



# Newsletter - Issue 3

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## Dates for your Diary

3<sup>rd</sup> October: Y3/Y4 Girls  
Football Finals at Wath 4pm –  
6pm  
9<sup>th</sup> October: 3SW at Broom  
Methodist Church  
10<sup>th</sup> October: Y6 visit to  
Crucial Crew  
10<sup>th</sup> October: Y3/Y4 Boys  
Football Finals at Wath 4pm –  
6pm  
17<sup>th</sup> October: Y5/Y6 Open  
Afternoon 1.30pm - 4.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> October: 3RE at Broom  
Methodist Church  
17<sup>th</sup> October: Y3 – Y6 Hockey  
Competition at Oakwood  
12pm – 3pm  
17<sup>th</sup> October: Y5 – Y6 Girls  
Football Finals at Wath 4pm –  
6pm  
18<sup>th</sup> October: Y3-Y6 Open  
Evening 4pm -7pm  
19<sup>th</sup> October: Y3/Y4 Open  
Afternoon 1.30pm - 4.30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> October: Y3/4 & Y5/6  
Cross Country Finals at  
Herringthorpe Stadium 10am  
– 12pm

## School Crossing Patrol Survey

Over the coming weeks, a school crossing patrol survey will take place around school. The survey takes the form of a pedestrian and vehicle count which is achieved by the use of cameras and monitored by technicians. You may notice surveillance activities in and around school in the coming weeks - these have been formally commissioned with an approved Contractor – TRACSIS UK. All surveillance data captured by the cameras will be stored securely and will only be used for the purposes of this survey.

## Eid Celebration

Thank you to all of the parents and helpers that supported the school during the Eid celebration. It was lovely to see such an excellent turnout in memory of a wonderful lady. We would like to thank Sayida's family for helping to organise the event which raised approximately £1250.

## PTA Meeting

The PTA team will be meeting with Mrs Doughty on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am. If you would like to join the team, feel free to attend. The team will meet in reception.

## **Let's Celebrate**

### **Attendance**

Good attendance at school is vital to enable children to make as much progress as possible during the school year. We urge you not to take holidays during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. We look to achieve at least 97% attendance across school each week and always recognise the good attendance of individual children throughout the year. Each week we also look at class attendances and our best attending classes take the certificate for the week, go in first for dinner on Friday and earn a smile each. During our second week back we hit 98.2% across school –above target. Well done to the 10 classes who had attendance above target.

**3NO: 100%**

**5HS: 99.7%**

**5RE: 99.3%**

**3SW: 99.2%**

**3RE: 98.9%**

**5ND: 98.9%**

**6EL: 98%**

**4GO: 98%**

**4GT: 97.9%**

**6NE: 97.2%**

6JB: 96%

4JF: 95.7%

### **Star Learners of the Week**

Well done to the following children selected as star learners in their classes: Zahra Shah, Matthew Jackson, Suharah Rashid, Jack Davison, Hisham Azam, Ntando Nyoni and Dale Linaker.

## **Y5 News**

This week, in English, the children will continue to work on our class read, Charlotte's Web, drawing inferences about characters and events and finding evidence in the text. They will also look carefully at a range of non-fiction texts and begin to plan out a non-chronological report about a creature of their choice.

In Maths, the children will continue to count backwards and forwards in powers of 10 as well as reading, writing and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000.

The children will continue their work on Beast Creator, thinking about different minibeasts and where in the world they might live. They will plan and carry out their own investigation to find out which habitats a woodlouse likes best, and why.

### Y4 News

In Maths, we will continue to develop our understanding on finding 1000 more or less than any given number. We will be looking carefully at the place value of each digit in a 4-digit number and we will use practical resources to support our understanding. Further, we will work hard to improve our scores on our weekly checks in maths by applying our new learning.

In our English lessons, we will begin the week by looking at the use of inverted commas and we will learn how we can incorporate speech into our newspaper reports. We will then use the success criteria that we developed last week to plan our own newspaper reports before beginning to write them.

In Topic lessons, we will be continuing our work on Roman coins. The children have worked hard looking at the features of the coins so we will now move on to working with clay. Finally, we will finish the week by looking at settlements before creating our own. In particular, we will focus on the design and use of Roman roads.

### Open Afternoon/Evening

Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive an email/mobile phone text inviting you to attend open afternoon/evening. Once received, please follow the instructions in the email/text to book a ten minute slot for you to visit your child's class teacher to find out how they have settled into their new school year.

The dates and times are as follows:

17th October: Y5/Y6 Open Afternoon  
1.30pm - 4.30pm

18th October: Y3-Y6 Open Evening 4pm -  
7pm

19th October: Y3/Y4 Open Afternoon  
1.30pm - 4.30pm

### Y3 News

All the children have now been given their book bags, along with 2 reading books and a reading diary. Please remind your child to bring their book bag into school every day and if they read at least 4 times in a week (Friday-Thursday) they will receive a smile.

In English, this week, we will continue to read The Iron Man. During reading, the children will be continuing to develop their skills in drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence, discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination, and predicting what might happen from details stated or implied.

In Maths, the children will be continuing to develop their skills in place value. They will be embedding their skills in how to count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100, find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number, compare and order numbers up to 1000 and read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words.

In Topic, they will be learning about the properties of different metals and plan and undertake investigations into the rusting and cleaning of metals.

Finally, all of the children, staff and parents had a fantastic day out at Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The children's behaviour was exceptionally good and they learnt a lot about the sculptures on display, their creators and the materials used to build them. For more information and some photos of the day, please see the Year 3 page of the school website: <https://sitwelljuniorschool.co.uk/year-groups/year-3/>

## Sitwell Seven

The 'Value of the Week' is Resilience. Children will learn the importance of managing distractions, approaching a challenge positively, not being put off by difficulties and finding ways to overcome them.

In school, we will nurture positive qualities, such as empathy, optimism and forgiveness and will identify and reinforce qualities that are key to resilience. We will also set high expectations for our children; teach them to set realistic, achievable goals and also how to reach out for help when needed.

At home, you can discuss the importance of resilience and encourage them to become more independent by making their own bed, looking after themselves and tidying up. Encourage your child to express feelings and thoughts and also listen to those of others. Teach them the importance of making time to eat properly, exercise and rest. Finally, make sure your child has time to have fun and make sure that they haven't scheduled every moment of their life with no "down time" to relax. Caring for oneself and even having fun will help your child stay balanced and better able to deal with stressful times.

**Any photographs, outside of school, which show your child developing one of the Sitwell Seven Values would be greatly appreciated and may feature in the next weekly newsletter.**

## Y6 News

In Maths, Year 6 will be further developing our understanding of numbers and place value up to 100,000,000 by comparing and ordering them. Following this, we will move on to rounding numbers.

The children's' newspaper reports are coming along nicely and they are working hard to include all the key features of the genre and expand their use of language. This week, they will be publishing their newspaper reports using Word to make them look professional, including columns and a catchy headline. They will then include pictures with captions. I can't wait to see them on display along with the frog art work they have been working on!

In Topic, Year 6 will be learning about and taking their own fingerprints. They will learn all the different types of fingerprints, along with the different abnormalities that can be found in them. Children will then become detectives, using magnifying glasses, to look for the different types of abnormalities in their own fingerprint.

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the SATs meeting on Tuesday afternoon. If you were unable to attend, you can view the PowerPoint presentation on the school website in the Year 6 home learning section. If you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Year 6 team.