that these will be completed over weekend periods. Staff have been busy preparing the classrooms amongst the workmen this week and we are all looking forward to welcoming everyone back next week. We will open the school to parents at the end of the day on Tuesday, so that parents will be able to come and have a look around the building. All class teachers will be sending out details about changes to drop off and collection routines at both sites as well.

We would like to a massive thank you for your ongoing support and patience over the last few months, we appreciate how difficult has been for all of our families. We are incredibly grateful for how accommodating the Hawsker community has been and I really do owe so much to the whole staff team for their flexibility and creativity, which has ensured that we have been able to have consistency in provision for the children in really challenging circumstances. The children have definitely built some really close bonds over the past two terms and we will continue to have close collaborative working, so that they are able to maintain these new found friendships in the future. We have enjoyed a small celebration together today, where the children have shared their reflections about their experiences over the past two terms.



This week our amazing stars of the week are:

	Star of the week	Reader of the week	Respect Award		Star of the week	Reader of the week	Respect Award
Acorns	Jane	George	Pippa	Explorers	Thea	Charlie	Renae
Ash	Josie/Hamish	Dahli	Max R	Adventurers	Esther	Riley	Rowan
Birch	Harry G	Eva	Rossi	Investigators	Connor	Caius	Lexie
Oak	Sienna/Florence	Millie	Lilly				
Headteacher Award		Adventurers Class as their Spellings this week have greatly improved! Well done!					

Whitby Library Competition

We have been delighted to have formed a really positive link with Whitby library and the EYFS children have been enjoying regular visits there. The library have kindly displayed some of the children's work and our Key Stage 2 classes were involved in a competition to design a chocolate wrapper linked to their recent 'Bean to bar' topic. Congratulations to Ebony who was the winner and Harry S and Darcie who were the runners up of this competition. The children received their prize of a book in our celebration collective worship session.

Attendance

As you are all aware this has been a difficult two years for schools, with lockdowns, quarantining and self-isolating having had a massive impact on pupil education across the country. With the effects that the pandemic has had on children's education and mental health over the last 2 years, it is more important than ever that we try to improve attendance. Our current target is for attendance to be at 96%, which is in line with the National expectation. This week our attendance was a fantastic 97% at Fylingdales and 96% at Hawsker. We hope that the improved weather will help us all to stay well throughout the Summer Term.

Staffing

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Puckrin will be changing her role within the Federation and will be starting as our new Academic Mentor. Miss Puckrin has been accredited through the National Tutoring Programme and this is an exciting new position for us. She will start the term by working in Explorer class for four mornings per week, Adventurer / Investigator Class four afternoons per week and she will then be in Acorn Class for one full day. I am sure that you join me in congratulating Miss Puckrin for her new role.

Cook Vacancy at Hawsker

NYCC Caterers have asked us to let you know that we have a vacancy for a school cook, working at Hawsker School for 18 ¾ hours per week. No qualifications are needed for this vacancy as full training will be provided. This vacancy is being advertised at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>. For more information please contact Sharon Armstrong on 07977 281961. A full DBS check is required for this post. A full uniform will be provided.

Start of the day routine

At both sites, there will be some changes to the start of the day routines. Class teachers will be sending a Dojo message which will confirm which doors your children will use, so that you know where to drop off and collect. All classes, at both sites, will now wait outside on the playground until the bell rings at 8.45am and we are delighted to be returning to our pre-covid arrangement of parents waiting with the children on the playgrounds. The routine will be as follows:-

- Teachers will come outside onto the playground to greet the children.
- 8.45am - bell rings
- Children leave parents and walk to line up with their class teacher. (Acorn class see message from Miss Dykes)
- Doors will close as soon as the class line has gone in.
- Any late arrivals will need to come in via the school office.

Behaviour Policy

We have launched our new behaviour policy with the classes this week, which will really foster a consistent approach across the Federation. The new policy is rooted in our Christian Values and is designed to really give children recognition for their positive attitudes in all areas of our school life. Green behaviour is what we expect to see at all times and we want to see all children showing green behaviours or above at all times. Children are able to move up to bronze, silver or gold for showing positive learning behaviours or demonstrating our Federation values and silver and gold awards will be added to your child's learning journal. A full copy of the policy is available on the website and a summary of the rewards and consequences is also available in our new learning journals. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any queries in relation to the revised policy.

School Lunch Menu

Please see attached to this newsletter a copy of the Summer Term Lunch Menu which will be adhered to during the course of the summer term (next week is week 2). Please note that rather than a choice of a jacket potato being offered as an alternative, the alternative option has now changed and is listed on the menu alongside the main choice, eg on Tuesday Margherita Pizza is the main choice and the alternative option that is offered is Tuna Pasta Pot. Desserts will continue to vary daily as these are prepared at Eskdale School and transported daily.

Meals cost £2.73 per day and always come served with vegetables / salad.

We politely ask that there are no food items containing nuts / peanuts for packed lunches/ snack as we do have children in school with severe allergies.

After School Clubs

	Club run by school at both sites	Cost & how to book	External provider	Cost	How to book and pay
Monday	Mindfulness	Please book via the school office. Clubs cost £3 until 4.15pm and £5 until 5pm.	Choir	£1.00	Via Parentpay
Tuesday	Hama Beads		Football Club	£3.50	Via Class4kids
Wednesday	Art Club		Dance Club	£3.00	Via Parentpay
Thursday	Cooking Club				
Friday	Film Club		Multi skills Club	£3.50	Via Class4kids

**External Providers – Yellow filled boxes are for Hawsker School only and red boxes are for Fylingdales School only

Dates for your Diary

	Date	Times	Additional Information
May Day – School Closed	Monday 2 nd May	All day	
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	WC Mon 9 th May	Mon – Thurs am	Year 6 breakfasts will be organised - more details to follow.
Pyjamarama – Non uniform day	Friday 13 th May	All Day	More details to follow - Please bring a prize for a chocolate tombola stall.
Oak Class – Moors Cookhouse Visit	Tuesday 17 th May	9.15am– 3.15pm	More details to follow
Solve It Group	Tuesday 24 th May	6.00pm	Venue TBC al parents invited.
Fylingdales School May Queen Event	Thursday 26 th May	1.00pm	All parents are invited - more to follow
FOFS Platinum Jubilee Celebration	Thursday 26 th May	3.15pm	All families are invited – more details to follow after Easter
May Half-term	School finishes Friday 27 th May and returns on Monday 6 th June.		