

Newsletter

March 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

A busy half term as you will see from each of the class reports below. Each of the class teachers has been updating their page on the website with information and photos of what we have all been doing, please have a look!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the food bank. They are always so grateful and we know the items will make some children and families very happy this Easter.

Enjoy the break and we will see you back on Tuesday April 18th.

Oak Class

In science this half term Oak class have designed their own experiments to test what conditions a seed needs in order to germinate. The children were so excited when they came into school and found that their cress seeds had started to germinate – or at least some of the seeds had! The children had lots of theories about why their seeds might not have germinated – too dark/ too cold/ too much water/not enough water. Now the children have seen first hand what seeds need to germinate, after Easter they will have the opportunity to grow herbs/lettuce and hopefully see how their new knowledge can help them successfully grow plants.

Have a super break and we look forward to welcoming you all back for the summer term.

Chestnut Class – Thorpe Woodlands Trip

A reminder that the due date for full payment is fast approaching for this residential for Chestnut class in May. Please pay via parentmail.

Sports and Teams

We have entered teams in two competitions this half term. Firstly, we entered the basketball event. The team played very well against strong opposition and improved in every match they played. Overall, they won two matches and lost two matches. We then entered the hockey competition. Team B played with great spirit and won one of their three matches. Team A played excellently as a team and individually and won the whole tournament. They were very proud of the trophy they won. Well done. Next half term we look forward to cricket, orienteering and many more events.

Ash Class

Ash Class has had another busy half term learning about Shrove Tuesday, Pets and Spring as part of the wider curriculum. They have enjoyed playing in the vets role play corner and having a pancake race. They have made clay pots and tiles and have just completed some model daffodils to take home for Easter. The children continue to work hard at their phonics, are starting to write more independently and have made a good start to formal addition and subtraction. Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter. LF

Chestnut Class

We've had a lovely half term in Chestnut. We're currently in the middle of making wheeled vehicles in DT, hopefully these will be finished in time for Easter so they can be taken home. For Art earlier this term, we looked at different patterns from around the world, made collographs and printed with them. French has also been fun as we have learnt how to say the names for 10 different musical instruments. In Music, we've been singing and playing Lean on Me on the glockenspiels. As well as all of that (and much more!), we also enjoyed World Book Day and made some fantastic book characters at home. Please have a look at the website for photographs of our book character potatoes!

Birch Class

Birch Class have had another busy half term. Year 6 have worked hard preparing for the SATs in their weekly sessions whilst year 5 have continued with their swimming lessons. In Science they learnt about light and carried out some interesting investigations. In Geography, they learnt about how and why the Earth is changing and in ICT they made concept maps. The pupils also wrote some amazing suspense stories and are currently writing an information text about different countries. Thank you to all of the adults who have helped the class with their learning.

Mon Apr 17 th	P.D Day
Mon May 1 st	May Bank Holiday
Thurs May 4 th	Cricket Day
Mon May 8 th	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tues May 9 th	Enrichment P.E - Bollywood / SATS week
Wed 10 th May – Fri 12 th May	Thorpe Woodlands for Year 3 & 4
Mon May 29 th – Fri Jun 2 nd	Half Term
Weds Jun 7 th	Class photos
Tues Jun 20 th	WCET Music Day – Birch Class
Fri June 23 rd	Crucial Crew (Year 6)
Fri June 23 rd (After school)	Summer Fayre
Fri Jun 30 th	Enrichment P.E - Paralympics
Weds July 12 th	Induction day at DHS
Fri July 21 st	End of Term

Swimming

Another year of swimming lessons done. Well done to everyone who has shown determination and improved on their skills and their confidence. We're very proud of you.

Mrs Morton & Miss Knights

PSA

We're busy working on things behind the scenes, getting ideas and plans in for the rest of the year. The big one is the Summer Fayre, which this year will take place after school on Friday June 23rd. More details to follow!

Due to your generous donations over the last few months we have been able to gift an Easter egg to every child in the school, and are organising a treat for the Year 6s following their SATS in May. We have lots of things coming up in the next few weeks, please keep an eye on emails! Thanks, Felicity Knights. PSA Chair



Reading at home

Please never underestimate the enormous difference you can make to your child's education and self-esteem by reading with them every day.

Working together as parents and teachers combined, we're helping our children to become confident readers who are ready to access and enjoy and wealth and variety of reading opportunities.

Every half term children who have read with an adult at home 4 times a week or more, receive a certificate. Last term this was the lowest it has been in Chestnut and Year 5 specifically. We would always love to see more certificates handed out, celebrating this achievement!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday April 18th

Values Day
LOVE & RESPECT

This last week we have had a values day, where we have been sharing two of our Christian values, Love & Respect. The children have been completing lots of activities, some of which will be displayed in school next term. More information on our school values can be found on our website.

Attendance & Lates: 01/09/22 – 24/03/23

Ash	96.25
Oak	94.26
Chestnut	95.48
Birch	93.81
Ash	3 lates
Oak	21 lates
Chestnut	17 lates
Birch	6 lates

Remember, the DFE expects all children to attend unless they are too ill to do so.

Comic Relief

A fabulous day raising money for Comic Relief. We had the theme of 'Something Odd' and the children did not disappoint! From different hair colours, to odd socks, backwards jumpers to so many layers! We raised a brilliant £105, thank you for your support.