



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## March 2024



### Headteacher end of term update

As we move through Holy week and celebrate the end of term with our Easter services, the Easter trail for our Y6s at St. Sebs and the successes of this term, I am able to reflect on what a whirlwind school life is. Earlier this term we had our SIAMS, church school inspection, it was lovely to showcase the work of the school and watch the children speak with confidence to the inspectors, share their learning and their successes. It was amazing to hear the impact that our school culture has on the staff and wider to include the parents, cascading into the community with our work in local nursing homes and projects with local businesses.

We have been looking at spirituality, unpicking what it means to us and how the 'ows and wows' of life impact us, move us and shape the people we become, we are empathetic and aware of those around us, we are inclusive and value diversity, difference and everyone and everything, both close to home and globally. Our school community is thriving and flourishing and I look forward to our report which will reflect our strengths and guide us in our journey and next steps.

We have had children out on field trips into Grantham, to Southwell workhouse and are currently putting on a production of The Gospel Show for our families before the end of term. We have focussed on our values being lived well and the children have been unpicking what each of the values means in day to day school living and how we can embed those positive behaviours in everyday living. We have supported Comic Relief, celebrated World book day and enjoyed deepening our learning with visits and experiences.

Congratulations to Mrs Daley who last week accepted a headteachers position. She will officially leave us in the summer but will remain on secondment until then. I am sure you will join me to wish her every success in her new role, she will be missed by us all.

We also say farewell to Mr Gunther and we thank him for all his hard work supporting Adventurers WD.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful Easter and enjoy some time with family and friends. We are already looking forward to an exciting summer term!

*Jayne Watson*

### KEY DATES

- 22 April - Year 5/6 - 'Chance to share' books and parents
- 23 April - Year 1/2 - 'Chance to share' books and parents
- 23 April - Year 5 and 6 Crime Prevention and Road Safety event
- 23 April - Year 1 Phonics with parents
- 24 April - EYFS - 'Chance to share' books and parents
- 25 April - EYFS Phonics with parents
- 25 April - Year 3/4 - 'Chance to share' books and parents
- 2 May - Pathfinders ES class assembly
- 9 May - Class photographers for classes and Year 6
- 13 May - Mental Health Awareness week
- 13 May - SATS week
- 23 May - Year 6 Church Schools Festival
- 3 June - Year 6 PGL residential trip
- 11 June - Year 3 and 4 Mini Olympics
- 17 June - Year 5 Bikeability week
- 25 June - Year 3 and 4 - Belvoir Cricket
- 25 & 26 June - Year 5 Walton enrichment
- 27 June - EYFS class assembly
- 1 July - Secondary transition week
- 5 July - Summer Fair
- 17 July - Year 6 Gala Dinner
- 19 July - Leavers Service

## Governors Message

Hope is such an important thing. It gives us something to look forward to, and so often is the reason for the resilience that is seen in people. As another term draws to an end, I look back with a sense of thankfulness for all the staff at GHF who, in their hope of bringing our vision into reality, continue to show tremendous dedication and resilience to their work for the good of our children and families.

It is always pleasing for us as governors to have other professionals come into the school and say how well things are being done, and 3 years into our current vision, it is good to be having regular confirmation that it is being lived out in the school and having an impact.

As a governing board we are sad to say goodbye to Gary Hewerdine who has served with us since 2012, for much of that as vice-chair, and chair of the Curriculum Committee. We have missed his help over the past year due to work commitments, and he has now decided that he will reluctantly have to resign. We thank him for all he has done for the school over those years.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Daley, who has moved on to her new role as headteacher at her new school, and Mr Gunther, who has supported Adventurers WD – they will be missed and we wish them well in their future positions.

Various governors have been able to visit school over the past term, to look at the impact of Pupil Premium funding, RE, and well-being. I have enjoyed the last couple of days being able to see the Y3/4 Easter play and join for the Easter services.

As we head into the Easter break, I am reminded that hope is at the centre of the Easter story, it is the cross, or the empty tomb, Christians find hope in both: the hope of peace with God from Jesus' sacrifice and, in the resurrection, the promise of God's presence in our lives.

On behalf of the GB, I wish you a very happy Easter, and hope you have a good break!

Michael Buckeridge



### Boundary Mill Design an Easter Egg Competition

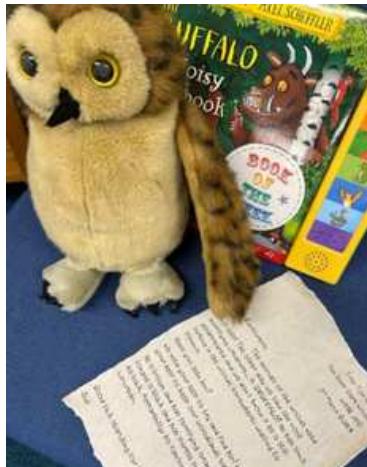
Well done to our design an Easter Egg competition winners! This was organised by Boundary Mill, and we had some amazing and creative entries.

The winners were presented with a wonderful hamper of chocolate during our end of term celebration assembly.





# Reception



## Explorers

We have looked at the work of the famous artist, Vincent Van Gogh. We looked at Van Gogh's paintings of sunflowers, exploring the colours he used and how he painted with thick paint. We could even see some brushstrokes in his work! Inspired by the artwork, we set to work painting our own sunflowers.



We have started our new topic If You Go Down To The Woods... this week. The children have been learning about the woodland animals that we might find in the woods in the UK and some children have chosen to do an observational drawing, looking closely at the colours and details. We also talked about some woodland animals that would be found in other parts of the world like skunks and bears. We have been extending our vocabulary using the word 'nocturnal'. See if your child can tell you what it means.



Oh help, oh no...the Gruffalo!! Arghhh!! We started our day by receiving a letter from Owl! Asking for our help to find the Gruffalo- then we searched the classroom with no luck. THEN...after lunch there were purple prickles all over the classroom! Do let us know if you see him.





# Year 1



Do you have the SuperPower of being Kind?

In Pathfinders ES the children have a medal for kindness. We were inspired by Rev.Sarah's assembly. One child had the award, and had to spot another child being kind to pass it on to, and so it continued through the class.





# Year 2



Pathfinders GR and NG had the best time at Southwell workhouse. We explored the grounds and buildings to discover what life was like for children all those years before.

It was built in 1824 and designed to house around 160 people who had nowhere else to go. It was a strict and hard life, and a stark view of how poverty was tackled centuries ago.





## Year 3 and 4



The Adventurers classes enjoyed a workshop on the Dairy of the Disciples, based upon the stories of Luke. The children had the opportunity to be actors, detectives and artists.



We have also been learning about the Battle of Hastings, and drew our own interpretations of the Bayeux Tapestry. Fantastic artwork!



The Gospel Show Easter production was enjoyed tremendously by us all. The children performed amazingly, with some fantastic solos and toe tapping songs! Well done to everyone who took part, and to the Year 3 and 4 teachers for all their dedication. Miss Tudor and Miss Stephens also did a wonderful job with the staging. Watch out, West End! Brilliant work, everyone!



# Year 5 and 6



Navigators classes have been looking at the changes in women's lives during the first world war, when women were able to work for the first time. They ranked war jobs in order of importance and discussed the impact this had on women in society both then and now..



PE lessons have been spent showcasing our basketball dribbling skills and playing tennis outside in the playground when the weather has been nicer.

We have been learning about angles and lengths in maths, and how to show the volume of a shape using cubes.



To conclude our topic work on the Titanic, we created trivia questions which we used to test each other knowledge on what we had learnt. Ask your child what they remember about the work!



# World Book Day





# LUNCHTIME

## Club






Mrs Wright and Miss Tudor run our wonderful Busy Bees lunchtime club! The children have great fun creating, crafting, role playing job roles and playing lots of games. This is open to all year groups and it is a fantastic space to have some time out, meet with friends, and enjoy the happy atmosphere of the group.




**Skips Safety Net** Keeping children safe online

## A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying






Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**


Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: [info@skipssed.com](mailto:info@skipssed.com) Tel: +44 121 227 1941

**Skips** [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

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# SCIENCE MUSEUM



## THE LIVE STAGE SHOW

EXPLOSIVE FAMILY THEATRE FOR CURIOUS MINDS

**Tuesday 2nd April, 6pm**

**£19.00, £18.00 Child, £70.00 Family**

**PALACE THEATRE**  
Barnsley

## Family Support at GHF

### Gonerby Hill Foot Church of England Primary School – Support for Parents

Being a parent is a difficult job and at times we all need a little extra support. Our updated Parent Support section on the school website has a range of free resources and courses for parents to support with children's:

- Behaviour
- Anger
- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Coping with change
- Building self esteem
- Sleep
- Supporting children who have been bereaved

Mrs Shelton, our Family Support Worker, is also available in school to support in different areas including referring for Early Help.

Please also note that GHF School are registered to issue Food Bank Vouchers. If you require a voucher, please contact Mrs Watson or Mrs Shelton confidentially.