



13th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – 13TH MARCH 2025

What an exciting half term we have had with lots of achievements to celebrate. World Book Day was wonderful, thank you all for supporting the event, the children looked amazing and enjoyed some great activities throughout the day. It was lovely to welcome the Northern Ballet Company into school with their production of 'Hansel and Gretel' teaching Y3 key parts of the performance. Our Choir have taken part in the Music for Youth Festival and sounded wonderful. We have also had some great sporting success and workshops through Leger Sport.

As we are nearing the end of this half term we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the events taking place in school leading up to Easter and to give you an update on our new lunch menu and the buildings work which is starting shortly to upgrade our roof.

School Meal Provision:

We have great news about improvements to our school meals service. From feedback received from parents we have been working with Doncaster Schools' Catering to make our menus better and healthier while keeping them tasty for the children. We've been talking to our pupils at lunchtime - both those who have school dinners and those who bring packed lunches - to find out what they like, as well as monitoring waste. Thank you to all parents who tried the food samples and gave us feedback at parents' evening.

Doncaster Schools' Catering makes sure all meals meet national food standards, with full information about allergies, and they try to use local ingredients when possible. After the Easter break, we'll be introducing new menus that include three different meal choices each day, served with vegetables or a mixed salad, healthier meal options, and more fresh food rather than processed items. We hope these changes will make school lunches even better for our children.

A copy of the new menus starting w/c 14th April - bookable via Parentpay from **Monday 30th March** will be emailed to parents/carers shortly.

Please note:- The deadline to complete your lunch bookings on Parentpay for the first week back (w/c 14th April) after the Easter break is **9.00am Friday 11th April**. The Parentpay system may update over the Easter break so if you experience any problems with booking meals please do not worry as we will carry out a manual check at registration on Monday the 14th.

Building Works – School Roof:

At Easter work will begin on the renovation of the school roof. This is a Trust funded project, which we are extremely excited for, as the roof has not been renewed for 50 years! Due to the works, part of the school car park will need to be closed, therefore parking may be constrained around school. We thank you in advance for your support.



Red Nose Day:

On **Friday 21st March** we will be celebrating Red Nose Day – Comic Relief and all our pupils can come to school with red noses/red nose t-shirts or just non-uniform. If you would like to make a donation which will be sent to Comic Relief, then the option to make a contribution is on ParentPay.

Easter:

Details can be found at the end of this update about all our Easter activities including:

- dates and times of all year group assemblies;
- arrangements for Easter Hats for Nursery/Reception/KS1;
- details of the KS2 Easter Egg Competition;

We will also be holding a chocolate raffle at the Easter Assemblies with tickets costing £1 for 5. Donations of any chocolate items for the raffle will be gratefully received in the Academy Office.

Easter Holidays:

School closes	3.15pm on Friday 28th March
Easter Holidays	Monday 31 st March to Friday 11 th April – inc. – school closed to pupils
School re-opens	Monday 14th April

Easter Bank Holiday:

School closes	3.15pm on Thursday 17 th April
Good Friday	Friday 18 th April – school closed to pupils
Easter Monday	Monday 21 st April – school closed to pupils
School re-opens	Tuesday 22 nd April

Regards

Yours sincerely



Debbie Secker
Principal



PARENTS' DIARY DATES – UP TO EASTER BREAK 2025

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Friday	21st March	Red Nose Day
Friday	21st March	PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT EASTER EVENTS Reception/KS1 pupils to bring their Easter Hats into school ready for the next week's assemblies KS2 pupils to bring their Easter Egg competition entries into school for displaying
Monday	24 th March	Y5 Visit in-school Historical Interpretations
Tuesday	25 th March	Y6 Visit to Crucial Crew
Tuesday	25 th March Afternoon assemblies for Y4/Y5 – all pupils will return to their classrooms at the end of their assemblies and leave school via their usual exits at their normal finishing time.	Year Group Assemblies in the Main School Hall Parents/Carers invited. Approx 30 mins duration. 9.00am Reception 10.00am Year 2 1.30pm Year 4 2.15pm Year 5
Wednesday	26 th March Afternoon assemblies for Y3/Y6 – all pupils will return to their classrooms at the end of their assemblies and leave school via their usual exits at their normal finishing time.	Year Group Assemblies in the Main School Hall Parents/Carers invited. Approx 30 mins duration. 9.00am Year 1 11.00am Nursery 1.30pm Year 3 2.15pm Year 6
Thursday	27 th March	Y4 Visit to Austerfield Y3 Visit in-school - The Twisted Knot Creative Workshop Y1 Visit to White Post Farm
Friday	28 th March	3.15pm school closes at the end of the day for the Easter break
Monday-Friday	31 st Mar-11 th Apr	Easter Holidays – school closed to pupils
Monday	14 th April	School Re-opens
Friday	18 th April	Good Friday – school closed to pupils
Monday	21 st April	Easter Monday – school closed to pupils
Tuesday	22 nd April	School Re-opens



EASTER 2025

Year Group Assemblies: All Year Groups - Parents and Carers are invited to join us in the main school hall accessible via the main entrance to celebrate pupils' learning. Assemblies will be 30 minutes duration (approx.). All children should wear their school uniform as usual.

Easter Hats: Nursery, Reception and KS1 - Pupils are asked to create an Easter Hat which will be worn for their assemblies – these are to be created at home and brought into school on the specified day.

Easter Egg Competition: KS2 - Pupils are invited to enter our Easter Egg Competition to make/decorate an Easter egg creation at home, which will be displayed in the hall for parents to view prior to assemblies. The eggs can either be artificial or hard boiled and decorated. Previous entries have been for example 'Dance Egg on Ice', 'Eggstreme Sports' or just beautifully decorated, possibly with jewels/feathers etc. Pupils can display their entries on a base, such as a flat piece of cardboard or by using a box.

Our Easter Chocolate Raffle will be available at each assembly, to be drawn after the last assembly. Any donations of chocolate for prizes will be gratefully received in the Academy Office.

RECEPTION/KS1 Easter Hats and KS2 Easter Egg Competition		
Friday 21st March	Reception/KS1 pupils to bring their Easter Hats into school to their classrooms ready for the following week's assemblies.	
Friday 21st March	KS2 pupils on arrival at school to bring their competition entries into the hall via the main school entrance for displaying.	
RECEPTION/KS1/KS2 Class Assemblies		
Please note:- afternoon performances – all children will return to their classrooms at the end of their performances and leave school via their usual exits at their normal finishing time		
Tuesday 25th March	Reception Year 2 Year 4 Year 5	9.00am 10.00am 1.30pm 2.15pm
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 1 Nursery – all children Year 3 Year 6	9.00am 11.00am – please see below 1.30pm 2.15pm
NURSERY Easter Hats and Class Assembly		
Tuesday 25th March and Wednesday 26th March	Easter Hats Nursery children to bring their Easter Hats into school as follows:- Beginning of Week Children/30 hours Children on Tuesday 25th March. End of Week Children please bring your child's Easter Hat along with them when they arrive at 10.45am before the start of their assembly on Wednesday 26th.	
Wednesday 26th March	Assembly Time for ALL Nursery children 11.00am-11.30am <u>Beginning of Week Nursery Children</u> should go to Nursery at their normal registration time at 8.35am. Following the end of the assembly parents are asked to go to collect their child from nursery using the normal KS1 gate to access the nursery classroom exit. <u>30 hours Nursery Children</u> – 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. <u>End of the Week Nursery Children</u> – please bring your child to the Main School Office via the main school entrance for 10.45am where they will be met by nursery staff. Following the assembly 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 they normally have a packed lunch please bring that with you and leave it with nursery staff on your arrival at 10.45am.	

