



"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers,

Wow - I can hardly believe I write this to you as we begin our final half term of the year! This year has certainly flown by, and your children continue to work as hard as they can, soaking up all the knowledge teacher's are teaching and trying their best to let their own lights shine.

We prepare to say 'goodbye and see you soon' to our wonderful Y6's, with lots of celebrations on the horizon for them; we know you will join us in sending them all the best wishes for their successful futures. There have been lots of successes over recent weeks with the children; Class 1 have successfully looked after caterpillars to grow in to butterflies, Class 2 have successfully completed their Phonics Check and KS2 SATs, Class 3 have successfully grown tomato plants and developed a passion for reading and Class 4 successfully ran an Art gallery overloaded with cake! There will be plenty more successes this half term too, with upcoming lessons and of course Sports Day.

As always, I hope this newsletter finds you well and our doors are always open for you to pop in for a chat.

Warmest wishes,  
Miss Birks

#### Key Dates this term:

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| w/c 6th June     | Phonics Screening week (Y1)                                |
| 10th June        | Parent's Newsletter out                                    |
| 20th June        | Father's Day Breakfast (Dad's and children welcome)        |
| 20th June        | Class 4 Residential to Kingswood                           |
| 23rd June        | Open Morning for Parents 9 - 10am (Writing)                |
| 24th June        | New class information sent to parents                      |
| 28th June        | New parent's meeting 2:00pm                                |
| 29th June        | 'Community Café' 2:30pm - last of the year                 |
| 30th June        | Y6 Leaver's trip   |
| 5th July         | Whole School Sports Afternoon from 1pm                     |
| 6th July         | Y6 Leaver's Service at 2pm in Church                       |
| 8th July         | End of Year Reports out to parents                         |
| 12th July        | End of Year Disco (3 - 4:30pm Infants, 4:30 - 6pm Juniors) |
| 14th / 15th July | Class Swap Days  |
| 15th July        | 100% attendance assembly 9am                               |
| 15th July        | 'Celebration of Behaviour' - letters to parents            |
| 20th July        | Last day of term - Summer Holidays! Break up at 2.30pm     |
| 21st July        | INSET DAY  |

#### School Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2022-2023

##### INSET DAYS (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 1st September 2022  
Friday 2nd September 2022  
Monday 31st October 2022  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023  
Monday 17th April 2023

##### Term Dates 2022-2023

###### Autumn 1

Thursday 1st September - Friday 21st October 2022

PLEASE NOTE: INSET DAYS 1ST AND 2ND SEPTEMBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON 5TH SEPTEMBER

Half-term holiday - Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October 2022

###### Autumn 2

Monday 31st October - Friday 16th December 2022

PLEASE NOTE: INSET DAY 31ST OCTOBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON 1ST NOVEMBER

Christmas holidays - Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January 2023

###### Spring 1

Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 10th February 2023

PLEASE NOTE: INSET DAY 3rd JANUARY - CHILDREN RETURN ON 4th JANUARY

Half-term holidays - Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

###### Spring 2

Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March 2023

Easter holidays - Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023

EASTER BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 7TH AND MONDAY 10TH APRIL

###### Summer 1

Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May 2023

PLEASE NOTE: INSET DAY 17th APRIL - CHILDREN RETURN ON 18th APRIL

PLEASE NOTE - MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 1st MAY

Spring Bank holidays - Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

###### Summer 2

Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July 2023

Summer Holidays - Monday 24th July - Friday 1st September 2023

#### Statutory Assessments

Children in Y2 and Y6 have now taken their end of key stage SATs assessments and we are proud of how well they approached them and the effort they gave. Y1's have all completed their Phonics Check too, and again tried really hard. BIG well done to all!

Y4's still have their Multiplication Check to complete so keep practising those times tables with your children up to 12 x 12!

Results will begin coming back to school during July and we will inform you of your child's outcome in their end of year report.

#### Queen's Jubilee Picnic

BIG thank you to all who attended our family Jubilee Picnic on 27th May; it was an amazing time for everyone involved and so lovely to see so many families together. Over 100 adults attended so it was a great turn out. Thank you for all your support!



#### Class 4 Residential 20th-22nd June

After a couple of missed years, Class 4 are finally going on their residential to Kingswood. It will be a few days packed full of activities and challenges - please see letters from Miss Stowell for further details. Have fun!



#### Father's Day Breakfast

As a way of us saying 'thank you' to all you Dads who do an amazing job all year around, we invite you and your child in to join us on Monday 20th June from 8:15am for a special Father's Day breakfast. There will be teas, coffees and breakfast items available.

Nearer the time, we will ask you to register your interest so we can provide enough items. Thank you!



#### Writing Open Morning for Parents

On 23rd June at 9am, we welcome parents in to school to be with and take part in a writing lesson with their child. This is so you can see a snippet of how we teach writing and see how your child is progressing in their English. All welcome!

### Transition

As we move through this half term, there are some key dates for transition that you will need to be aware of:

**24th June** - New class information out. Parents will receive a letter informing them of their child's class teacher for September.

**28th June** - New FS1 and FS2 starter afternoon. New parents and children in FS1 and FS2 are invited in to school to meet Miss Chapman and the Class 1 team, see the classroom and take part in a few activities.

**14th and 15th July** - Class Swap Days. Your child will spend these 2 days with their September teacher in their classroom, getting to know their new teacher and/or new class friends. There will be lots of getting to know each other activities and fun things planned.

Teachers will be having meetings together over the term to discuss each individual child, if children are moving teachers. This is to pass up any information about them academically, personally, emotionally or health-wise.

If you have individual concerns, please raise them with us.

### Read, Read and Read again!

Please, please, please ensure you are reading as much as you can with your children, or encouraging them to read as often as possible. It is so important that they re-read books as well. We ask that they try to read at least 5 times per week at home with as many of these as possible to an adult. Reading has the biggest impact on a child's abilities and we cannot stress how important it is for your child to read regularly. Please ensure you are proactive in filling out your child's new reading diary whenever they read to recognise and celebrate their efforts! The more reads they do, the more certificates they'll earn!

A fact about reading that you may or may not know is:  
"Reading for just 6 minutes a day reduces stress by 68%."



### Class 2 Trip to Magna 22nd June

As part of their Science learning, Class 2 will be visiting Magna on the 22nd June. Please see letters from Mrs Fielding and Mrs Whittaker for more information.



### Class 3 Sheffield Fieldtrip

Linked to their Geography learning, Miss Sabin is currently organizing a fieldtrip to Sheffield for Class 3 in July - watch this space!

### Sports Afternoon - 5th July

We invite all parents and family members to join us on 5th July at 1pm on the school field for our annual Sports Day event. There will be lots of sports activities for your children to join in with, both for enjoyment and competitively, and children will compete in their houses to win as many points as they can!

We have also arranged for a very special person to join us... The MAYOR of Rotherham and his wife will be attending little Laughton's sports event with us!! We are very excited and blessed to be joined by his company and it will be a treat for children to welcome him to our school. Often a small school can get forgotten about, but not this one!



### Community Café 29th June

All parents are welcome to join us in the school hall for the last Community Café of the year, held from 2:30pm in the school hall. Please come along for coffee, cakes and chit-chats!



### How can you help at home?

1. Encourage your child to read EVERY night.
2. Help them complete homework every week.
3. Help them to learn Spellings and new vocab.
4. Help them to learn times tables and practise using TT Rock Stars.
5. Encourage children to show excellent behaviour.
6. Make sure children arrive at school on time.
7. Ensure they wear their uniform.
8. Make sure your child comes to school every day that they are well.
9. Avoid taking any holidays during term time: children miss so much learning!
10. Encourage your child to play after school: Have down time together and have fun!
11. Talk to your child about what they are learning at school and celebrate their successes!
12. Coming to school organized!



### Learning this term!

As a brief outline, these are some of the areas of learning that your children will be developing this half term:

**Class 1** - This term is all about traditional tales; Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack in the Beanstalk, the Ginerbread Man and Shrek! We will be building castles in DT so we can save locked away princesses and learning in Science the question "What are things made out of?" to explore different materials. Our author of the term is Hans Christian Anderson and we are learning all about the Creation Story in RE. We will be learning new gymnastic skills and moves in PE, and learning games ready for Sports Day!

**Class 2** - In Class 2, we are doing lots of practical learning this half term! We will be learning about wheels and axles in DT to make our own moving vehicle, which helps us in Science because we are learning all about materials and which materials to choose. Our question for Geography is 'What is it like in Africa?' and in RE we are exploring our questions about God and finding out answers. Our story is 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and in Maths we are learning all about time and statistics.

**Class 3** - Our class novel is 'The Legend of Podkin One Ear', a mythical story about a brave rabbit on a quest to defeat the enemy! In English we are reading 'The Tin Forest' and will be writing in role and letter writing. We are designing and building our own shell structures in DT to 'banish broken biscuits' for the Queen, and in Science we are investigating how our bodies keep us moving. 'What is the landscape like in Sheffield' is our enquiry question in Geography and we will be going on a fieldtrip at the end of the year to find out more and in RE we are finding out about the Christian and Hindu answers to the big questions in life.

**Class 4** - In English, we will be writing play scripts based around our class novel, Room 13 by Robert Swindells - a spooky story set in Whitby. In maths, we will be doing more work on fractions, decimals and percentages and embedding our learning through lots of problem solving. In Design and Technology, we will be using electrical systems to design and make moving fairground rides. In PE, we will be completing a unit of dance and playing team games to consolidate the skills in those we have learned over the year. In RE, we will be asking, 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' whilst in geography, we will be studying moorlands and finding out why rivers are so important. Music will have a focus on appreciating classical music such as Beethoven, and following sequences of notes using instruments. In science, we will be exploring changes in materials.

### We are always here for you!

Do always come and chat with us on the playground or visit the school office if you want to come in and talk about anything at all - we love to help!

