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Dear Parents and Carers,

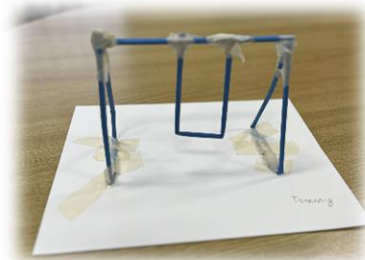
We are now at the end of the Spring Term. The term has been filled with growth, learning and plenty of memorable experiences. We are delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Curriculum Updates

Ash Class had an exciting local visit to Brooke Farm as part of their learning on 'A Whole New World'. Under the guidance of the excellent staff, they learned how to plant seeds, nurture seedlings, and care for growing plants, discovering the importance of sunlight, water, and nutrients in supporting plant growth. Ash Class have also enjoyed learning how to care for eggs and baby chicks. The class observed the changes to the eggs over a few days, and they were extremely excited to welcome ten baby chicks to Team Ash.



As part of their learning on 'The Great Outdoors', Elm Class have been busy finding out about free-standing structures in their Design and Technology lessons. They have investigated different components that make up a structure and have investigated how to increase the strength of their designs as well as looking at how to join materials together.



Fir Class travelled to Bourneville to visit the world-famous Cadbury's World as part of their learning on the Mayans. The visit provided a hands-on and educational experience for the children, offering them insights into the fascinating world of chocolate production and Cadbury's rich history. One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity for the children to indulge their sweet tooth with plenty of chocolate samples along the way.



Our Year 5 children returned home this week from a two night residential to York. The children learnt all about Viking York and visited many sites around the city to further their knowledge and understanding, including York Minster, The Jorvik Centre, The DIG and Barley Hall. On the final day, they visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park. From majestic lions to playful lemurs, the park's residents captivated the imaginations of the children, providing them with unforgettable encounters with some of the world's most incredible animals.



Our KS2 choir performed at Young Voices in Sheffield Arena. It was truly an enjoyable and memorable experience for them. Participating in Young Voices allowed the choir to not only showcase their musical talents, but also to learn the value of teamwork, dedication, and perseverance.



OWLS

Our OWLS team have held a number of fabulous events this term. The Mother's Day Cream Tea was well received by all. The Easter Tombola was also a huge success. OWLS have donated Creme Eggs for every child, which they will use to compete in our annual Easter Egg rolling competition.



As always, we extend a thank you to the members of OWLS, who give up their time to help ensure there are always many exciting events to look forward to.

OWLS are looking for new members to join the team. If you are interested, please contact the school office and we can pass on your details to Lindsay (Chair of OWLS) or Vicky (Vice-Chair of OWLS).

Fabulous Charity Work

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in our recent fundraising event for Comic Relief by wearing red and sharing laughter through jokes. Mrs Howe and Oak Class have been hard at work compiling all the fantastic jokes into a special joke book. With such a wealth of comedic talent on display, we are certain that the joke book will be a hilarious read for all ages. So, watch this space for more details on how you can get your hands on a copy!

A team of Year 5 children decided they would raise money for Cancer Research during the OWLS Mother's Day Cream Tea event. Together, they created and then sold various crafts. Well done Year 5!



Wonderful staffing news

We are thrilled to celebrate a remarkable milestone at Linby cum Papplewick Primary School. Mrs Halvey has dedicated an incredible 25 years to local Hucknall Schools. Her unwavering commitment to our school and our children has been nothing short of amazing.

Mrs Halvey's expertise in mathematics and science has been invaluable, enriching the learning experiences of countless children over the years. Beyond the classroom, she has also been the creative force behind our weekly craft club, where children have delighted in making a variety of imaginative creations.

Generous Donations

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our parents, we have been able to acquire two wonderful additions to our school grounds: a circular table with seating, which has been added to the outer big wood area. This has been well used during playtimes as it is where our Lego/construction zone is located. In addition to this, the school has been kindly gifted a mud kitchen for the EYFS/KS1 outside area. We can see a lot of time and effort has been put into its construction. We look forward to seeing the different concoctions the children in EYFS and KS1 will no doubt cook up. The outdoor area is an area of the school that we would like to develop further. Please get in touch if you are able to offer any assistance in doing this.

We extend our gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents and hardworking children for their contributions to our school community. Your commitment, passion, and collaboration are the driving forces behind our success, and we are immensely grateful for your ongoing support.

May the spirit of Easter fill your hearts with love, peace, and joy, and may you find comfort in the promise of new beginnings and endless possibilities.

Wishing you a blessed Easter and a restful and rejuvenating break as we recharge and prepare for the adventures that await us in the summer term.

Warmest regards,

Rachel Hodge and Natasha Murray



Key Dates for your diary:



Thursday 28th March 2024: Break up for the Easter Holiday

Monday 15th April 2024: Return for the Summer 1 half term

Monday 6th May 2024: May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May 2024: End of Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6 pupils)

Tuesday 14th May 2024: Last swimming lesson – Years 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday 21st May 2024: Group and Leavers photographs

Friday 24th May 2024: Break up for the half term break

Monday 3rd June 2024: INSET Day – School closed

Tuesday 4th June 2024: Return for Summer 2 half term

Tuesday 4th June 2024 – Friday 14th June 2024: Year 4 Multiplication Check

Wednesday 5th June 2024: National Weights and Measures (Reception and Year 6 children)

Monday 10th June 2024 – Friday 14th June 2024: Phonics Screening Check (Year 1 and Year 2 re-takes)

Friday 14th June 2024: OWLS event - Donuts for Dad!

Monday 24th June 2024: Road Safety Afternoon – VIA workshops for all year groups

Tuesday 2nd July 2024: Potted Sports Afternoon (weather dependent) – parent help needed

Friday 12th July 2024: Year 6 Stepping Up Day at Southwell Minster

Friday 12th July 2024: Sports After-School Event

Thursday 25th July 2024: Break up for the Summer Holidays

Friday 26th July 2024: INSET Day – School closed

