



February Newsletter 2018

Latest News

Here at school we have had a great start to the New Year. We began on January 2nd and haven't stopped working hard since. The children in every year group have learnt about healthy relationships including how their body changes in Yr5 and how babies are made in Yr6. On top of this they have been producing some fantastic work celebrating Martin Luther King and his Dream of a world where people are judged on what they do not what they look like, still a very important message in these political times.

Parent Pay and School Meals

Over the last few months we have noticed that the number of parents who are not paying for their child's School Dinners at the start of a week has gone up. Some parents are waiting 3 or 4 weeks and paying for the meals at the end of the month meaning they have a bill of £40 or £50. When these bills can't be paid, school has to pay the catering agency using money that should be paying for children's books. These unpaid bills are passed on to Leeds City Council who do use debt recovery agencies to reclaim the money.

We would advise all parents where possible to pay weekly so they never have large bills.

Here is some important information about up-coming events.

Harry Potter Book Night and Sleep Over

On Friday 2nd Feb children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to come back to school at 6.30pm for a night of Harry Potter fun followed by a sleep over. We are all looking forward to finding our which house all the children will be put into at the sorting hat ceremony!

Valentine's Discos

It is that time of the year where love blooms and we run our Valentine's Discos. This year the Rec/KS1 Disco will be after school on Monday 5th Feb and the KS2 Disco will be after school on Wednesday 7th Feb. Rec/KS1 disco will finish at 4.15pm and KS2 will finish at 4.30pm and both cost £1.50 to get in. You need to pay for your Disco Ticket on line using our School Money Cashless System.

School Open Morning

On Thursday 8th Feb we are inviting all parents, careers or grandparents to come and spend the morning in class with their children. All of our visitors would begin the morning in the hall enjoying a free coffee as the children are registering before joining them in their classrooms.

Spring mid-term holiday

We will break up for the mid-term holiday on Friday 9th February and re-open again on Monday 19th February 2017.

Early Years and KS1 School Meal Taster day

Thank you to the 35 extra parents who let their child have a school meal on Thursday 18th Jan. By choosing a hot meal on that day the government will increase our school funding by £15,000 which can be used for a range of activities and equipment.

Here is some important information about events a little bit further away.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st Mar and the children will be able to come dressed up as their favourite book characters and undertake a range of fun activities on the day.

Easter holiday

We will break up for the Easter holiday on Thursday 29th March and re-open again on Monday 16th April 2018.

Twitter

For more information and to see photos from these events follow us on Twitter @HCPSLeeds or look at the Twitter feed via our website www.hunsletcarr.co.uk



Questions and Information

If you have any questions or need further information about items on this newsletter please ask your class teacher or myself and we will be happy to help.

Kind Regards
Mr Martin Lumb

Governors' News

Since I last wrote, the governors have been working hard to support the school. We have a new governor, who is also a Deputy Head at another school, so she's been helping us to challenge Mr Lumb and the leadership team to improve the school even further.

Governors have had discussions about children's progress and how well they are doing in school at the moment, and what we can do to make sure they achieve the success they deserve. We have high expectations of the children and staff and some of us have been in to school to look at children's books to monitor what is happening.

The Big G governor awards will be coming up again soon, so we'll hopefully see you at a Friday assembly!

kind regards. Claire Burgess Chair of Governors

School Council News:

So far we are having a great start to 2018 and we have a lot to look forward to. In school we have been working on playground buddies, interviewing children about Pupil Voice and we are currently working on our first assembly to the whole school. We are going to be talking to the children about who the people are who represent our Houses. We're excited but a little bit nervous too. We also have an interview next week, which we are looking forward to!

During the children interviews we found out that we need to tell the rest of the school what we are doing and how they can find out. We are going to have Opinion Boxes in every year group where children can write down their concerns, show them how to get on our page on the school website plus run assemblies to inform everyone what we are busy doing.

We hope you've had a good start to the year.

Here is the link to our page on the website where you can see what we do every week.

<http://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk/index.php/our-school/school-council>

Thank you for reading,
Abigail and Harley.



Eat well Move more Live longer

It's that time of year again, when we make our New Year's resolution to brush off the dust from our trainers; to join a new club and to start eating well again after the Christmas binge. All of these can seem a little daunting, but the last one is easy if you take the time to go on the brilliant Change 4 Life website: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/> .

Here you will find great recipes for eating well; activities that you can do together as a family and you can also check out which snacks are good to pop in your child's lunchbox.

So what are you waiting for? You're only one click away from make a real difference to your family's wellbeing.