



Hookstone Chase

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

Young Voices

Once again, the children in Year 5 and Year 6 were a credit to themselves at Young Voices in Sheffield. Here's what they thought of the event.... "I thought it was epic; when the lights went off, I felt all tingly inside." "It was awesome with a capital A!" "It was amazing; I'll never forget it!".



Infant Story Night



Reception and KS1 had great fun returning to school in their pyjamas for our PTA Bedtime Story Night. They visited different classrooms where staff shared some of their favourite stories, surrounded by fairy lights and lamps. It was a magical evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children who attended. A big thank you to the PTA for organising the evening.

Chinese New Year Day

The children in KS1 thoroughly enjoyed our recent Chinese New Year Day! With the help of Lotus Learners we had a fun and interactive event where the children took part in a variety of activities including food tasting, Chinese letter and number writing, singing, language learning and arts and crafts. Also a Chinese New Year custom meant that the children received a red envelope containing something special!



500 Words Story Competition



Horse Chestnut class have accepted the BBC's 500 Words Challenge to plan, write and edit a 500 word story. They watched a live lesson on the BBC with authors and illustrators creating a story using ideas we emailed in from the classroom. As a surprise at the end, David Walliams read the story out loud! Quite a few members of the class are writing their own story to enter into the competition. Fingers crossed!!

Tchoukball



Children in Year 5 and Year 6 have represented Hookstone at inter-school matches held at Harrogate High School. The matches have been organised by Sporting Influence our Schools Sports Partnership Leaders. The games were very competitive and our children showed great team spirit. Well done everyone! The children have also been learning the tchoukball rules and techniques during PE lessons in school.

Beech, Hawthorn & Oak classes visit to Harrogate Theatre

This week our LKS2 children visited Harrogate Theatre and enjoyed an exciting range of activities. This included a backstage tour of the theatre, including standing on the stage and learning about how sound and lighting work during a performance. The also took part in an acting class relating to this term's book 'Around the World in 80 days'.



Class Assemblies

This term we have enjoyed class assemblies by Maple, Beech and Oak classes. Beech class told us all about their learning on Ancient Egypt, weaving and the journey of wool and also all about space. Oak had also been learning about Ancient Egypt and gave a shadow puppet play to demonstrate their learning on light. Maple sang beautifully songs from Young Voices and told us all about the solar system.



NSPCC Sponsored Event

Following on from the NSPCC visits into school to talk to the children about their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' Programme, all the children took part in a 20 minute 'Buddy's Big Workout' session. Thank you for all your generous sponsorship donations.



Orienteering

To enrich their Maths curriculum, Horse Chestnut class combined their learning of multiplication and division with orienteering. They explored the school grounds looking for questions and also spent an hour getting fit!



It is with regret that we wish to advise you that Mrs Kingston will be leaving Hookstone Chase on the 15th March to further pursue her career. Mrs Kingston has been at Hookstone for almost 10 years and during that time has been of immense support to many Hookstone families. We wish her well in her future career and are sure that you would want to join with us in sending her our very best wishes. Good luck Mrs Kingston – we will miss you!

Acorns of Harrogate, the playgroup next to school, have asked us remind parents not to park or walk through their car park. The limited car parking spaces are needed for their parents and using their premises as a short cut to get into school is causing them a safeguarding issue. Thank you.

Willow Class Assembly: 9.05am Friday 8th March

Pine Class Assembly: 9.05 Friday 15th March

Holly Class Assembly: 9.05am Friday 22nd March

Just a reminder that Thursday 7th March is **World Book Day** and a flyer was sent home yesterday about dressing up as a favourite book character; details are on our website. Each child was also given a World Book Day token, but unfortunately we were not sent sufficient tokens and therefore 12 children in Year 6 who have siblings further down the school did not receive a token. We have requested more book tokens and hopefully they will be with us shortly after half-term. Sorry to those 12 Year 6 children.

Parents Evenings are on 13th March 3.30pm– 8.00pm and 14th March 3.30pm – 6.00pm. The Booking system on ParentMail will be live on 25th February.

PTA Junior Night: 6.00pm – 7.00pm Thursday 21st March

Further information will be sent out as appropriate regarding some of the above dates nearer the time. Also additional dates will be added for visits, etc when known.

Please visit the school website which is updated weekly for more information, plus photos and news from the classes

www.hookstonechase.n-yorks.sch.uk

