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Wednesday 15th May 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

Well done to all of the children and staff who have been working so hard during SATs week. You have shown such enthusiasm, determination and resilience and we have no doubt you have done yourself proud – you have definitely made us all incredibly proud. We are all really looking forward to completing the last test tomorrow and enjoying some time to celebrate on Friday – as well as having a special breakfast, the children in year 6 are allowed to bring game to play indoors e.g. monopoly, dobble or battleships.

I can't quite believe that next week is the final week before half-term. Please remember that school is closed to pupils on Friday 24th May as it is a staff training day.

Parking outside school

We have had emails from concerned residents and have ourselves noticed a rise in dangerous parking around school. A number of people are leaving their cars opposite or very close to the school gates at drop off and pick up times, leading to traffic congestion, cars in blocked in and people needing to reverse to allow other vehicles to pass, which is obviously a safety concern.

Please can we ask you that you park safely and responsibly if you need to use a car to transport your child to school.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 1 Phonics Screening

The windows for the year 4 multiplication check and the year 1 phonics screening open in June. We are intending to hold the year 4 check on Wednesday 5th June and the year 1 check on Wednesday 12th June, allowing some contingency for any absences. These checks are nothing to worry about, but please do talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Rockstars Day



We are excited to let you know that on Tuesday 4th June Key Stage 2 will be holding a 'Times Table Rockstars' day! Children can come dressed as a 'rockstar' for the day, perhaps even as their TTRS avatar if they so wish, and will spend parts of the day playing on TTRS, and competing in Battle of the Bands competitions. Times table facts are a really important aspect of the maths curriculum, and we are looking forward to celebrating the hard work the children have done this year to secure their times table knowledge. Get ready to rock!

Reception visit to church

Reception enjoyed a lovely afternoon last week at St. Nicholas Church with Reverend McBride learning about why the church is a special place for Christians and also about special places within the church. We even got to see a dolly baptism at the font and hear the clock chime in the tower. The children had a lovely afternoon and had some really thoughtful 'big' questions for Reverend McBride too!! Well done Reception.



Spotlight on writing

This week, we are shining a spotlight on some of the brilliant writing in year 1. I was lucky enough to have some year 1 writing shared with me this week and I was blown away by the amount of writing, the amazing use of vocabulary and the use of conjunctions such as 'because'.

Thank you to Theo, Chloe and Nefeli for sharing your amazing writing.

Monday 13th May
 Dear diary, I feel very
 tired because the past
 few days were very busy
 and I didn't sleep. I was
 getting buckets of water but
 it didn't seem that worked.
 I knew the fire spread
 quickly because the houses
 were close together and also
 it was a hot summer
 day so the flames
 got on one house then another
 one. Now I was getting
 I had to escape. I took my
 precious belongings. I was sad
 to leave my house. When I
 gave my precious belongings
 I hoped about a boat.

13th May 1666
 Dear diary
 As I write this diary I feel terrified!
 The past few days have been very hectic.
 I quickly jumped out of the window
 as the went by I knew
 the fire had spread rapidly
 because the houses were so close
 long hot summer and the houses
 were close together and the
 houses were made out of wood.
 - As I quickly grabbed my toys and
 my bag and my mummy. I quickly
 got on a boat and sailed to the
 other side of the river. I was sad
 that my house is going to be burned.
 I was sad.
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Year 1 have also produced this amazing art work.

It is clear to see how much learning about the Great Fire of London has excited and inspired them!

13.5.24
 - Dear diary
 - When I woke up I looked out of my
 window and what I did I felt a
 - great big fire. I was Petrified so
 were my parents. Then I started lots of things
 I did not use it because it was so hot.
 The houses were catching fire and the
 road. Then I got a boat and went to the
 other side of the river. I was sad
 that I had to leave my house.
 I heard a strange noise
 that I heard a strange noise.
 It was so hot what it was it was a

Census Day Lunch

Don't forget we have a special menu tomorrow because it is census day. We get funding for school meals based on the number of meals taken up in early years and key stage 1 so if your child would like to give school dinners a go, tomorrow is a great day.

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

May 2024

Y5 Squash	Friday PMs Up until the 10 th May
Year 4 Swimming	Thursdays AMs Up until the 20 th June
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May – School closed
SATS week	Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May
Class Photos	Thursday 16 th May
Census day/ Special Lunch	Thursday 16 th May
Year 2 Parent Consultations	Monday 20 th May – 12:30pm-6:00pm
York Triathlon	Wednesday 22 nd May
Cricket Festival for years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Thursday 23 rd May
Last day of half term for children	Thursday 23 rd May
Inset Day – School closed to pupils	Friday 24 th May

June 2024

First day back at school	Monday 3 rd June
Year 6 Residential to Boggle Hole	Monday 3 rd June – Wednesday 5 th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Wednesday 5th June
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (and year 2 re-takes)	Wednesday 12th June
New Starter Parent's Evening	Wednesday 12 th June 6pm
Year 3 and 4 trip to Magna	Thursday 13 th June
Year 5 Residential to Newby Wiske	Monday 17 th June – Wednesday 19 th June
New starter afternoon for parents and children	Friday 21 st June 2pm-3pm
New starter afternoons	Monday 24 th June Tuesday 25 th June

July 2024

Provisional KS2 Sports Day	Tuesday 2 nd July (Back up Thursday 4 th July)
Year 6 Transition Day	Wednesday 3 rd July
Reports sent out to parents	Friday 5 th July
Provisional KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 9 th July (Back up Thursday 11 th July)
Year 5 and 6 Production	Tuesday 9 th July and Thursday 11 th July (evening- exact time TBC).
PTA Disco	Thursday 18 th July
Year 6 Leavers' Service	Friday 19 th July
Last day of term for pupils	Friday 19 th July
Disaggregated Inset Day – school closed for pupils	Monday 22 nd July

As always, don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson



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BOOTHAM SCHOOL
AGES 3-18

Bootham Swim School
May Half Term Holiday
Courses 2024

Come and have fun learning to swim.

4 day courses from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May 2024.

Open booking begins at 8.00am on Monday 22nd April 2024.