



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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GOOD LUCK & WELCOME

We are saying a fond 'see you soon' to Mrs Abrahams as she takes a short leave of absence to have important ankle surgery next week. We are all looking forward to seeing Mrs Abrahams bounding back into school after the Easter holidays. I know that she is going to be sorely missed not only by her Year 2 class, but by everybody in school. We all wish her the best with her surgery.

Looking after Mrs Abraham's lovely class will be Mrs Trevis. Parents of a certain vintage will remember Mrs Trevis from her time here between 2018 and 2022. She is an excellent teacher who has a wealth of experience teaching in this school. I am confident that she will provide excellent cover for Mrs Abrahams. Welcome back Mrs Trevis.

A GOOD START

The children have made a very good start back to school in 2025. In assembly, the children have considered how to make the best of the new start that a new year represents. We have also discussed stewardship, linking the idea that taking responsibility for the resources we have available to us links nicely with the school value of Healthy Minds & Bodies.

TONY HARRINGTON

Speaking of stewardship and assemblies, we were lucky enough to be visited by Premier League referee Tony Harrington in January. He told some fascinating stories and inspired the children with his own story about moving from being a PE teacher to a referee and working his way up through the leagues. The children loved the assembly, and particularly enjoyed dressing and acting as refs themselves!

PARLIAMENT

Our school council representatives from Years 4, 5 and 6, along with our deputy and head prefects enjoyed a day trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament alongside children from the other Synergy Schools. They received a guided tour, sat in on debates in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons and even met and questioned the MP for Middlesbrough South. He was all for more money for schools! The children finished the day with a delicious meal at Pizza Express before getting the train home. Their behaviour was exemplary; they should be very proud of the way that they conducted themselves in the capital.



CROSS COUNTRY

All our Key Stage 2 children braved the elements to take part in a Cross-Country race. They ran a whole mile and demonstrated magnificent displays of determination and resilience. Not only did all of our children finish the race, but over half of the medals available were won by HRPS pupils. A truly sensational effort from all concerned!



TURN BLUE MONDAY BRIGHT

Our children turned what is traditionally the most depressing day of the year into the brightest day of the year by wearing their best orange / colourful clothes on the 3rd Monday of the month. It was wonderful to see the children smiling and happy on a day that is usually known for poor attendance at both schools and places of work. I'm pleased to say that our attendance was excellent on this day, and that we even had a day of 100% attendance that week!



FUNDRAISING

A group of dedicated Year 4 children raised almost £250 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance (who also visited school to deliver an excellent assembly) selling cakes in January. It is no surprise that so much money was raised – the cakes were delicious!

One of our Head Prefects and her Deputy organised a school fundraising event in January, too. This raised almost £150! Thank you to parents for supporting both ventures. Our children organised, promoted and ran both independently and did a wonderful job.



PSHE

This half-term, the children will be looking at Dreams & Goals. They will be thinking about ways to stay motivated, having a positive attitude and helping others achieve their goals.

As always, if you would like more information about what your child will be learning about in PSHE, please contact the class teacher on Class Dojo.

HOMEWORK

The homework that is set in school is designed to support children's learning through practise, pre-teaching or consolidation tasks. Our weekly homework expectations are:
Times Tables Rockstars / Numbots
Spelling Shed
Century
Reading – please continue to add your comments on BoomReader so that teachers are able to follow the progress that your children are making at home.



SAFEGUARDING – MANIPULATIVE MARKETING IN MOBILE GAMES

Children are increasingly becoming major components in the online games industry. Many games are deceptively pay to play, whilst claiming to be free. For most of these apps, the download is free but most of the gameplay is locked. Free in the context of apps is a highly flexible term. Online gaming firms use the 'free' label to draw in players, whom when talking about minors may be attractive due solely to that quality. Money making tactics such as these can be hard to detect even for adults. Their use of bright colours, distracting music and other methods can be highly persuasive in gaining players. Better Internet For Kids has crafted a learning module designed to explore digital marketing tactics. You can learn why companies use these tactics and how they can impact your child and their rights. You will also learn how you can support your child to spot and avoid these issues, as well as where you can seek help and support.

Click [here](#) for more information.

-Andrew Hall Safeguarding In Schools Safeguarding Briefing 3rd February 2025

HOUSES

This is a reminder that our school is split into 4 houses, red, blue, yellow or green. In the past, these were named after castles / abbeys, but we thought it was time for a change. Following nominations from the children, we have renamed our school houses after planets (and therefore also after Roman Gods).

Neptune (blue)
god of sea,
rivers and
horses

Venus (green)
god of love
and victory

Mars (red) god
of war and
protection

Saturn (yellow)
god of farming
and wealth

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

Ask you child what it means to be ready, respectful and safe. These three words make up our school rules and are what we aim for all of our children to be at all times.



REMINDER

Please can parents / carers remember to park considerately when dropping children off and picking them up. It is important that enough space is left for emergency service vehicles to be able to pass by cars if necessary. Please do not drive into school unless there is an emergency, this includes parking in the small car park at the bottom of the drive and the main car park at the top of the drive. Please also do not park on any grass around the school. Please remember that there are children present at the start and end of the school day.



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