



NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 1 TERM

2024

Head's Message



Part of the Green Hills First federation

Welcome back to the final Summer term of school - where does the time go! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have come back full of stories about Easter eggs and family days out and are already talking excitedly about their new topics in class, so I know how ready they are for the term ahead. Hopefully we will get some weather to match the Summer Term references and the children can begin to enjoy the wider school grounds and field.

Many thanks to the children who entered the Read bookmark competition and a huge well done to Jack who was the runner up at Denby! We have a future artist and avid reader in the making! Also, thank you for all the entries to our short story writing competition, the results of that will be shared soon. I am also looking forward to putting the stories on display for others to read. I loved seeing the creativity you put into your stories and how you presented them. I have a tough decision to make alongside our other judges.

I hope that you found our recent Parents Evenings informative and useful for you to gain an understanding of where your child is in their learning. Thank you also if you shared feedback with us as a school. This is always useful to us and we appreciate the time you have put into sharing your views. Your views are always welcome and some of the information is shared in later sections of this newsletter. If you did not have chance to hand in the feedback but would like to speak to someone in school about your thoughts and ideas, please do get in touch with school or speak to one of the members of staff who will pass on your views.

BOOKMARK COMPETITION <<<



CONGRATULATIONS to Jack in Reception who was a runner up in the Read. Holmfirth bookmark competition.

Jack has won a £5 gift voucher to spend in store.



MURTON PARK <<<

Class 2 joined the Year 3 children from Farnley Tyas and had a super Stone Age day at Murton Park. Our activities included hunting, using quern stones to hand grind wheat, weaving, finding out about and sketching artefacts and making pots. We renamed our leader Dan 'Buffalo'. At the end of our trip, Buffalo told us a real and fascinating story about Otis the Iceman. What an amazing day it was!



>>> EASTER SERVICE

It was lovely to see so many families in St John's Church for our Easter Service. Thank you to the team at church for making the space available and providing such a warm welcome for our pupils and their families.

Reception children right through to Year 5 provided insight into the importance of events during Holy Week in a variety of forms, from singing, recorder playing, poetry and paintings.

Well done to all those involved and a special thank you to our Ethos and Worship group who led the service for us. You spoke with such confidence it was lovely to hear you take the lead.

EASTER EGG HUNT <<<

The annual Easter Egg hunt took place on the last Friday of term. The children were paired up with each other to find a matching egg design. This event is a great opportunity for the younger children to spend time with their older peers. All the children received an egg, kindly donated by FODS for taking part.



>>>CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Mrs Joanna Donaghey joined the Greenhills Federation Governors in November 2020, and has recently been appointed as Chair.

Mrs Donaghey brings with her a wealth of educational knowledge and is a strong believer in the positive impact and role church schools play in creating community links and instilling a sense of responsibility and value.

FUNDRAISING <<<

Thank you so much for supporting our recent fundraising events for Save the Children and Comic Relief.

We raised £66.85 on our Christmas Jumper Day, and Red Nose Day added £133 to the pot!



As the weather improves, we know many children enjoy playing in the churchyard after school. St. John's Church are happy for families to use the church yard for this purpose. However, for their own safety, children must not play to the side or rear of the church where there are gravestones. Many of these are old and unstable and, should they fall, may result in serious injury. Whilst out in the community, children are representatives of Denby School and so we ask parents to ensure that they are supervised at all times. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PARENT FEEDBACK <<<

Many thanks to all our parents who returned feedback forms. Your feedback is invaluable and it is the strong partnership between parents and school which has such a huge impact on the education of our children here at Denby.

Your feedback has been shared with school staff so we know where we are getting it right, and what we could do to improve. It is also shared with our school governors and your views and comments are used by our senior leaders in school to plan our next steps and priorities for the schools individually and our federation. We are ambitious about our schools and we appreciate your support in helping us to identify our areas for development.

We thought it would be useful for you to just see a snippet of the responses as shared below. If you have further comments, ideas or suggestions please feel free to discuss them with us and speak to member of school staff.

- **100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child was happy and safe at school and that children behave well here.**
- **100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well and that school has high expectations for their child.**

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THANK YOU!!**



Upcoming Diary Dates		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Tuesday 16 th April	Swimming, 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Class 3
Thursday 18 th	Grow to School Gardening Day	Whole School
Friday 19 th	FODS Bags2School Collection Library FODS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale, 3.20pm in the school hall	Whole School inc. Parents Class 2 Whole School inc. Parents
Monday 22 nd	WonderDome Federation Event	Class 3
Tuesday 23 rd	Swimming, 1.00pm – 3.00pm Basketball Festival, 4.00pm -5.15pm – <i>More info to follow</i>	Class 3 KS2
Wednesday 24 th	Federation Mosque Visit, 9.00am – 12noon Neiley Race, 4.40pm – 5.40pm	Class 1 Years 3, 4 and 5
Friday 26 th	Library	Class 1
Tuesday 30 th	Grow to School Gardening Day Swimming, 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Whole School Class 3
Friday 3 rd May	Library No Art Club this week	Class 3
Monday 6 th	Bank Holiday – School closed to all pupils	Whole School
Tuesday 7 th	Swimming, 1.00pm – 3.00pm Cross Country Event, 4.00pm – 5.00pm – <i>More info to follow</i>	Class 3 Rec, Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 8 th	Federation Mosque Visit, 9.00am – 12noon	Class 3
Friday 10 th	Library Art Club, 3.20pm – 4.20pm – Final Session	Class 2 Years 3 – 5
Monday 13 th	Wear it Green Day – <i>More info to follow</i>	Whole School
Tuesday 14 th	Swimming, 1.00pm – 3.00pm Cycling Event, 4.00pm – 5.00pm – <i>More info to follow</i>	Class 3 Years 2 - 5
Wednesday 15 th	Kingswood Residential Neiley Race, 4.40pm – 5.40pm	Class 3 Years 3, 4 and 5
Friday 17 th	Library	Class 1
Tuesday 21 st	Swimming, 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Class 3
Wednesday 22 nd	Grow to School Gardening Day Library Neiley Race, 4.40pm – 5.40pm	Whole School Class 3 Years 3, 4 and 5
Thursday 23 rd May	School closes at 3.20pm (5.30pm for DOSC pupils)	Whole School
Friday 24 th May	Inset Day – School closed to all pupils	Whole School

Shelley Pyramid School Games Calendar

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Tuesday 23 rd April	Basketball Festival @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.15pm	Years 4 & 5
Tuesday 7 th May	Cross Country @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 14 th	Cycling Event @ Scissett Middle School, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
Tuesday 11 th June	Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club, 9.30am – 12noon	Years 4 & 5
Tuesday 18 th	Rounders Tournament @ Shelley College, 9.30am – 11.00am	Years 4 & 5
Wednesday 19 th	Girls Cricket Festival @ Kirkburton Cricket Club, 9.30am – 12noon	KS2 Girls
Tuesday 25 th	Get Active Morning @ Shelley College, 9.30am – 12noon	Year 3
Tuesday 2 nd July	Get Active Morning @ Shelley College, 9.30am – 12noon	Year 4



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