



NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

Thursday 1st February

Bun fundraiser at
breaktime

Friday 2nd February

9:05am – 9:30am

Class 1 Family Worship

Tuesday 6th February

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Year 2 Topic Showcase

Wednesday 7th

February

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Year 1 Topic Showcase

Friday 9th February

Wear blue for Diabetes
day (more details in
newsletter)

9:05am – 9:30am

Always Worship

**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR
HALF TERM**

Monday 19th February

SCHOOL REOPENS

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The children have all settled back into school life quickly after the Christmas break and are enjoying their learning in school. Why not ask your child their favourite thing they have learnt so far since returning to school?

Reception – [Winter Wonderland](#)

Year 1 - [Superheroes](#)

Year 2 – [Land Ahoy](#)

SIAMS

We look forward to welcoming SIAMS inspector Sue Thackray on Wednesday 31st January for an inspection of our school. A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community. You should have received a letter via email with further details about the inspection process. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Uniform

We have heard about the exciting gifts children received over Christmas and wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that, as per our uniform policy, children are not allowed to wear smart watches in school. If your child would like to wear a watch to help them improve their knowledge of time, they can wear a simple analogue or digital watch only. Watches that have features such as cameras, video software and messaging software are not allowed in school. In addition to this, a reminder that, if your child wears earrings, our policy states that they can wear a single stud only. Finally, we ask that hair accessories are subtle and suitable for school. Thank you for your cooperation with these matters.



Slapped Cheek

As you may already be aware, we have had a number of cases of slapped cheek syndrome in school since returning in January. Children can still come to school with slapped cheek but we wanted to make you aware, in case your child develops the rash. Please click [here](#) for the full NHS guidance on slapped cheek syndrome. Please click [here](#) for the NHS guidance for illnesses and children attending school. If you are ever unsure if your child can attend school, please contact the office for advice.

Mrs Swallow, Head of School

We Keep Children Safe By...

...asking parents/carers to be considerate where they smoke/vape on the pavements outside school. Our smoking/vaping policy states that you cannot smoke or vape anywhere on school grounds. We appreciate that this does not include the pavements directly out of school but ask that parents/carers move away from these areas before beginning to smoke or vape. This reduces the risk of children and other parents/carers inhaling second hand smoke.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy – Infant School

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor at the Infant School to work Monday – Friday from 12:00pm - 1:20pm. This role would start as soon as possible. The main duties of the role would be to support the children in the dining hall during lunch, supervise the children outside and run and engage in fun activities with them. If you would be interested in this role, please contact the Infant School on 01484 714964 for more details.



JOB VACANCY



Wear Blue for Diabetes Day – Friday 9th February 2024

On Friday 9th February 2024, children and staff are invited to come to school wearing blue in support of diabetes. One of our families has organised a charity walk to raise money for the Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Charity as their child, one of our pupils, was recently diagnosed with diabetes. Please click [here](#) for the link to their Just Giving page, if you would like to donate. Alternatively, cash donations can be made on the day to school who will then send this money on. Donations are not compulsory and children can still come to school wearing blue in support of the cause without a donation. As always, your child can wear their school uniform if they would prefer.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

NHS

JustGiving

Courage – Our Value

This half term, our Worship value is Courage. Christians believe that God is always present in every situation. This belief has led to great acts of courage that have included facing danger and opposition, overcoming fear, making a stand for what is right and encouraging others to persevere. Through prayer, people have found the strength to help them to be courageous.

Bible stories that represent this value are:

- A Miraculous Crossing (Exodus 14,15)
- Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 2-4)
- Two Brave Women (Judges 4,5)
- A Test of Courage (Esther 2-9)
- Escape! (1 Samuel 18,19)



Other stories you may wish to explore with your child that have a theme around courage are:

- The Huge Bag of Worries – Virginia Ironside
- Jack's Big Race – Michael Foreman
- The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson
- The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson
- Ringo the Flamingo – Neil Griffiths
- Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo
- Kit's Wilderness – David Almond



Chat Around the Table

During Worships this half term, the children have been learning about the Christian value of courage. The questions below will help them to explore what courage means to them and you:

COURAGE

- When do you show courage?
- How do you show courage?
- How do you feel after you have been brave or courageous?

Reindeer Run

Before Christmas, all the children took part in the Overgate Reindeer Run in school. Your extreme generosity meant, as a school, we raised £1262 for Overgate Hospice!



Thank you for your kindness.



Fairandfunky Workshop

Class 6 enjoyed a creative and interactive session with fairandfunky, learning all about carbon footprints in a workshop funded by Suma Wholefoods. The children discovered lots of little ways we can all have a positive impact on the planet and turn our actions into green and sustainable ones. Each child created a wonderful green heart mobile from recycled materials to show the love for our world and carry the messages of reduce, reuse and recycle out of the classroom.



Annual Fundraising – Bun Donations

On **Thursday 1st February**, we have our bun fundraiser for the children at playtime. You don't need to send money in for this as it was covered in the annual fundraising donation made in September. However, we are asking for donations of buns for the sale. If you would like to donate some buns, please send these in with your child on Thursday morning. We ask that any donations are **nut-free**.

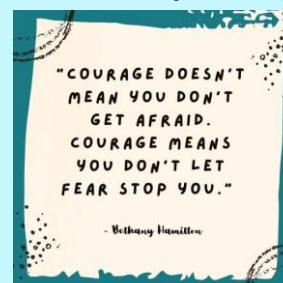
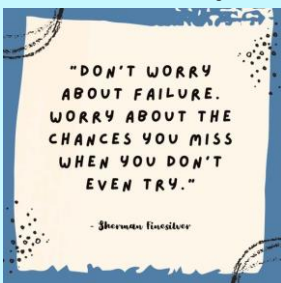


Thank you for your support.



Every Mind Matters

The focus this time is Growth Mindset. Below are some quotes that embody this way of thinking:



Magical Maths

This week's Magical Maths tasks are all about money. It would be really good for the children to see and use some real coins to help with the activities this week.

All the children could look at and learn the value of the coins, you could also discuss what they look like, describe them and ask how they feel. For example, are some heavier or lighter than others? They could sort the coins by shape, colour or size. The children could draw round the coins, trace them or even do some wax rubbings. If you have any foreign currency, they could look at the difference in the coins too.

The children in Reception could count one pence coins and make different amounts with them. Children in KS1 could also count in 1ps, 2ps, 5ps and 10ps. They could also use all coins to make different amounts and you could set up a shop game where the items have a price. Can the children select the correct coins to pay? Are they able to give change? If needed, the children could draw a number line to help them with this activity too.

The QR codes below and links below have some great online money games that the children could also access and play at home:

[Toy Shop Money Game \(GBP\) - Topmarks](#)



[Coins Game for 4-10 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)



[Custom Car Garage \(ictgames.com\)](#)



[The Money Change Game | Online Money Games | MoneySense \(mymoneysense.com\)](#)



MoneySense
Making sense of money



Dear Lord,

Give me patience and faith. With you and in you, all things are possible.

Amen

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a
caring, Christian community

Confident - We embrace challenge and
persevere

Aspire - We aim high

Respectful - We are friends and
cherish God's world

Inclusive - We welcome everyone and
are all of equal worth

Nurturing - We look after each other
so we can all flourish

Generous - We give to each other and
our community



"Love each other as I have loved
you."

John 15:12

LEARN- TOGETHER GROUPS

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF TRANS AND GENDER QUESTIONING CHILDREN

A 6-week course designed to give you the confidence and knowledge to best support your child.

WHO WE ARE



The Brunswick Centre is a charity with 30 years experience working with the communities of Kirklees and Calderdale.



We support LGBTQ+ young people up to age 25. We offer specific support to trans young people, their families and their schools.



All of our training is based in our expert knowledge and experience



CHANGING LIVES, CHANGING PERCEPTIONS

COURSE OUTLINE

The learning group sessions will be held February 2024 at a location in Hudds. Details will be shared once a sign-up form has been completed.

We will cover everything from words and what it all means, to pronouns; from transitioning to your child's rights in school.

The group will be a safe space to learn alongside other parents and carers who are on the same journey, and where you can get answers to any questions you have.

There will also be an opportunity to join regular parent/carers meet-ups facilitated by The Brunswick Centre.



For more information or to book on:



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