



7th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – 7TH JUNE 2024

We hope you all had a wonderful bank holiday and it has been great to welcome everyone back this week with a shiny new playground. I know all our children have enjoyed play or sports on this during this week, it really has been great to see. We have an excitingly busy half term ahead.

KS2 and KS1 Statutory Assessments:

We would just like to say how very proud we were of each and every one of our children during the assessment period. They were **ALL** such superstars.

Year 1 Statutory Phonics Screen:

Pupils in Year 1 will undertake their statutory phonics screen from next week, w/c 10th June. We are so proud of how well their phonics have developed.

Year 4 Statutory Multiplication Tables Check:

The MTC tests for our Year 4 children started this week and will continue next week w/c 10th June. Again, we are so proud of them mastering times tables along with the ICT skills needed to complete the test in a set amount of time.

Cosy Cove:

Work has now started on Cosy Cove on KS2 to utilise the area for a creative and wellbeing space. This week the new fence has been put up and the rest will develop over the next few weeks. Another exciting area for our children to enjoy.

Forest School KS1:

On key stage one you may have seen the arrival of many pallets at the top of the banking area in preparation for forest school development over the summer holidays. This will be a fabulous area creating a nice green space for KS1 to enjoy.

Forest School Development Main School Field:

In July the clearance pathway will begin for the copse area to develop this as a forest school with outdoor covered learning area. Another great addition to our school environment.

SEND Transition Target Review:

Parents of children with a SEND Support Plan/EHCP will be contacted by their child's class teacher to arrange a meeting to take place during w/c 24th June to review their child's targets and to set new ones to take them into their new year group or secondary school for Y6 pupils.

Class Photographs:

The School Photographer was in school earlier this week to take class photographs. The link to order photographs will be sent to you as soon as we receive details from the photographer.



Goodbye and Good Luck:

We would like to say a fond farewell and huge thank you to Mr Burke our PE Co-ordinator, who is leaving us at the end of next week. He will be leaving us to explore countries afar, but we cannot let him go without saying a huge thank you for all he has done to develop PE provision with Mrs Scanlon and widen access to out of school competitions in a wide variety of sports since his appointment. We know Richmond Hill is, and always will be, close to his heart. Until the end of term Mrs Scanlon will be teaching KS2 PE sessions on Thursdays/Fridays and Miss Lynds from Ledger Sport will teach KS1. Interviews take place for the role next week.

Also we would like to wish our Business Manager Mr Webb a fond farewell. Mr Webb has worked behind the scenes on all things finance as well as developing great relationships with our children and staff. Good luck in your new role. An advertisement for this position will be on Doncaster and Rotherham Council's websites soon, to commence in September. In the interim the school has support from our Trust.

Warm Welcome:

We would like to say a very warm welcome to Miss Fairclough who will join our teaching staff from September. She is a familiar face around school having completed her ITT training with us and graduating as an outstanding teacher. Huge thanks to Mrs Vickers/Mrs Scanlon who have mentored and supported her throughout the year. Miss Fairclough came to Richmond Hill as a pupil too.

Congratulations:

Our congratulations go out to Mr Jeremy Harris who becomes the CEO of our Trust. He was appointed after a rigorous process which involved many of our staff due to Richmond Hill being the founding school of 'The Roselearning Trust'. Myself, Mrs Found, Mrs Johnson-Quinn and our Chair of Governors Mrs Latham, all sat on interviewing panel activities. We wish our retiring CEO Mrs Helen Harrison all the very best. She has developed and grown one of the most renowned and respected Trusts in Doncaster. We wish her well in her retirement.

Sports Day arrangements for ALL Nursery children – Wednesday 19th June

ALL Nursery Children to come to school already dressed in shorts, t-shirts, trainers (does not have to be school uniform PE kit for our nursery children). Plus a suitable top – school cardigan/jumper or tracksuit top/hoodie. Tracksuit bottoms/skins to wear on top of their shorts for their journey to and from school if they want.

Parents/Carers/Grandparents are invited to come along for the 11.00am start. Entry and exit will be via the Key Stage 2 gate which will be accessible 15 minutes prior to the start of the event and 5 minutes after the event has started. In order for everyone to enjoy the event and for safeguarding purposes we ask that spectators remain in the seating area on the school field. Toilet access for visitors will be via the Hillbillies entrance on the Key Stage 2 playground, which will be monitored by a staff member.

Please see below for the arrangements for all nursery children.

30 hours Nursery Children – if your child stays all day in nursery please take your child to Nursery for the start of their session for registration as normal at 8.35am. Lunch-time arrangements will remain the same before they spend their normal afternoon session in nursery.

Beginning of Week Nursery Children should go to Nursery at their normal registration time at 8.35am. Following the end of sports day at about 11.30am parents will be able to collect and take home their child from the nursery staff – please leave the field via the KS2 gate to make your way round to the nursery classroom door via the usual KS1 gate near the front of the school.



End of the Week Nursery Children – please bring your child to the Office via the main school entrance for 10.40am where they will be met by nursery staff. Parents will then need to make their way to the KS2 gate to access the event. Following sports day these children will have lunch with us, before they spend their normal Wednesday afternoon session in nursery. The payment option for this extra lunch will show on your Parentpay account if your child usually has a school dinner. If they normally have a packed lunch please bring that with you and leave it at the Office on your arrival at 10.40am.

**Healthy Week for all pupils w/c 24th June
(including Sports Days for Pupils in Reception to Year 6)**

Healthy week will be taking place during w/c 24th June where pupils will be taking part in a whole week of sporting activities. Mrs Scanlon our PE Lead is busy organising a wide range of activities with different year groups participating in a number of sports including:- tennis, badminton, hockey, tag rugby, dance, yoga, bowling, team building, golf, skipping, throwing & catching, Danish long ball, football, rounders, cricket and basketball.

Throughout the week, the children will be working with staff as well as local sporting providers funded from the school's Sports Premium, to complete the activities. Due to outside agencies coming into school, activities will be taking place outside and although the weather is fine at the moment, we need to be prepared for any changes. Here is a checklist of what your child will need:-

- **Nursery Pupils** will be involved in some of the sporting activities and will need to come to school to **every session** they attend during this week, dressed in shorts, t-shirts, trainers (does not have to be school uniform PE kit for our nursery children). Plus a suitable top – school cardigan/jumper or tracksuit top/hoodie. Tracksuit bottoms/skins to wear on top of their shorts for their journey to and from school if they want.
- **Pupils in Reception to Year 6** - to come to school **every day** dressed in their usual outdoor PE kit – black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers. Plus a suitable top – school cardigan/jumper or tracksuit top/hoodie. Tracksuit bottoms/skins to wear on top of their shorts for their journey to and from school if they want.
- Water bottle;
- Sun hat;
- Raincoat (if applicable);
- Please also ensure you put sun protection on your child before they come to school, to cover the length of the time they are here.

Sports Day Arrangements – Tuesday 25th June

Reception/KS1 9.15am-10.30am

KS2 1.30pm-3.00pm

Parents/Carers/Grandparents are invited to come along to join us on the KS2 field.

In order for everyone to enjoy the event and for safeguarding purposes we ask that spectators remain in the seating area on the school field. Entry and exit will be via the Key Stage 2 gate which will be accessible 15 minutes prior to the start of the event and 5 minutes after the event has started. Toilet access for visitors will be via the Hillbillies entrance on the Key Stage 2 playground, which will be monitored by a staff member.

Parents' Diary Dates June-July 2024:

A reminder of the important dates for your diary taking place up to the summer holidays, can be found at the end of this update.

Yours sincerely



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Principal



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PARENTS' DIARY DATES – JUNE-JULY 2024

DAY	DATE	EVENT
w/c Mon	10 th June	Y4 MTC Tests week 2/2
w/c Mon	10 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Tests and Y2 Phonics re-tests
Thursday	13 th June	Y6 RSE Talk with School Nursing Team
Tuesday	18 th June	Visit to Hill House – Classics Experience – selected Y5 pupils
Wednesday	19 th June	Nursery Sports Day for all Nursery children at 11.00am
w/c Mon	24 th June	Healthy Week
Tuesday	25 th June	Sports Day 9.15am-10.30am - Reception/KS1 1.30pm-3.00pm - KS2
Wednesday	26 th June	Visit to Hill House – Science Experience – selected Y6 pupils
Friday	28 th June	Trust Choir – End of Year Choir Concert
Monday	1 st July	Y6 End of Year Summer Performance – in the Main School Hall - parents/carers invited – 3.30pm-4.15pm
Tuesday	2 nd July	Summer Disco for Reception/KS1 & KS2 – after school - details to follow
Wed-Fri	3 rd July-5 th July	Y6 Residential Visit
w/c Mon	8 th July	Transition – your child will spend time in their new class for September on Monday 8 th , Wednesday 10 th and Friday 12 th
Tuesday	9 th July	Big Sing Event at the Dome – selected Y4 (current) pupils
Thursday	11 th July	Y5 (current) pupils Visit to the Great Yorkshire Show
Tuesday	16 th July	Y6 Leavers' Disco 1.00pm-3.30pm
Wednesday	17 th July	Y2 Visit to Whitby
Friday	19 th July	School closes at 3.15pm for the summer holidays

