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## Acting Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

As we head into this weekend, our thoughts are particularly with our Year 6 children who will sit their statutory tests next week. We are hoping that they will enjoy a chilled weekend and come into school as relaxed as possible on Monday morning. All we ask is that they try and do their best, as they have throughout the year.



### VE Day Reflections - A Moment of Pride

We are incredibly proud of how engaged and respectful our children have been during this week's assemblies and classwork in recognition of VE Day. Throughout, the children have shown great curiosity and maturity as they explored the importance of this historical event.

In assemblies, the children listened attentively to stories and video clips featuring ex-service personnel who served during the Second World War. The questions asked by the children reflected both empathy and a genuine interest in understanding the experiences of those who lived through this time. A particularly poignant moment was the minute's silence we observed together as a school. It was a powerful act of remembrance and respect, and we were touched by the thoughtful way the children participated.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to those members of our school choir who took part in Haxby's VE Day community celebrations. Your beautiful singing truly added something special to the event and was appreciated by everyone who attended. You represented the school with enthusiasm and maturity, and it was wonderful to see the confidence you showed as you stood up and performed in front of an audience.

We are so proud of the way our pupils have approached this topic, with interest, kindness, and understanding. Well done to everyone for helping to make our VE Day reflections so meaningful.

*Helen Stephenson*



There will be a theme menu served on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**; this menu is live on SchoolGrid and meals should be booked in the same way as usual. You can find more detail about each dish by clicking the 'info' symbol within the booking function.

This day is also 'School Census Day'. We are looking for support from those parents/carers with children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2, to encourage their child to have a hot dinner on this day. Thank you.

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding school meals, please do not hesitate to contact Dolce Customer Care. Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm, on **01942 707709** or by email to [customer care@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customer care@dolce.co.uk)



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## PTA NEWS



We have lots going on over the next few weeks which we hope you can support.

### FINAL FEW TABLES LEFT

We have a few tables left for our wonderful 'Quiz Night' at the Parvin Indian Restaurant in Haxby, on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm** with all profits going to the school.

Please email [Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com) for tickets and details of how to pay. It's a great night – full of food, music rounds, prizes, games and laughter. We hope you can join us!

It will cost **£25 per person** which includes a fantastic Quiz and a delicious three course meal.



### We need your help:

Our Summer Fair takes place on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July between 5.30-8.00pm!** It is our biggest fundraiser of the year but can only go ahead if we get wonderful volunteers to spare 30mins or 1 hour (allowing you to enjoy some Fair time too!)

It is an amazing evening of games, inflatables, prizes, refreshments and food but also a **HUGE** source of income for school.

Please keep this free in your diary and let us know if you can help us on the night by emailing [ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com)



We are also looking for....



### Soft toys

Do you have lots of excellent quality teddies and soft toys that you don't need anymore? We would love these for the summer fair – please bring them in to school

### Party bags fillers/little toys

For one of our stalls, we need LOTS of little toys (ideally non-gender specific) like bouncy balls, small pencils, yo-yos, snap bands, mini bubbles, slime, keyrings, tattoos, fidgets, small sweets (no nuts). Please have a look at home and bring them in to school. Thank you!



### Other events:

#### Summer Disco

The last school disco for our Year 6 children will be on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**, with specific time slots for year groups as below.

4.30 - 5.30pm – Reception / Yr 1 / Yr 2

5.45 - 6.45pm – Yr 3 / Yr 4

7.00 - 8.00pm – Yr 5 / Yr 6

**£3.00 per child** (including a small bag of sweets). Please look out for the Summer disco letter.

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**Bags2 School collection – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June – last one of the year!**

We would love you unwanted clothes, paired shoes, belts, bags, hats, socks, jewellery etc. If you are having a sort out, please do save these for us and bring them along.

**Secret Gift Room**

We will be holding our Secret Gift room on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024**, with Father's Day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We will have a selection of gifts (some more generic) so the children can purchase something for someone special. A letter will be sent out soon!

★ Finally...our recent Break the Rules Day raised £362 for school. Thank you so much.

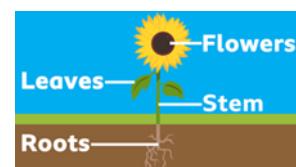




## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Our focus this week has been 'plants'.

During the week, the children have had an opportunity to learn the names of the parts of a plant. They have created their own collaged picture of a plant and then used their phonics and writing skills to add labels to it.



In phonics we have continued to learn how to read and spell words with adjacent consonants. The children are doing very well with this and enjoying the new challenge. New tricky words learnt this week are, **were**, **here**, **little** and **says**.

In maths we have continued to explore numbers beyond 10. The children have completed many practical activities like threading beads to match a numeral and identifying the missing number in a sequence of 10-20. They also love practising their skills on the interactive whiteboard.



One of their favourite games is <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

This can be accessed on the internet.

During the week, children also work on developing their speech and language by singing days of the week songs to ensure they know the correct order and where each day comes

during the week. We are also learning about idioms. An idiom is a saying that we often use which means something different, for example, "you blew my socks off." This obviously doesn't mean that you have no socks but that your work was amazing! The accompanying picture may give you some ideas of ones which you could use at home with your children.



### Reminder

Next week, **Class 2** will be visiting Haxby library to change their books. Please remember to put the books and the library card in your child's book bag. Thank you.

### We need your help...

If you have any small boxes, plastic tubs (well washed out) or tubes that you could save and donate to our creative area, we would be very grateful. The children are loving being creative at the moment and really enjoy making models.

Also, if you are considering donating any small world toys or jigsaws to a charity shop, we wonder if you would consider donating them to us, please? We try to use wooden resources in our inside areas (like wooden castles and train tracks) and plastic resources in the outside classroom (like Happyland style small world). Our Reception staff would be happy to talk to you about this if you have any questions.

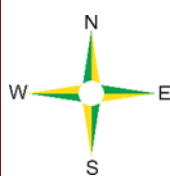


*Please don't hesitate to discuss any questions or concerns with us.*

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team

## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Key Stage 1 have had another very busy and exciting week this week as we launched our new topic, "On Our Doorstep." This topic has a strong link to geography, so we had a special day on Wednesday with lots of activities to engage and immerse us in our learning. We learned about the different continents of the world, with Miss Ryan, and where they are situated, looking at globes and maps to identify and locate them. We then made balloon globes of our own. This involved inflating a balloon and drawing an equator on it with felt pen. We then coloured and cut out the continents before sticking them onto the balloon, being careful to put them in the right places. It took quite a lot of concentration to do them accurately but it was a lot of fun.



We learned about compass points and directions with Miss Griffiths. We went onto the school field and oriented ourselves by finding north. We then used that to work out which direction was south, east and west. Once we had done that, we travelled to each location and found objects, which we then recorded on a 'fortune teller'. We loved it and had so much fun sharing and showing our fortune tellers once they were done.



This week has obviously been very significant, marking the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. It was lovely to see so many children dressed in red, white and blue to mark the occasion. Miss



Tattersley led a whole school assembly and explained about why it was such a significant event. We also held a silent moment of reflection to show our respect for the people who fought in the war. As part of our special day on Wednesday, we made paper Spitfires with Miss Tattersley and then went outside to fly them.

We are so proud of our children and the progress they are making, thanks to their continuing hard work. Well done everyone!

**Mrs Atkinson, Miss Tattersley, Miss Griffiths & Mr Merrall**



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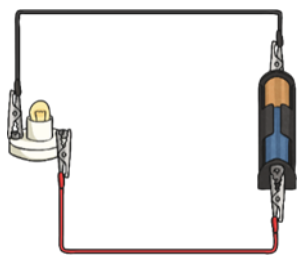
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## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)



In science we have continued to explore electrical circuits. After recapping our learning about the components required (wires, battery and bulb) to make a simple circuit we looked at switches and how they worked. The children were then given the challenge of looking at a variety of different circuits which included switches and had to predict whether or not the circuits would work. They then drew their own circuits, using the correct electrical symbols to create their diagrams, and stated whether or not the circuit was complete, incomplete. They also considered how the position of the switch affected whether the circuit would work or not.

This week in English, the children have continued with their 'Lighthouse' story which is about Albert the lighthouse keeper panicking and trying to fix the lighthouse light after it unexpectedly went out. Thankfully, people from the local village came to the rescue by lining the clifftop with lanterns just in time so the boat below could steer away to safety.

To begin with, children looked closely at the main events of the story, identified the 5-parts (introduction, build-up, problem, solution and ending) and the writing features included. Then they have looked more closely at each section and focused on either including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials of time, manner and place, using a variety of co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions and the best place to include dialogue. They have written some fabulous, descriptive paragraphs that really engage the reader. Well done!



In preparation for the multiplication check, that is taking place in June, the Year fours have been continuing to practise their instant recall of all the timetables up to 12x12. The Year threes have also enjoyed having the opportunity to deepen their timetables knowledge by also using the different features of TT Rockstars.

### Reminder for Class 8 parents / carers

All of the children in Class 8 are looking forward to you joining them at 3pm (gates open at 2.50pm) for their class assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May in the school hall.



Class Assembly

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or would like to share any news with us.

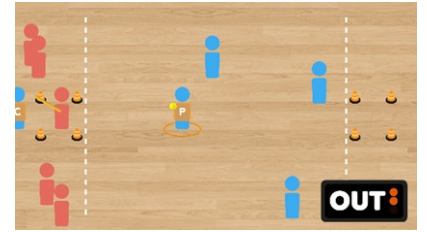
**We hope that you have a lovely weekend**

**Mr Daniel, Mr Povey and Miss Clapham**



## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

In PE, all classes have started to learn how to play Danish Longball - a bat and ball game that is popular in primary schools in the UK. It is a mixture of cricket and baseball wherein each team takes turns to bat or field. A large, soft ball is used instead of a cricket ball, though the batter still uses a normal cricket bat. Once the batter hits the ball, they have to run to a 'Safe Zone'. Should a fielder catch the ball, the batter is out as in a normal game of cricket. However, if a fielder was to throw the ball at the batter and hit them, they would also be out. Danish Longball helped us to understand the fundamentals of striking and fielding games in a simple and achievable way. We developed our communication and team skills and worked with our peers to achieve a common goal. As part of the game, we also developed our hand-eye coordination, reaction and response skills through throwing and catching, and fielding placements.



In history this week, we learnt that the Mayan's had a rich mythology and worshipped many gods, each representing a different aspect of life: Itzamna is the Mayan creator god; Chaac is the god of rain; and K'inich Ahu is the sun god. We discovered that in order to keep the gods satisfied, sacrifices, both animal and human, were made. The Mayans feared that if their offerings were insufficient, they would lose the favour of the gods and used this explanation to justify natural disasters and unfavourable weather. Following our research on the various gods, we answered a series of questions and created a two-page spread to reflect our learning.



### Year 6

Just to remind you that SATs start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. The children are continuing to impress us with their determination and positivity during lessons. Alongside regular reading practise, we would also encourage the children to continue to refer to the maths and spelling recall sheets given out at Parents' Evening and in the Easter packs. Please make sure that your child has a relaxing weekend and comes in to school on Monday with a positive frame of mind to do their best.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any news, questions or concerns.

**Mr Bennett, Mr Carpenter, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr Tod**

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