



February 2020

Newsletter



Diary Dates

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3rd	Y5 STEM Day 1
6th & 7th	Skipping experience day
7th	Rhubarb theatre company in Year 2
10th	PTFA Valentines Disco
11th	Y5 STEM Day 2
13th	Children break up
24th	Children return to school.
24th	Dads, Lads & Lasses
26th	Theatre Company in school.
27th	SATS information talks—Y2 and Y6
28th	Forces trip to RAF Scampton

Diary Dates

March 2020

2nd	Y6 trip to the Workhouse
5th	World Book Day
6th	Reception trip to The Deep
w/c 9th	Literacy in action sessions (booking required)
9th	Y5 trip to the Workhouse
12th	Multiplication Check parent talk
13th	Y4 MSP competition
16th	Y4 trip to Jorvik Centre
17th & 19th	Parents Evening
20th	Y1 trip to Hull Transport Museum
w/c 23rd	Learning Showcase for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y5 & Y6
23rd	Y3 trip to Jorvik Centre
w/c 30th	Forest School
30th	Y3/4 show 6pm performance
31st	Y3/4 show 2pm and 6pm performances



Welcome

Welcome to our February newsletter. As you can see from the vast and varied diary dates ahead, the Spring term is a busy and exciting one full of wonderful learning opportunities for the children of Witham St Hughs Academy. As always, your continued support of the Academy is vital and appreciated as we strive to provide the best possible educational experiences for all.

Talent at Witham St Hughs

We wanted to take this space in our newsletter to celebrate one of the many talented pupils we have here at Witham St Hughs Academy. Lois in Year 5 is a very talented artist as I am sure you will agree. Lois can often be found drawing within our Academy and she recently shared this beautiful drawing of a cat with us. We were so impressed we thought it should be shared with you too!



World Book Day - Costume Exchange

World Book Day will soon be here and, as in previous years, we will be using this opportunity within the Academy to celebrate a love of reading. No doubt, the shops will soon begin filling with wonderful World Book Day costumes which make dressing up easy and fun for all. At Witham St Hughs Academy, we are conscious of both the financial and environmental impact of buying new dressing up costumes which are often only worn only once before they are either discarded or outgrown. Research shows that around 85% of all dressing up costumes end up in landfill and this amounts to as much as 12,000 tonnes of waste each year. As such, this year we are organising a costume exchange on the playground in the last week of term (10th—13th Feb). If you have any old costumes that you no longer want, please bring them to the rail on the playground. You might see something that will be useful to you this year - help yourself! Our aim is to reduce the number of new costumes purchased this year and encourage less waste. If you are clearing out the dressing up box, please do use this as an opportunity to recycle within the local community.



Adverse Weather

Due to the time of year, there is always a chance of adverse weather preventing school from safely remaining open. In the event of snow on a scale in which the Academy would not be able to safely open, we will inform parents via text as soon as possible. As in previous years, school opening information will also be shared on Lincs FM.

National Testing

Please see below for this year's National test dates. As always, we kindly request that you ensure your child is in school during these times. If you have any questions about these National assessments, please do not hesitate to ask.

Year 1 Phonics Screen: 8th - 12th June

Year 2 SATs: 4th - 7th May

Year 4 Multiplication Check: 8th - 12th June

Year 6 SATs: 11th - 14th May

Y3 & Y4 Production

Year 3 and 4 will soon be beginning rehearsals for their Spring production 'The Big Bad Ball'. Miss Parker has worked incredibly hard writing this production for our children and we cannot wait to see it come to life. Tickets will be available soon for productions on 30th and 31st of March.



Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Miss Hicking who will be expecting her first child in the summer—what an exciting time for her and her fiancé.

Snacks

A polite reminder that playground snacks should be fruit, veg or cereals. As always, KS1 pupils have access to free fruit from their classrooms and all pupils have access to our healthy tuck shop with snacks priced between 20p and 40p.

Nuts

Please be aware that Witham St Hughs Academy is a nut free school. Children should not be bringing nuts of any form into school for either snacks or in their lunch boxes. This is to ensure the safety of all of our pupils, some of whom have nut allergies.

First Aid

In the new term the Academy will be switching to a paperless system for reporting first aid incidents. A separate letter will be sent out in a few weeks to explain the upcoming changes, so please do keep your eye out for this as no paper first aid forms will be going home after half term.

Uniform

Witham St Hughs Academy prides itself on exemplary presentation across all areas of school life. Uniform is clearly a key aspect of this and something visitors to the Academy regularly comment upon. Our uniform policy clearly sets out the expectations of the uniform pupils should wear, this includes:

- Dark grey trousers, skirt or pinafore.
- White polo shirt or shirt.
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan.
- Black shoes.
- Black or grey socks or tights.
- Y6 pupils must wear their tie.
- No jewellery except 1 small stud in each ear.
- Watches are permitted as long as they are not smart watches.

We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day.

STEM

We are delighted to have been able to work with partners within LEAD to offer our pupils purposeful STEM learning experiences both inside and outside of the Academy. Pupils in Y3 have loved these learning opportunities, and our Y5 pupils are excited to embark on their STEM learning tomorrow.



Celebrating Difference

Year 2 and Year 4 have had the opportunity to work with a professional theatre company this term to create and perform a short play celebrating friendship and difference. We were incredibly proud of all of the children's ideas, values and confidence they showed whilst performing to their peers.



Yours sincerely,



Emily Broadley

