

## Word from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you've had a relaxing half term, enjoying time away from screens and finding ways to be active in some way. As the sun shines brightly into my office, and I see children loving the chance to play out without coats, it's incredible to believe that just a couple of weeks ago the ground was covered in a blanket of snow and ice. Spring is almost definitely upon us with milder weather, longer days and spring flowers popping up.

A feeling of positivity has prevailed throughout school this week, undoubtedly helped with the announcement that all pupils will be returning on 8<sup>th</sup> March. I'm sure this is a huge relief to you all and for the vast majority of children, a prospect filled with excitement and enthusiasm.

We've come such a long way since the last lockdown and the support from my leadership team to ensure school will be ready to welcome everyone back has been outstanding. I can assure you the safety of all our children and staff will continue to be of paramount importance.

We know our focus once again will be to quickly establish where every child is at and to adapt our curriculum to focus on getting the children to where they need to be academically, yet also being mindful of their emotional well-being. We cannot underestimate the importance of children being reunited with friends and class mates, having the chance to reconnect, interact and socialise with each other. Teachers will re-build the sense of belonging and togetherness in their classrooms along with re-establishing a caring and supportive ethos.

As acknowledged many times we know home learning has been a juggling act for many of you, working valiantly to ensure your children are receiving education as well as balancing work commitments. You have all done the best you can and your children will have benefited in so many different ways. They will have learnt more than you know. Please try not to worry about your child falling behind and allow us to play the catch up game for one more time.

I'm hoping this will be the final full reopening of school. I could not have expected any more from colleagues who have gone above and beyond to support remote learning and in school provision. Clearly we are not out of the woods just yet as all of the markers on the Prime Minister's roadmap are moveable if numbers change in any way. It is our duty to do what we can until we have more freedoms and organised events begin to happen. We are fortunate to have had very few positive cases in school, and whilst some of this is down to luck, it is also due to the speedy reactions of yourselves when health concerns have arisen. For this I am extremely grateful.

I am already daring to dream of sports day, trips out, musical performances, games fixtures and other summer events that will bring our whole school community together. Let's continue to support each other and hopefully our dreams of holidays along with family and friends' gatherings, will soon be a reality.

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Fulstow



*Delighted that moments like this will soon be returning. Looking forward to seeing everyone again very soon!*

## Mud Kitchen

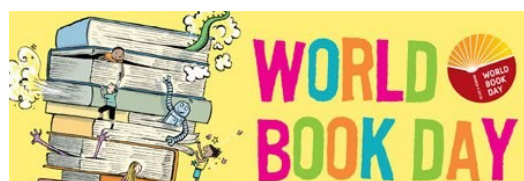
Special thanks to Mrs Hall who won the mud kitchen through the FESA Christmas raffle but kindly donated it to the school. It takes pride of place in the outdoor area in reception, I am sure the children will enjoy playing with it for many years to come!



Made by My Mud Kitchen  
<https://www.mymudkitchen.co.uk/>

## World Book Day Events-New Date

We would like to celebrate World Book Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> March (rather than the 5<sup>th</sup> March) when all the children will be back in school. We know this is always a day many children enjoy and look forward to. We would like all children to be included and involved in the celebrations. More details to follow.



## Did you know?

East Ridings Children's Centres are now offering their Family Links course remotely making it even more easy, flexible and convenient to access.

Let's face it, family life can be hard work at times, perhaps even more so during this difficult time. From understanding your child's behaviour, changes in your relationships and even just making sense of what it means to be a parent, this popular Family Links course can help you work it all out!

The virtual programme runs over 12 weeks with 1 focus parenting topic each week. Information relating to that week's topic is sent by email and the content typically takes between 5-10 minutes to read. Their experienced team will then schedule a flexible telephone call to fit in with your availability. This is an opportunity for you to discuss, ask questions or get further advice about that week's topic. The programmes topics include:

- Praise is magic
- Paying attention to the right things
- What behaviour should you ignore
- Parenting styles
- Appropriate expectations
- Discipline and boundaries
- Time to calm down
- Family rules
- Managing anger and other feelings
- Choices and consequences
- Problem solving and negotiating.



Feedback from some of our Elloughton parents who have done the course is very positive:

"It really opened my eyes to the fact that everyone is so different and not to treat everyone the same. The course was very much based on empathy and this is something I have since found works wonders! The exercises and book are also so good to have around afterwards as it is easy to be so tired and forget what is right in front of you! It teaches a whole other language for effective communication with children, which can be embraced in many other scenarios. I found it so useful and only wished I had benefited from doing it when the children were younger."

"I was reluctant about doing the course at first because I felt like I'd tried everything but I thought what have I got to lose?". The course helped me to see things differently, from my child's point of view and helped me reflect. We still use the Family Rules the course helped us create and lots of the calming techniques. It was really nice to have someone supportive to talk to too and reassured you that you are doing a good job. I would definitely recommend this course".

If you are interested in signing up for this course you can either contact Brough Children's Centre on 01482 669474 or email Mrs Dakin on [hdakin@epsch.co.uk](mailto:hdakin@epsch.co.uk) for a referral form.

## Letter to the Queen

Theo in Year 3 recently wrote a very thoughtful letter to the Queen and received this response from Windsor Castle. How truly wonderful!



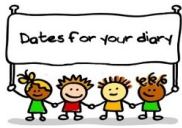
## Save Bewerley Park and East Barnby

Under normal circumstances, our Year 6 children have a residential visit to East Barnby which we have all enjoyed for many years. Unfortunately North Yorkshire County Council are looking to close/reduce the only two council run Outdoor Educational Centres in North Yorkshire. To try and save Bewerley Park and East Barnby, please go to the following website to sign the petition:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-bewerley-park-east-barnby>







Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day Events

(Dress up as your favourite book character)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April Parents' Evening

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April Parents' Evening

(Further details to follow)

All dates can be viewed on the calendar on the website

### Staffing

Mr Mawe, our caretaker is currently absent from school. Mrs Fulstow is currently undertaking additional duties in his absence until suitable cover can be sought.



### Holiday Clubs

We are hoping to run our holiday club again every day for the first 3 weeks of the summer holidays depending on demand. You will have received an email earlier today with details on how to book and make payment. Payment will not be due until we confirm which dates are definitely going ahead.



**Holiday Clubs**

### Term and Holiday Dates 2020/2021

#### Autumn Term

 Opens Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Closes Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020  
Re-Opens Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020  
Closes Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

#### Spring Term

 Opens Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Closes Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Re-Opens Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
Closes Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### Summer Term

 Opens Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Closed Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 (Bank Holiday)  
Closes Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Re-Opens Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Closes Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

#### Teacher Training Days

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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### Term and Holiday Dates 2021/2022

#### Autumn Term

 Opens Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021  
Re-Opens Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021  
Closes Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

#### Spring Term

 Opens Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Closes Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
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Closes Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Summer Term

 Opens Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 (Bank Holiday)  
Closes Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
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