



# Headteacher Newsletter

*Believe in yourself, Value others, Be proud of your achievements, Smile, Shine, Be happy.*



The Summer Term is here already! How is that even possible?!!

The Spring Term was the longest we have had in many years and by the end of it we were all beginning to feel the effects of many exciting events that had taken place!

You will all know about all of the incredible activities, visits and visitors that came and went in the Spring Term so I won't spend a long time going over all of those although I do need to make a special mention to some incredible people to say thank you. To Mrs Afford and all of the staff who gave up their own time to take the children on two residential in the last two weeks of the Spring Term, thank you so much. These visits wouldn't happen without their dedication and support and they are so important to give the children some amazing experiences first hand. Thank you to those parents who took the time to thank all of the staff for taking the children and becoming the substitute mums while the children were away. All of the children had a fantastic time and I am sure they all came home to tell you about their favourite activities.

April seemed to come and go very quickly for us in school as the majority of it we have spent on our Easter break. We all hope that you have had a fantastic break with your families and made some brilliant memories that you will treasure forever.

Attendance was a big focus for us last term and will continue to be in the Summer Term. Please continue to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day unless they are poorly. In this case please call the school to let us know that your child will be away and the reasons why.

As we look forward to what the Summer Term will bring, I can see many incredible events in the diary that I know will come around so quickly. Our first focus will be supporting our Year 6 pupils perform the best that they can in their impending SAT's which are taking place next week! Wow they have come round so fast. I want to wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck, I know that you will all be fantastic so don't put too much pressure on yourselves. It will all be gone in the blink of an eye, just try your hardest and we will be so proud of you.

Following on from the Year 6 SAT's, our Year 2 children will then be sitting their End of KS1 papers. These are completed in a much more relaxed manner, over two weeks and Teacher Assessment can also be used to support judgements. At the same time, the other Year groups in KS2 will be completing their own assessments in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation and Mathematics which will be reported home to you in the End of Year Reports which the teachers are all well under way writing.

Once all of the assessment weeks are completed we are already at our Half Term break. Yes that's right! We only have 4 and a half weeks of the first half of the Summer Term. When we return we look forward to Move up days (2 days this year), Sports days, Swimming lessons in our outdoor pool, Awards Evening, Arts week, Year 6 are off to Scarborough on their residential and we begin to wind down for the end of the school year with our Games day and Year 6 Leavers Assembly taking place on the last day of term. We mustn't forget that the Year 1 pupils also have their Phonic assessments too!



## Highlights from the past few weeks

The Year 4 children went to Horstead activity centre and had an incredible time.

The Easter Bunny came to visit the children and brought some yummy Easter treats.

Many children took part in our Easter Egg Competition. They were all amazing!!

The Easter services took place at St John the Baptist Church and all the children sang and read beautifully.

Year 6 children took part in Easter School completing work in Mathematics and English.

We started the Summer term with a bang and got stuck straight in to preparations for our upcoming Assessments

## Year 5 are off to London

Early this month, the Year 5 children will be off on their residential visit to London. This is one of my favourite residential visits with a trip to the theatre, London Eye, Natural History Museum and Science Museum to name just a few of the fantastic experiences the children will have whilst away. The children who were unable to go this time will be taking part in a Business Enterprise Activity - which team will be able to raise the most money?



## Sun lotion and sun hats



As we find our way towards the hotter weather, please can we ask that you provide school with a named sun hat and bottle of Sun lotion (Factor 50) so that your child can protect themselves from the sun when it arrives. Please practise putting sun cream on at home as the children need to be able to apply their own cream whilst in school. We will be launching out Sun Campaign very soon, please keep your eyes peeled for further guidance on how to stay safe in the sun.

## ★ Staff Awards ★

As we make our way to the end of the year, as a staff we start to think about those children who have worked their socks off, made incredible progress or given us those wow moments over the year who we would like to recognise at our prestigious Awards Evening at the end of the year. This year I would like to ask for your help in recognising members of staff for their incredible support that they give to the children on a daily basis, and for this I need your help. If someone has done something over and above that you feel has had a significant impact on your child/family please can you nominate them for a special 'Staff Award'. The staff member with the most votes at the end of the Summer term will be recognised during our final Awards Assembly of the year and given a special treat as a representation of the parents (and children's) gratitude for their Outstanding support and kindness. To nominate a staff member all you need to do is pop the staff members name on a piece of paper along with your name and reason for nominating them. Pop this in an envelope labelled 'Staff Awards' and hand in to the office. I will keep these a secret from the staff until the very last assembly when we will make the big reveal! Thank you in advance for your support with this. I know that there are many staff members who go out of their way to support children and families each and every day so this, I hope, will be a good way of recognising them - feel free to make more than one nomination!

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

**Punctual Achievement:**  
Vienna S, Alexandra T, Delilah W, Shae J, Connor T, Sienna D, George W, Isla S, Gracie W, Pheobe W, Tyler A, Daniel L, George T, Marta G, Archie W, Luca S, Travis W, Lucian O, Dawn I, Medina-Leigh S, Dennis P, Kyle W, Sophie C, Louise F, Georgia L, Elliot H, Georgia-Mai B, James C, Roxanne S, Callum B, Mariss A, Kai R, Pheonix-Mia B, Saskia T-D, Zainab A, Vilius K, Thomas M, Isabella F, Elizabeth D and Jessica L.

### Achievements KS1:

Isabella T, Jake B, Jools S, Alisha P, Oscar W, Giorgio A-P, Riley W, Brennen S, Jack S, Freddie M, Lauren L, Lora L, Benjamin S, Ben H and Lola-Belle.

### Achievements KS2:

Shea F, Kieran H, Ibrahim O, Mrs Arnold's Class, Miss Smith's Class, Mrs Pardoe's Class, Mrs Paterson's Class, Marcelina B, Amos B, Jakub G, Ksenia Z, Luca S, Thomas W, Annelise W, Willow M, Teigan B, Gabija V, Antoni R, Esme F, Lucy M and Edward J.

### Marvellous Manners:

Toby F, Cleo M and Mia J.

### Mathletics:

Abolaji O, Kaden P, Hermione L, Fatimah A, Tegan S, Thomas M, Shyla J and Marcelina B.





## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Carson H, Shyla J, Jamie Mc, Natalie S, Keisha F, Nadia K, Charlotte L, Chloe W, Jacob R, Peter TG, Zainab A, Aaron G, Ella B, Farhaan O, Shania W, Lucas B, Cody P, Nieve B, Jack T, Oliver B, Imogen S, Summer M-B, Giorgio A-P, Corey C, Evie S, Gabija V, Edward J, Kai D, Gracie W, Kaycee S, Rio B, Mia F, Harry W, Brady T, Mason T, Hanna B, Dominykas K, Medina S, Zakariya A, Mateusz B, Jack W, Rhys J, Georgia L, Aimee J, Ksenia Z, Maisie C, Trinity G, Noah P, Jack P, Jacob P, Hollie K, Daiton H, Gracie-Mae L, Kyle W, Summer D, Robin W, Milan M, Caris I, Bella A, Niyah P, Jools S, Nathan U and Ruby C.

## HOUSE WINNERS

### END OF SPRING TERM RESULTS

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Parrots</b>	<b>1630</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Robins</b>	<b>1599</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Canaries</b>	<b>1262</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Kingfishers</b>	<b>1246</b>



## PARENT'S COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

As always we really value your opinions about our school. Please add your comments here for the Headteacher. You can return them in an envelope if you would prefer them to remain confidential.

Please use the remaining space to make any further comments about things you like, the things you think we need to develop or any ideas you may have and we will try to use them in school.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### May

Tuesday 2nd - Aylmerton feedback  
 Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th - Year 5 London visit  
 Thursday 4th - Phonics Cafe  
 Monday 8th to Friday 12th - Year 6 SAT's week  
 Wednesday 10th - School Nurse Drop-in  
 Monday 15th - Reception Screening Checks  
 Monday 15th - Year 2 SAT's begins  
 Monday 15th until 19th - Walk to School Week  
 Tuesday 16th - London Feedback  
 Friday 19th - Blunder Bus  
 Friday 26th - Year 6 Spy Mission  
 Friday 26th - Year 4 Tri-Golf  
 Half Term - 29th May - 2nd June

### June

Tuesday 6th - May Day Festival  
 Tuesday 6th - Scarborough Parents Evening  
 Wednesday 7th - Year 1 to Burghley Sculpture Park  
 Wednesday 7th - New Reception Intake Evening

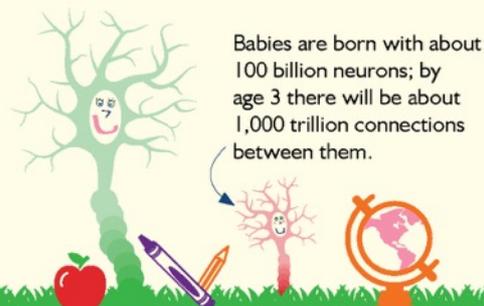
### June continued

Friday 9th - Year 5 to Black Country Museum  
 Tuesday 13th - New to Year 1  
 Wednesday 14th - New to Year 2  
 Thursday 15th - New to Year 3  
 Thursday 15th - Reception to Hunstanton beach  
 Friday 16th - New to Year 4  
 Friday 16th - Travelling by Tuba visits  
 Monday 19th - Sports Day YR  
 Tuesday 20th - Sports Day Y3&4  
 Wednesday 21st - Year 2 to Sandringham Gardens  
 Wednesday 21st - Sports Day Y5&6  
 Thursday 22nd - Year 3 to Conkers  
 Thursday 22nd - New to Year 6  
 Friday 23rd - Year 4 to BeWilderwood  
 Friday 23rd - Sports Day Y1&2  
 Monday 26th to 30th Year 6 residential to Scarborough  
 Tuesday 27th - New to Year 5  
 Wednesday 28th - Resilience Workshops for Year 2, 3 and 5  
 Thursday 29th - Jimmy the Donkey  
 Friday 30th - Year 2 to Food and Farming Show

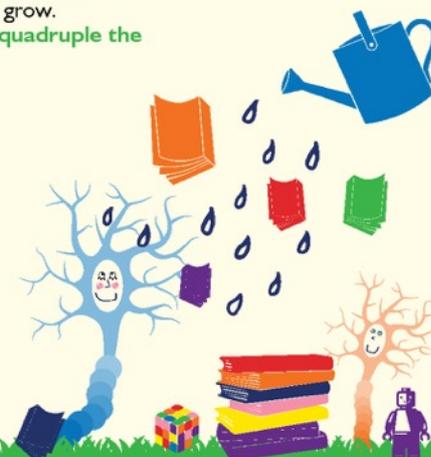
# Parents, it's up to you!

The first few years of life are critical in your child's brain development. Make the most of this window. *If you wait, it's too late.*

- Your baby's brain is making literally **trillions of connections** during the first few years, the fastest it will ever grow.
- Children are rapidly learning language. They often **quadruple the number of words they know** between ages 1-2.
- Babies learn best through interactions. **There is no substitute for YOU.**



Babies are born with about 100 billion neurons; by age 3 there will be about 1,000 trillion connections between them.

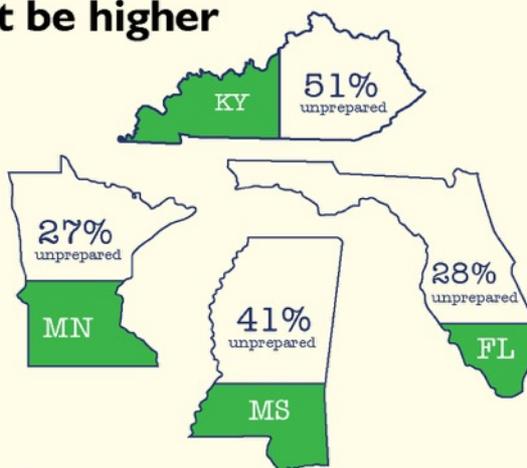
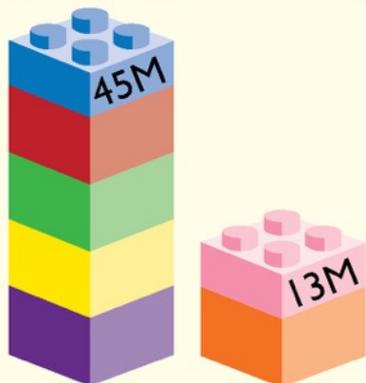


## The stakes could not be higher

### Dodge the word gap

Some children will hear 30 million fewer words than their peers before age 4. Studies have shown **the number of words a child knows when entering kindergarten is predictive of future learning success.**

Hart and Risley 2003



### Get ready to learn

Too many children in the U.S. are **not prepared to learn when they enter kindergarten.** Studies show that those who fall behind are likely to stay that way.

Kentucky.com | FloridaEarlyLearning.com | Education.state.mn.us | kidscount.ssrcs.state.edu | Shonkoff and Phillips 2000 | Carnegie Foundation 1991

## Avoid the slippery slope



A child not reading at grade level by the end of first grade has an **88% chance of not reading at grade level** by the end of fourth grade.

Those not reading proficiently by third grade are **four times more likely to drop out of school.**



Juel 1988 | Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2012

## Light up your child's brain!



**Read aloud 15 MINUTES every day from birth to:**

- Grow vocabulary and knowledge
- Bond and provide enriching engagement
- Foster a love of books and learning

You are your child's first and most important teacher.

Read Aloud every day, from birth, for **at least 15 MINUTES** and light up your child's brain.



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