



Newsletter Spring 1 2022

The children have had a fantastic return to school after the Christmas break. As always, they have been ready and eager to learn, whether this be in the classroom or at home where they have tested positive for Covid – they really are a credit.

Year 6 had a visit from the children's author Anne Fine, where she spent the morning talking to the children and sharing her latest book.



Covid 19

Covid has continued to have an impact this half term for both pupil and staff absence. We have continued to adhere to local Public Health England advice to ensure we continue to do everything we can to reduce the spread of the virus. We maintain a robust risk assessment and contingency outbreak plan should we have a rising number of cases. In line with the risk assessment should your child display symptoms in school however mild, we will ask you to collect them from school and arrange a PCR test. In line

with guidance, where a family member has tested positive, children can still attend school unless they display symptoms or test positive on a lateral flow test.

Where your child has tested positive but is symptom free, please indicate this with the school office and we will arrange for work to be uploaded onto Seesaw.

Communication in School

We are currently in the process of changing our register system. We are moving to a more streamlined system which will support not only registers and contact information but will cover communications with parents via text, app and email. In addition, we will have the function to book parents evening, register for clubs, consent to trips and make online payments. This system will be in place after Easter for registers and communications, we will launch the remainder of its functions in stages until we are fully operational in September. The short-term impact is we will be without a text system next half term as we make the switch. You can contact school via phone and/or the main school email. Messages from teachers will be sent via Marvellous Me.

Defibrillator Fund Raising

We have raised an impressive £389 towards the cost of purchasing defibrillators for Ingleby Barwick. We can't wait to see how much Ingleby schools have raised in total.

Sporting Achievements

Some of our Year 6 girls took part in a football competition this half term. They were amazing, winning 3, drawing 2 and only losing one game, qualifying for the final. Well done to all, perhaps we have some budding lionesses in school.



Rights Respecting School



We continue our journey as a Rights Respecting School. The articles of the month for this half term were:

January - Article 13 Children have the right to find out things and say what they think, through making art, speaking and writing, unless it breaks the rights of others.

February - Article 17 Children have the right to collect reliable information from the media – radio, newspapers, television etc – from all around the world. Children should be protected from information that could harm them.

Attendance

Covid and seasonal illness has continued to affect attendance. Our current whole school attendance rate is 93.5%, whilst this remains lower than we would normally expect, this is still higher than the current national figure.



It seems unfair to celebrate a top attending class this half term with so many having been impacted by covid. Children must remain at home in isolation if they test positive.

In line with our Attendance Policy, leave of absence requests will only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances. The policy is available on the website. Where holidays have been rescheduled due to Covid, we will need to see the original booking documentation when considering the leave of absence request. All other requests will be categorised as unauthorised and subject to a fixed penalty notice referral in line with school policy.

Curriculum learning takes place up to 3:20pm on a Friday. When a child is collected early from school they are missing key learning time.

Gentle Reminder: School Uniform

Pupil voice from our older children has reflected the high importance pupils place on school uniform, stating 'Uniforms keep equality and are an icon of many schools'. Can I please remind parents that our PE uniform is a plain white t-shirt with plain navy jogging trousers, plain navy warm top and again plain navy shorts. We are starting to see increasing variations of this uniform, particularly with the inclusion of large logos. Earrings must be limited to studs and long hair must be tied back. Pupils clarified their perspective stating: 'We would like a standard uniform rule throughout school that everyone

follows'. I fully agree with their view point, we are very proud of our unique uniform. After half term, all incidents where school uniform is not adhered to will be challenged.

Marvellous Me!

Marvellous Me continues to be our preferred method of parental communication from class teachers. Please ensure that you have installed the app and can access information sent in this way. Help and tips can be found on the website. Children and teachers love to see your Hi 5 responses, we have issued 14,285 badges/activities and had 5029 Hi 5s. Don't forget to complete the parent survey, letting us know your thoughts on the online reading record.



A New Member of the Myton Park Family



Mr Busby and his partner have celebrated the arrival of their new baby girl. Huge congratulations to them both as they start this exciting new chapter of their family.

Diary Dates

- Fri 18th Feb 2022: School finishes for half term
- Mon 28th Feb 2022: Children return to school
- Fri 8th Apr 2022: School finishes for Easter
- Mon 25th Apr 2022: Children return to school
- Mon 2nd May 2022: Bank Holiday
- Mon 9th May 2022: Year 6 SATs Week
- Mon 16th May 2022: Professional Development Day
- Fri 27th May 2022: School finishes for half term
- Mon 6th June 2022: School returns after half term
- Mon 6th June 2022: Week of phonic screening
- Mon 13th/20th June 2022: Multiplication Tables Check takes place for Year 4
- Fri 24th June 2022: Professional Development Day
- Thurs 21st July 2022: School finishes for the Summer



Hopefully Spring 2 will see us return again to a more normal routine in school. Have a lovely half term.

Best Wishes

Mrs Williams