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Friday 22nd March is a training day, for staff only.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Monday 8th April.**



Headteacher's Message

Well, it has been the shortest of our terms this year, but we have certainly packed a lot into it! From trips out; numerous visitors in; an appearance on Look North; science week; children's mental health week; Red Nose Day; World Book Day; engaging daily lessons and a West End worthy Y3/4 show to an Ofsted inspection, it has all been going on!

Thank you very much to all of our fabulous children and staff for their continued hard work and positive approach to school life and to parents/carers for your continued support.

I wish everyone a very happy Easter with as much fun family time as possible.

Liz Clark



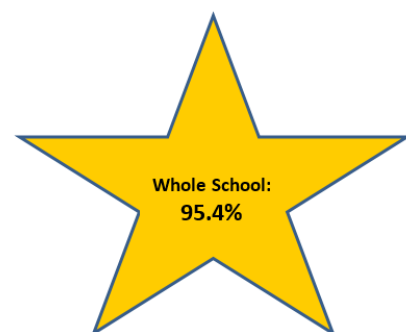
We have a large number of un-named items in our lost property box. Please ensure that your child(ren)'s items are labelled, as this makes it much easier to get something back to the owner. It's a good idea to check everything before returning to school! Thank you.

Going to school **every day**
is a great way for your child
to make friends.

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This Week's Attendance



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week has been 'Chicken Licken', 'Little Red Hen' and 'Easter' week.



During the week, the children have enjoyed reading Chicken Licken and Little Red Hen. They saw comparisons between both stories and also made comparisons with Mr Wolf's Pancakes, which we read earlier in the term. It has been lovely seeing the children enjoying our Traditional Tales focus and the learning that has come out of these has been fantastic.

An age appropriate Easter story was shared and the children enjoyed watching a sand art retelling of the Easter story. The children have listened to this brilliantly and they had some very thoughtful questions. Throughout the week, the children had an enjoyable day making a variety of Easter crafts. We hope you have enjoyed seeing their creations.



The children also enjoyed creating Easter gardens using the loose parts and using story stones/sticks puppets to retell the Easter story. The knowledge they shared at this time was fantastic and showed a great understanding of the events which Christians believe occurred at Easter time.

In Literacy, the children continued to practise and showcase their brilliant writing skills while writing a list of Easter symbols. We are very impressed with the development of the children's writing ability and their letter formation.



In **Maths**, this week, the children have explored 3D shapes. This includes beginning to learn the names of the shapes, looking at the shape of the faces and building with them. They particularly excelled at building towers for Rapunzel. The children were able to choose the best 3D shape to stand at the bottom of the tower and to keep it stable.

As a little teaser, next half-term the children's learning will be called 'In the garden'. We are looking forward to many different activities, linked to what we find in our gardens.



After the Easter holidays, the children in Reception will be visiting St Mary's Church in Haxby. This is to consolidate our learning about special buildings. We will be walking to the church on Thursday 11th April.

Reminder

During the week beginning 8th April, **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.

Thank you for your support. We hope you enjoy a restful and fun Easter holiday.
Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

We have reached the end of a short but jam-packed term and are looking forward to the Easter break. But our wonderful children have not stopped striving to learn in the run-up to the holidays. We have been learning all about the story of Easter and why it is such an important time of year for many Christians. We looked at pictures of different parts of the story and wrote 4 types of sentences about them: statements, commands, questions and exclamations. We also had a real treat with a visit from YoYo. They did a special assembly and then visited each Key Stage 1 class to do a lesson about the symbolism of Easter. We thought about the significance of different symbolism and what meaning it has for Christians.



We have also thoroughly enjoyed our weekly visits from Joe Barr, who has been working with us to teach us cricket skills. We have practised batting, fielding, catching and bowling techniques through a variety of fun and exciting games and activities.

This week, we were thinking about sculpture and designed a sculpture suitable to be displayed in Haxby. We thought about “what Haxby means to us”, whether this was friends, learning, school, sports, buildings or nature. We then used our inspiration from looking at sculptures last week to choose an idea and design a sculpture that represented it in either a realistic or abstract way. After that, we learned a variety of techniques, practising on play dough, before making our final designs from clay. The children had some truly creative ideas and it was great to see them capture the spirit of Haxby in their work!



Have a lovely Easter break everyone. We look forward to seeing you all back after the holidays.

Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson

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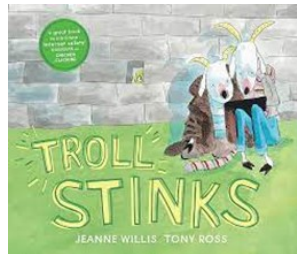
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

What a busy and incredibly memorable week it has been in the Lower Key Stage Two this week!

After weeks of hard work and commitment to learning lines, honing their acting skills and fine tuning their singing voices, the children finally got their opportunity to take centre stage and showcase their wonderful array of talents to the rest of the school and their families. It was so lovely to see so many of you in the audiences throughout the week. The Lower Key Stage Two teaching staff were incredibly proud of all the children for the way they pulled together as a team and helped to bring out the very best out in each other. They approached each and every performance with an energy and enthusiasm which, we are sure you will agree, ensured that the audiences left the show at the end with huge smiles on their faces. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their help and support with learning script lines and song words as well providing the children with the most fantastic costumes, which really helped to bring their characters to life. We could not have done it without you all!



In English lessons this week, the children have been recalling their learning on how to set out and punctuate dialogue accurately from earlier in the term. They were fantastic at remembering our 'Golden Rules' when including speech in our story writing and were able to offer lots of suggestions for alternative verbs they could use instead of relying on 'said' all the time. Alongside this,



the children were asked to brainstorm a variety of different adverbs they could also include to help the reader better understand how something had been said. To help embed these skills further, the children watched a short section of a film clip called 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' and were then challenged to create their own dialogue between two of the main characters and, of course, correctly punctuate it!

In PSHE this week, the children read the book 'Troll Stinks' by Jeanne Willis. The book tells the story of two goats who send unkind messages to a troll. They had never met the troll but they assumed he was a mean troll who stopped goats travelling over the stone bridge. Eventually, the goats meet him and it turns out he is nothing like they thought he was. After reading the story, the children discussed how what the goats did was disrespectful and unkind. The goats made assumptions about what the troll was like and bullied him online.

During the summer term, to support our English and history lessons based on World War II, we will be sharing clips from 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. If you have not already completed the permission on Parent Pay, please do so as soon as possible as we plan on using these clips from Monday 8th April. Thank you.

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

We hope that you have a fantastic Easter break.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



In English this week, we watched a short film titled 'Broken: Rock, Paper, Scissors'. It features three characters who quickly fall into conflict; in this exciting story, Scissors threatens to destroy Paper but is ultimately defeated by Rock. Although the film itself had no dialogue, we integrated our own. Using a technique known as 'DAD' (Description, Action and Dialogue), we ensured that our use of correctly punctuated speech added to the pace of the story, established the character traits and further developed the atmosphere and tension.

Class 11 and 10 have enjoyed Total Sports this half term with Mr Stephenson. Over the course of the half term, we have developed our fielding, striking and catching techniques. Over the last couple of weeks, we have played competitive games of 'Qwik Cricket' and 'Dutch Cricket'. During these matches, we had the opportunity to improve team working skills.



In science, we have been testing the properties of different materials. We identified, through experimentation, which materials had magnetic properties and which were non-magnetic. We have also investigated the thermal insulation of a range of materials. From our results, we were able to determine the most suitable material to insulate a cup.

This week we also enjoyed our time with Yo-Yo who led an assembly in school about the 'Easter story'.



A quick reminder to all Year 6 parents/carers, that the Year 6 Easter packs (to provide support for your child with the upcoming assessments) have been sent home this week.

We hope that you all have a restful break and look forward to seeing you in the summer term.

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

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod

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PTA NEWS

Get your Tickets now! - Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant

For the third year running we have organised a Quiz Night at the Parvin Indian Restaurant in Haxby on **Monday 13th May 2022 at 7pm** with all profits going to the school. This is becoming a popular night and tickets sell fast! Thank you to those that have bought tickets already

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

There are tables of 4, 5 and 6 available (5 and 6 on a first come first serve basis), so please get a table of family or friends together and join us.

More details will follow but if you would like a table, please email Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com for tickets and details of how to pay.



We raised over £450 from the Fashion Show and this money will be shared with Haxby Playgroups

The Secret Room raised £754 which is an amazing total – thank you to all the volunteers to help with this event

Dates for your Diary!

Monday 13th May – Quiz Night at the Parvin – tickets on sale soon!!

Friday 14th June – Father’s Day Secret Room (in school)

Thursday 20th June – Outdoor Summer Disco

Friday 28th June – Non-Uniform Day

Friday 5th July – SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

