

What's On?

March

Mon 11th Y2 Skipton Castle
6pm Meeting of the Full Governing Board
Wed 13th Y3 Swimming
Fri 15th Red Nose Day – crazy hair and Red Nose t-shirts
Tues 19th Y6 to Shakespeare event at Gawthorpe Hall
Mon 25th 6pm SATs Meetings for Y2 and Y6
Wed 27th Y1 to Manchester Airport
Y3 Swimming

April

Thurs 4th Easter Lunch
Fri 5th School Closes 3.25pm
END OF TERM BREAK
Tues 23rd School Opens
Wed 24th YR Height and Weight checks
pm Y5 Swimming

May

Mon 6th SCHOOL CLOSED - May Day
Tues 7th School Re-opens

Gold Standard Sport at Worsthorne!

Congratulations to Mr Lomas on leading our school to achieve a School Games Gold Award for our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive sport. Thank you to all the children (and their parent supporters) for helping us to achieve such an accolade. Well done, everyone.



Here are Year Four helping Mr Lomas to celebrate our achievement.

WORLD BOOK DAY



Thursday was World Book Day with schools all over the world encouraging children to see the pleasure to be had by sharing a book. Our day started with teachers welcoming children from other classes and reading them their favourite story. It was fun to see Reception Class in Year Six with Miss North whilst Year Six visited Mrs Hobley in Reception Class.



After the story sharing, the children's book donations were taken into the hall where they all spent some time swapping and sharing books. It was lovely to see some wonderful Acts of Kindness throughout the morning, with children donating books directly to each other too. Thank you, parents and carers, for all the wonderful donations. The rest of day was filled with other book-themed activities that the children enjoyed. We hope that they came home and shared their new books with you. Thank you, Mrs Cockett, for organising such a great day!

Cracking Cross Country



Well done to the children from Years Three and Four who took part in the cross country race at Towneley Park earlier this week. They were very pleased that the weather held out for them and that there wasn't much mud around. The event was very well attended, with over 200 children taking part in each race. We are very proud of all the children from our school who took part. Annabelle and Hermione were both proud of each other for getting around the course without stopping!

SATs Meetings

Monday 25th March at 6pm
for parents/carers of pupils in
Year Two and Year Six.



Next Friday is Comic Relief Red Nose Day, which links perfectly with this half term's theme of 'Acts of Kindness'. Red noses will be on sale in school from Monday for a minimum donation of £1.25. We are hoping to sell out again!

On Friday, our School Council is inviting all of the children to take part in further fundraising by paying £1 to join in with a 'Crazy Hair Day'. The children (and staff) are invited to go wild with their hairstyles and wear their Red Nose Day t-shirts if they have them. Other than that, we'll be staying in school uniform, please.

We can't wait to see your most marvellous, wacky hairstyles – and don't forget to get yourself a red nose too!

Reception Superstars!

Well done Reception Class! This week they have learned to ride their bikes without stabilisers. We are very impressed indeed. Please help them to keep up the good work at home by taking their stabilisers off! 😊



TONIGHT!

Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.
Please, come on in and take your seats for the
greatest show on Earth!

School Funding

There has been much in the press this week about Headteacher's writing to parents and heading to London to protest about the cuts to school budgets. This is a very real situation for many schools across the country.

Our school's budget pays for much more than you might think: it's not just staffing and learning resources. Our budget has to cover our rates, fuel bills, refuse collection, insurances, building repairs, grounds maintenance, human resources and payroll services, local authority legal services, etc. Basically, it's everything involved with running a school, a business and a building.

Unfortunately, like many other schools, we have been in a position for some time now where we have seen our finances cut year on year. For the financial year 2019-20 we have been allocated just £207 more than we were for this current year. As you can imagine, with the rise in national insurance contributions, the price of fuel and other services, in real terms this is another significant cut to our funding.

We have tried hard in previous years to retain a small percentage of our annual allocation to ensure that we are able to run balanced budgets in subsequent years but it is getting harder to do this. Obviously, the governors, Mrs Fox and I will continue to do the very best we can to get the best value for money with the resources available to us and we'll keep you informed of the situation as it develops.

This Week's Awards

Students of the Week: Sam Payne, Jack Brunt, Annie Burns, Billy McGowan, Eloise Black and Gracie Wrench.

Good Manners: Evan Beard, Annabelle Mitchell, Theo Baldwin, Tommy Cunningham, Oliver Milligan and Charlotte Beard.

Kindness Awards: Archie Jones, Imogen Paddon, Joe Camm, Annie Burns, Sophia Doyle, Francis Woodruff, Oliver Bridle and Betsy Holden.

Bronze Awards: Ava Cooper, Anna Wilkinson, Leo Marshall, Jasper Simcock, Ollie Taylor, Paulinho Pontes, Alistair Birch, Connor Pate, Declan Collinge, Ruby Lord, Lennox Tatam and Kaila Jinks.

Silver Awards: Martin Kieran, Tilly Wiggin, Ellie-May Bickerstaff, Luca Hacking-Smith, Annabelle Mitchell, Alfie Reynolds, Sophia Doyle, Madison Irvine, Annabelle Kay, Nikita Ormonde, Libby Sunter and Bronte Watson.

This week's winning team: ORMEROD! Well done to everyone in the red team this week.