

# Tickhill Estfeld Primary School



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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

We would like to welcome everybody back to school and hope that you enjoyed your half term holiday and the Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations. This half term is a very busy period in school with many events planned in the run up to Christmas; please read and retain the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. All newsletters are posted on the school app and on the school website on the day that they are given to pupils, just in case the pupil-post goes astray. We also contact parents by text message periodically with reminders. If you have changed contact details, please request a data check form from the school office, in order to ensure that our messages get through.

We have special events planned for the first three weeks of this half term:

**Week 1 – Science Week** – Yesterday our Science week was launched by the Kinetic Theatre group, who have been regular visitors to our school. The pupils enjoyed the performance of “Down to Earth” very much and the Space theme is being followed up by several classes. We also have our STEM Ambassador from Hallam University, Stuart Bontoft working with some of our pupils over the next week or so, and he will be returning later in the year to continue this. During this week our Reception Class are also holding a “Dark Day” and all classes are adopting a scientist and will research and learn about that scientist’s life and work and the difference that their work has made to our world. It promises to be a very interesting week in school!

**Week 2 – Anti-bullying Week** - In school we are focusing on how we treat each other and how to be kind to each other and to ourselves. “Kind hands, kind hearts, kind words” is our key message and we will be sending home a task for pupils to complete with parents and carers at the weekend.

**Week 3 – National Road Safety Week** – we will be announcing those pupils who have been appointed as JRSOs this week and their first task will be to run a competition that will raise awareness of road safety issues. (Please see item on JRSO’s below).

## Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

To raise awareness of Road Safety issues in the school community school is currently recruiting four Junior Road Safety Officers; two from Y5 and two from Y6. Pupils have been told all about the posts and how to apply; the closing date is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The JRSOs in school will use the national JRSO website to obtain information and resources that can be used in school. The JRSOs’ duties will include delivering road safety assemblies, designing and updating a road safety notice board in school, running competitions that raise awareness of road safety and passing on road safety and travel awareness messages. We look forward to receiving their entries.

## Parking outside school

Traffic outside school continues to cause concern despite requests to drivers to refrain from parking in restricted areas or making u-turns on Common Lane / Airedale Avenue. Our school car park is also a restricted area – do not park there unless you have permission to do so at any time, including during the school day and following the after-school clubs. The Local Authority have over the half term holiday asked all schools to dissuade anybody except essential users from using their school car park, following a serious accident at another Doncaster school last month in which two children were injured, with one being in such a serious condition that they were air-lifted to hospital.



### **Remembrance**

On Friday we will be holding our Remembrance Assembly in school. Our pupils have produced some wonderful work based on war artists and poets, which will be shared at our special assembly. Remembrance is an important part of our pupils' curriculum and part of our country's history and tradition, and teaches our children much about values.

On Sunday two of our Year 6 school councillors will represent school alongside pupils from St. Mary's at the Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Church, when they will lay a wreath at the memorial on behalf of both schools. Thank you to those pupils in Year 6 who have sold poppies outside school this week and thank you to those of you that have supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

### **Children in Need Appeal – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

Pupils are invited to dress in anything spotted. Our school council will be organising the event this year and you will see their posters advertising the event around school in the run up to next Friday. The school council will be requesting a donation of £1 per pupil, which will be sent to the Children in Need charity.

We do hope that all pupils are able to take part and help to make our school SPOTACULAR on the day.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Diane Risley

## Diary Dates

(Dates and times are correct at time of writing).

<b>NOVEMBER 2017</b>			
Thurs	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	Reception Class "Dark Day"
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.30-9.30pm	HSA Bingo Night
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.30 - 3.00	Y6 Netball Competition at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All Day	Children in Need – SPOTACULAR non-uniform day
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.15pm	Governors Full Board Meeting
Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Evening	Tickhill Late Night Opening/Lights switch on
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.30-3.00	Y3 Dance Festival at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy
<b>DECEMBER 2017</b>			
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	1.30-3.00 pm	HSA Christmas Fair - in school
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00 pm	Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm	Reception and KS1 Christmas Production - in school
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm	Reception and KS1 Christmas Production - in school
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm	Christmas Carol Service at St. Mary's Church
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm	KS2 School Christmas Concert at St. Mary's Church
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	pm	Reception and KS1 Christmas Party – in school
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	pm	KS2 Christmas Party – in school
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	am	Christmas Pantomime – Aladdin
		12.00pm	Christmas Dinner
		3.15pm	School closes for the holiday
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>			
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	All day	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Tues	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.55am	School re-opens for the Spring term.