

February Newsletter 2019

...Education for Lifelong Learning

Spring Term- Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
February	
11 th – 13 th 13 th / 14 th	Forest School Author to Visit School
15 th	Themed Day with a Planetarium for Y4/5/6 pupils
8 th	Miss Johnson Y4/5 Class Assembly
18 th -22 nd HALF TERM	
25 th	Pupils Return to School
March	
4 th	Dads, Lads and Lasses Event 5.30-6.30
5 th	I.E.P Reviews for pupils in FS, Y1, Y2
19 th	I.E.P Reviews for pupils in Y3,4,5,6
6 th	Y4,5,6 Trip to the Space Centre, Leicester
7 th	World Book Day- Pupils Dress Up
8 th	Miss Hickling Y1 Class Assembly
11 th /12 th	Parents Evenings 4-7pm (Online Appointment Bookings to follow)
14 th	Y4/5/6 Space Centre Leicester Trip

Date	Event
March	
18 th -22 nd	Literacy In Action- Timetable to follow
25 th -29 th	Learning Showcase FS, Y1, Y2, Y6
25 th	Y3,4,5 Production 6.30
26 th	Y3,4,5 Production Afternoon Show: Time TBC
26 th	Y3,4,5 Production 6.30
April	
1 st -5 th	Forest School Learning Experiences
5 th	Pupils finish at 2pm
23 rd	Pupils Return to the Academy for the Summer Term

* You are invited to attend these events



It is February Already!

Welcome to our February newsletter. Pupils are enjoying their learning within the Academy with a variety of exciting aspects to our Curriculum. These include experiences within our Immersive Suite, writing newspaper reports, life simulation sessions, weekly sporting challenges and cookery!

Much new learning has already taken place and we are delighted to see that all pupils are embracing their new skills and knowledge with a good attitude.

Roald Dahl Evening- KS2

Thank you for your support with regards to the Roald Dahl evening. We have raised a total of £404.88 as a result of this exciting evening. This will go towards purchasing more Book Blog Books for our school library. The pupils had a really positive evening which I hope that they later shared with you at home. Thank you for organising the wonderful costumes, it contributed to the success of the evening and the overall experience for the children. They were fully immersed in the 'World of Roald Dahl', making potions, completing artistic, scientific and physical challenges and answering quiz questions. We hope that this has fostered a love of reading his books!

We welcome your views- reminder

Following a recent review of the Academy reports, we are looking at potentially making some changes. We would like to share some samples with you and have the opportunity to discuss this further. If you are interested in this, please attend a parental forum on **28th February 9.10 am.**

In addition to this, we will be discussing the format of the homework for our pupils. We would welcome your views in this forum.

Enterprise

As part of their Enterprise work, our Year 6 children are collecting empty crisp packets (any brand) for recycling. The school will receive a cash reward for every box of crisp packets that is sent off. Crisp packets can be dropped off at either of the Year 6 classrooms or at the main office.

Adverse Weather Reminder

During adverse weather, details of any closures, should they need to be made, will be communicated directly using our text messaging service and where possible, we will leave a message on the school website. In addition, closures will also be broadcast on LINC FM and BBC Radio Lincolnshire as well as on the Lincolnshire County Council

snowline webpage. Please let the office know if any of your mobile phone numbers have recently changed. Additionally, the gritting plan for the Academy is published on the School notice board next to the Foundation Stage Playground. Thank you.

World Book Day Reminder

We would like to remind you of the forthcoming **World Book Day on 7th March.** We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful outfits relating to the books which our pupils have read.

Morning Work Time

Our morning work time from 8.50 to 9.05 is prime learning time during which teaching staff work with pupils, either individually or in small groups, to focus upon their personal targets in learning or recap their learning from the previous day.

Whilst we understand that parents/carers may wish to pass information on to staff when dropping off their child in the morning, please can we ask that this is kept to a minimum to enable this very important learning activity to take place effectively. Messages regarding collection arrangements or appointments should be given directly to the office staff. Please be assured that information given to the office or leaders on the playground will be passed on to teaching staff where needed. Should you have specific concerns regarding your child's learning or welfare, office staff will be happy to arrange a meeting outside of teaching hours for this to be discussed in full with your child's teacher.

Academy Renovation Update

Thank you for your patience during the renovation of the mobiles. The Village Kids Club is now located in the mobiles which allows for further options with our extracurricular activities offered.

Break Times/ Snacks

Witham St Hughs Academy is proud to take part in the 'Healthy Schools' scheme which promotes positive attitudes to food and health.

Please can we remind you that only healthy snacks are permitted during break time in the morning. Free fruit is provided for KS1 pupils and healthy snacks are on sale for all pupils via the Tuck Shop. Additionally, may we remind you that all pupils should have only water in their water bottle during the school day.

Thank you for your support.

Oversized Bags

We are continuing to find that pupils are struggling to store their belongings in school because they are bringing very large rucksacks and bags which do not fit into their lockers. Please consider this when pupils are replacing their current rucksack.

PTFA Update

The Valentines Disco will be held at school on **11th February 2019**. The FS and KS1 event will be from 5-6pm and the KS2 event from 6.15-7.15pm. Tickets will be on sale via the new online PTFA system.

Using your mobile, tablet or computer visit www.pta-events.co.uk/withamsthughspfta Click on the register button to enter your details into the form and then confirm. Please **ensure that you pay** using this system and refer to the email that was sent out on Thursday 24th January for further support.

Assessments Y1/2/6

Please find the dates for National Tests below. It is vital with regards to School Data and your child's own personal records that your child is present within these weeks:

Y1: Phonics Screen Test: w/c 10th June 2019

Y2 SATs: Throughout May 2019 (no specific dates)

Y6 SATs: Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2019 (inclusive)

Yours sincerely,



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