

## 'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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**Newsletter 24**

Dear Parents,

### Year 3/4 Quick Sticks Hockey

A huge congratulations to our Year 3/4 quick sticks hockey players who participated in the Thirsk Area tournament this week - both our teams performed exceptionally well and did the school proud. We were lucky enough to have a team progress through to the area finals after winning the Thirsk competition, and after exceptional team work they proved victorious once again - winning the Hambleton final! They have been selected to represent Hambleton as the area team for Year 3/4 in the North Yorkshire School Games. Very well deserved!

### Free School Meals - Did you know that Universal Credit is currently a qualifying benefit for Free School Meals?

Letters regarding free school meals were sent home with your children last week. There is a link to this information on the home page of the school website.

### Year 5 Enrichment Day, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March Year 5 children will attend a curriculum enrichment day at Thirsk School and Sixth Form College. The aim is for pupils to experience a day at secondary school and take part in enriching lessons. Pupils will be given the opportunity to take part in Food Technology, Science and team building activities throughout the day. Children will need to be at school for 8.30am on this morning and will be accompanied to Thirsk School by a teacher. Thank you.

### Easter Eggstravaganza Non Uniform Day - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Children can come to school in non uniform in exchange for an Easter egg on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please then come to the hall after school to try and win a prize. In order to help reduce the queues at this popular event there will be FOUR separate chances to win - the odds of winning are the same at each game. The games are all £1 each.

### Decorate An Egg Competition - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Please bring you decorated eggs into school on the morning of Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Could you please provide a stand for your egg (a cut up egg box) and that it is clearly marked with your child's name and year group. There will be prizes across both key stage 1 and key stage 2. All entries will be on display during the Easter tombola.

### Year 3/4 Production 'What a Night'

Our Year 3/4 children will be performing 'What a Night' on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Both performances will commence at 5.30pm. More information regarding the production and tickets will be sent home with your child. Thank you.

### Sensory Garden

If you have any of the following items you no longer need we would greatly appreciate donations for our sensory garden. Thank you: wooden spoons, food moulds, spatulas, pots and pans, old microwave, tubs of any sort, gardening equipment.

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·string, ·garden ornaments, ·bird table/bath, ·sticks, ·logs, ·seeds, ·tools - hammers, screwdrivers, ·wellies and ·BIG dog clips

### Early Years

Early Years and Key Stage One would like donations of the following items please:-

Buttons, ribbons, funnels, keys, wooden pegs, nuts and bolts, chains, shells, feathers, pine cones, corks, pipes, wood cut offs, tree slices. These items are known as 'Loose Parts.' What are loose parts? Loose parts are the opposite of toys. Toys are designed with specific purposes; loose parts are not. The concept of 'loose parts' is understood by children worldwide; any child noticing odds and ends lying about will instinctively pick them up and put them to use. This is because children have active hands and active minds with a gift for seeing possibilities that adults miss. In open-ended play children, themselves decide what to do, how to do it and what to use. For children who immerse in it, open-ended play evolves in amazing ways. Initially, it consists of fluid experimentation. Over time it becomes increasingly purposeful as children start to plan what to act out or invent. Loose parts can be small as corks or as large as drain pipes – a healthy imagination finds uses for them all!

### Toy Sale

EYFS and KSI will hold a toy sale on the infant yard on Wednesday 25th April from 3pm – 4pm. We are having a sort out and would like our toys to go to a new home. Please come and have a look. Anything raised will go into providing the children with open ended resources that have never ending possibilities and fuel imagination.

### Easter Service at Church – Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at St Oswald's Church – 9.30am

You are warmly invited to join us at the church to share in our Easter celebration. There is not a lot of room left in church after we are all seated but we would love to see you there if you can make it. If you would like to help walk your child's class to St Oswald's Church with us, please contact your child's class teacher.

### Thirsk Leisure Centre

Thirsk Leisure Centre are holding a Disco Splash on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 5pm-6.30pm. Come along and dance and swim along to your favourite music. £1 from every swim session will be donated to Sport Relief. For more information log on to [Hambleton.gov.uk](http://Hambleton.gov.uk). Thank you.

### Website Updates

The following updates have been added to the website: newsletter, diary dates, gallery photos,

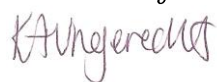
### Dates for your diary

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Y5 Enrichment day Thirsk School  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – Non uniform day for Easter tombola  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Bikeability day 2 group 2  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3/4 production 5.30pm  
28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3/4 production 5.30pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Easter Service St Oswald's Church  
29<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for Easter break at 2.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens for summer term

### Attendance last week

Whole school attendance 95.7%. Unauthorised absence 0.9%. Best class attendance: Pearl class 99.6%. Well done.

Yours sincerely,



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