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HOMEFIELD NEWS

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Headteacher's Message

Things are getting back to some kind of 'normal' in school and we are really looking forward to the second half of the school year as we are able to resume some pre-COVID activities for you and your children to enjoy.

Already this half term we have sent teams to play football and take part in inter-schools' cross country events. We held our first key stage assembly since before Christmas and our Year 6 children will be going on a residential trip to Norfolk Lakes later this term. It is so good to see children enjoying enrichment activities once again after almost two years of disruption and restrictions. We have started taking children to the church for assemblies on Wednesday mornings which are enjoyed by both staff and children and some members of the church community.

As restrictions have been lifted we shall resume trips and visits for children and welcome visitors and parents into school once again.

This is an exciting time and one that everyone has been looking forward to for so long. Once again our school newsletters will be full of interesting and exciting things that the children have been doing.

Managing a school through COVID has been difficult at times with a need to balance the wellbeing of staff and children and to ensure, as far as possible, transmission was kept under control. This was particularly difficult during the height of the Omicron variant with some classes having more than half the children off at any one time.

Hopefully those days are behind us and we can look forward to having a much better end to this school year than we have had for the past two years.

Once again, if you have any worries or issues, please come to discuss them with us as the school still promotes an open-door policy.

Mrs Glendinning

PTA

Our PTA disbanded at the end of the last school year as children moved to high school and parents were not as involved with the school any more. We are hoping that another group of parents will start this up again and organise fun events for children and families, raising much needed funds for the extras for children in school. There are large projects such as replacing the trim trail and basketball posts as well as smaller ones such as providing indoor play equipment that we would like to fund and parent support is invaluable to the school. If you are interested please contact the school office and, if we have enough people, then we will organise a meeting to plan a way forward before the end of term.

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Ukraine Fundraising Day

In line with many other schools and in response to children's questions in class our assembly theme this week was the Christian value of compassion. We used the Picture News assembly resource to think about the invasion of Ukraine and what people who have been affected will need to help them. As a result, children decided that they would like to raise money to help children and families in Ukraine. We are holding a non-uniform day this Friday 11th March to raise money for the Ukraine appeal. Children can wear something in Ukrainian colours of yellow or blue if they wish. (This is optional)

Red Nose Day – 18th March

We will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief. There will be a range of activities in school that day and we will end the day with our School Council running a cake stall for children and parents. The cake stall will be in the playground from 3pm on Friday afternoon. We would be grateful for any donations of cakes or biscuits which can be brought into the school office that morning.



Term Dates

Spring Term 2022

Monday 21st February 2022 – Return to school

Friday 1st April 2022 – Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Children return to school

Friday 27th May 2022 – Break up for Half Term and Queen's Jubilee

Tuesday 7th June 2022 – Return to school

Friday 22nd July 2022 – Break up for summer holidays

Diary Dates

Friday 11th March – Ukraine fundraising day

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day and cake stall

Monday 21st to Thursday 24th March – Parents' Meetings

Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th March – Year 6 residential – Norfolk Lakes

Thursday 31st March – Easter Bonnet parade

Marvellous Me!

Don't forget to download the App and share your children's great news and achievements. Contact the school office if you need a copy of your child's join code.

Sports Competitions

Inter-schools' sports competitions have resumed now that COVID restrictions have been lifted and we have already sent teams to play football at Hemsby and to the cross-country running competition at Bure Park.

Our boys football team won their cup match 6-4 last Friday and are through to the next round. Our girls will be playing against Northgate this Friday.



The cross-country runners did very well yesterday. We had representatives from the school running in every race from Year 3 to Year 6 with most races having 60 to 65 children in them.



Well done to all Homefield children taking part and Good Luck to our girls for Friday.

School Website

Our school website is currently undergoing review to make it more user friendly as well as to offer a mobile version. It won't be updated during this time but we will keep you posted with news and events on Facebook, texts, Marvellous Me and newsletters.

Easter Bonnet Parade – 2.45pm 31st March

This year we are going to pair children across the school with a challenge for older children to design and make an Easter bonnet for younger children. Pairs of children will parade their bonnets around the playground later that day. Parents and carers welcome!

World Book Day -3rd March

The children had a great day in school last Thursday to celebrate World Book Day. There were a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities throughout the day. Children read books to other children and listened to different teachers reading their favourite books.



You will find more photographs on our school Facebook Page

Church Assemblies

We have started walking the children to Church for their Wednesday morning assembly. Years 1, 2 and 3 go one week with Year 4, 5 and 6 the next. This has proved popular with all children who thoroughly enjoy Reverend Steve's assemblies. Here are some photos from this morning's visit.



Concerns

We understand how difficult it has been for parents of young children during the pandemic and how isolated from school activities you may feel. However, throughout this, our priorities have been and still are, the wellbeing of our children and staff. Things will get back to normal but if, in the meantime you have concerns please come into school to discuss them.