



Dear Parents,

Mr Housam from the Joy Foundation joined us for Collective Worship on Thursday and continued our thinking about friendship this term. The children love his entertaining style and clear Christian message. The Pandas class are doing really well this term with taking on the responsibility of being a Worship Leader too – they open and close each Collective Worship and plan and deliver their own one on a Wednesday to the whole school. Last week it was all about 'International Older Persons Day'.

### Class Learning

This week White Tigers class have been studying the Jewish festival of Pesach (Passover) and Shabbat as part of their 'which festival means the most?' project.

Pandas class have been using the work of Peter Thorpe as an inspiration for creative rocket designs. They have been investigating the properties of oil pastels.



Leopards class have had the whole school in a state of excitement this week with their teddy tombola. They have raised over £75 to support the charity Samaritan's Purse. The money raised will pay the postage for their shoe box appeal to help others less fortunate than themselves. Well done Leopards!

The Polar Bears class have also had a very creative week, working on their abstract art using Pablo Picasso as inspiration. They have also practised their hockey skills this week during PE with Mrs Curtis.



### Dates

#### OCTOBER

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country \*
- 13<sup>th</sup> – NQ Media individual and sibling photos now 18<sup>th</sup>
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Fitness Profiling
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Handball\*; PTA Autumn Disco
- 18<sup>th</sup> – NQ Media individual and sibling photos – **please note date change!**
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Face-to-Face – Parents Evening 3:30pm start
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Zoom – Parents' Evening 5pm start
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – INSET Day (school closed)
- Week beg 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – half term

#### NOVEMBER

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Service at Church, 9am
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Service at church (9am)

#### DECEMBER

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Film Club
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Christingle Service at Church (4pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term; Christmas Service at Church, 9am

7 Jan 2022 - Young Voices, Sheffield

#### JULY

- 13<sup>th</sup> – PTA Circus – to be confirmed

\*small number of children participating – separate communication to be sent out via Parentmail.

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### **Covid Cases**

We have been incredibly fortunate as a school to be remarkably unaffected by positive Covid cases until now. There have been a couple of occasions recently when I have contacted parents using the standard DfE model letter advising them that their child may have been a close contact of someone who tests positive. In theory, NHS Track and Trace have taken over all contact tracing and it is no longer a school responsibility to do this. However, they have sent me a model letter which I have been sending out. I know that the language and advice is not always very clear. Just to clarify, we are being very cautious and ensuring that we provide you with the opportunity to get a PCR test for your child if we think they may have been a close contact of a positive case. It is very hard to identify these sometimes as children play and work with different individuals but we think that by letting you know that this is a possibility, we are letting you make the decision. Sometimes the contacts are during lunchtimes, after school clubs or breakfast clubs. It is only advice to have a PCR and as long as your child is not showing any symptoms, they can return to school before the result comes through. The Local Health Protection Board have advice for schools on steps to take where cases reach certain thresholds which involve returning to bubbles and restricting visitors but they will advise us, if and when, this occurs. Thank you for your understanding and continued support during this pandemic.

### **Film Club**

I am sure you wish to join me in thanking Mrs Curtis and Mrs Simeoli for a brilliant Film Club on Wednesday evening. The children all had a great time.

### **Governing Body**

The full governing body met on Tuesday evening and re-elected the Chair, Mrs Judith Burnett, and the Vice Chair, Mrs Muriel George. The whole body met with the teaching staff to look in detail at the School Improvement Plan and the specific areas of focus for the coming academic year. They will review this together in February. It is great to have such a supportive and involved governing body who are really involved in the life of our school – thank you.

### **Staffing**

Poor Mrs Jackson has injured her leg and is not in school at the moment. All of us are missing her, we will be thinking of her and praying for her to get well soon!

### **Parents' Evening**

Appointments for this are now open for booking. Face-to-face appointments are available on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, from 3:30pm. Zoom appointments are available from 5pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. There is only one appointment available for families – you will need to decide whether to use face-to-face or Zoom. If you would like the Zoom option, we are aware that you will not be able to see the work in the children's books so teachers will put out all books on the Tuesday session from straight after school so you will be able to come and have a flick through straight after school. Please do not remove any books from the school building as children will be using these the following morning. We will see how popular the different types of slots are before making a decision about

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the next Parents' Evening in the spring term and either reverting to face-to-face or a combination of this and Zoom.

### Active Travel Link Reminder:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4I\\_ewOP1L06Lz\\_HFSzjyi0fKIOtWtvhGse87nNu9SDBUOVhNOU4ySVpDSzBZUEVONVhPRIMyS1BUMi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4I_ewOP1L06Lz_HFSzjyi0fKIOtWtvhGse87nNu9SDBUOVhNOU4ySVpDSzBZUEVONVhPRIMyS1BUMi4u)

### Values Points and Celebration Assembly

<b>15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	White Tigers and Polar Bears sharing work Values Awards for all classes
<b>INSET/Half Term</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Harvest Service at St Helen's (parents and carers welcome)

Parents will be contacted via Parentmail on the Wednesday of the week in which their child will receive a Values Award.

### School Grounds

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who came to help tidy up the school grounds on Friday – it was amazing how much had got overgrown! Mrs Loftus did an amazing job organising everyone and making sure everything looks neat and tidy again.

Before... and after!

