



GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL
Federation
Sicklinghall Community Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had many exciting things happening at school in February and March so far. The changes that we have made to the curriculum so far have led to many improvements in lessons and the children are enjoying a wide range of enrichment days.

The children were delighted when Mighty Zulu Nation visited – they learned a song in different language and participated in traditional dancing. The children were totally immersed in the culture – most children had never experienced anything like it before but they enjoyed it so much that they immediately asked ‘When will MZN be back?’



World Book Day 2020

We had such an enjoyable day, celebrating World Book Day. Though it is always fun to dress up, we wanted the day to have a real focus on reading to launch our increased curriculum focus on develop the children’s vocabulary. One of the main tasks was to be immersed in new vocabulary and be able to rank it as Green.

In lessons, children are thinking about the words they see and must decide if it is red, amber or green:

<p>Red word - I have never heard of it.</p>	<p>Amber word - I have heard of it but can't explain it well.</p>	<p>Green word - I like this word and can use it confidently.</p>
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During the week, the teachers will discuss the words and the children may complete tasks to help them develop their understanding, moving any red and amber words to green.

New Friends for Bewerley Park



friends!

This week, our Year 4 children from both schools worked together to get to know their new friends before they venture off on residential. It's not easy stepping out of your comfort zone to talk to new people, but they really made us proud with the way they conducted themselves. It's wonderful for our small village schools to be able to have these opportunities to work on different sites and make even more

Lunch Time Food Update



On Friday last week, P&A Food Management Services Ltd found themselves in financial difficulty. Following a busy weekend in talks with Deloitte they have tried to resolve their financial position. They were unable to raise the necessary capital.

Whilst liquidating P&A Food Management Services Limited has been painful for those involved, I am pleased to say that Dolce have taken over the staff and assets of P&A Food Management Services. This ensures continuity of service for us as a school and employment for ALL personnel employed by P&A Food Service Management Ltd. We are delighted to still have our kitchen staff in position as they know all the dietary needs of the children.

It has been a welcome opportunity for us as a federation to put forward the points raised by parents in recent months and to share what our aims are for school lunch moving forward (for example, a better selection of food and dessert options, fresh fruit, a wider variety of salad, less plastic waste, and the possibility of having starters for 2 days each week rather than a dessert every day, and of course, real cheese!) Whilst these changes can't be made immediately to every school that Dolce have taken over, please be reassured that I am working tirelessly in the background to pass on your concern and to make the necessary changes for the children.

PTFA

A HUGE thank you to our lovely families who popped into school last week for a spring clean – it really made the world of difference. We as a school are so lucky to have you!

The PTFA have some wonderful events planned in the coming weeks including a sponsored park run, car wash, and the lovely Daffodil Tea – please see the dates below and watch this space for more information in from the PTFA about each event.



Ethos Statements

Our weekly Ethos Statement s continue to inspire the children and act as a talking point. This half term we have been focusing on **Endurance** with the final 3 weeks focusing on **Hope**. After our Collective Worship, we always try and set the children a task so that what they have learnt can make a difference to them in school.

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 Weekly Ethos Statement: **Endurance**

"So comes snow after fire, and even dragons have their endings."
 J.R.R. Tolkien -
 The Hobbit




GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL
 Weekly Ethos Statement: **Endurance**

Dark times lie ahead of us and there will be a time when we must choose between what is **easy** and what is **right**."
 Albus Dumbledore




GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL
 Weekly Ethos Statement: **Endurance**

Failure is so important. We speak about success all the time. It is the ability to resist failure or the failure itself that often leads to greater success. JK Rowling



GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL
 Weekly Ethos Statement: **Hope**

"Hope is seeing light when surrounded by darkness."




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 Weekly Ethos Statement: **Hope**

"A single thread of **hope** is still a very powerful thing."
 H.O.P.E.




GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL
 Weekly Ethos Statement: **Hope**

"We do not need magic to transform our world. We carry all the power we need inside ourselves already. We have the power to imagine better."
 JK Rowling




Dates for the Diary:

CHANGE OF DATE –

12th March – 4pm - Bewerley Park Parent Meeting (both schools welcome, based at Sicklinghall).

18th March – 6:30pm Parent Talk – School Vision / SEMH in school / Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) at Sicklinghall (parents from both schools welcome)

17th March - 9:05am – 10:05am – Making Phonics Fun (Year 1 Parents)

26th March – PTFA – Story Time and Quiz Event – **not yet finalised - TBC!**

27th March – (pm) Author Visit – Dan Ingram Brown and then workshops with Year Silver Birch and Willow

2nd April – PTFA - Daffodil Tea and Easter Egg Hunt – more details to follow from PTFA

3rd April – 9:05am – 10:05am – Making Phonics Fun (Reception Parents)

3rd April – Last day of Half Term – normal school finish time.

Please do check the website as dates are subject to change.

Summer 1:

20th April – Training Day – no children in school.

21st April – Back to school!

25th April (Saturday) – PTFA Sponsored Park Run (Parents and Children)

29th April – Bewerley Park Residential Y4 (return Friday 1st May)

7th May – 9:05am – 10:05am – Supporting your child with Shape Space and Measure (Year 1 Parents)

11th May – Y6 SATs Week

18th May – Y2 SATs Week

Wed 20th May – Sex and Relationships Education Parents' session – 6pm – sign up – school location TBC.

25th May (Saturday) – PTFA Car Wash – Scott's Arms

21st May – 9:05am – 10:05am – Supporting your child with Shape Space and Measure (Year 1 Parents)

25th May – Break up for Half Term – normal time.