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Hillary Herald

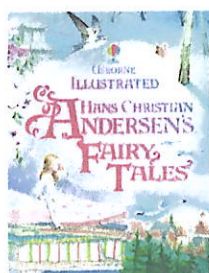
The Spring Term has made a blustery start and currently blowing some cobwebs away. The children came back brilliantly in the first few days but were really tired by Friday. My Friday afternoon Assembly story turned into a little more of bedtime story with some sleepy infants! More on that in this version of Herald – and more on Christmas Holidays also...

Holiday Pattern for 2023-24

The Governors last night adopted a change to the school holiday dates from those previously presented on the school website. This involves a 'disaggregation' of Inset Days: the staff will make up the time in Twilight Training sessions. This will afford us two clear weeks at Christmas. The dates that the Council initially put out for this year's return to school was in August. This was changed to the children starting back 6th September.

Hans Christian Andersen Stories

How many can you name? In Assembly last week we started at stories written by Hans the term with a retelling of The Emperor's New Clothes. I will be telling a few more over this Spring Term but I'd really like to encourage you all to be using these as excellent Bed Time Stories for the children. There is an excellent collection that is beautifully illustrated by Usborne for about £12. Cheap as chips (nearly literally) for good food for the soul that will stay with the children for ever. Children at KS2 should be able to read them to themselves, so a copy by their bedside is highly recommended. I've made a poster you can keep on your fridge (with term dates on the reverse!) **We are a school that loves reading- why not everybody read the same book this Spring!**



World Book Day

Continuing a celebration of Reading at SHE, we intend to have a day to have some real fun around books and their characters World Book Day is on the 2nd March this year, just after the half term holiday. Get planning that Book Character costume!

Census Day Lunches

Census Day is on its way- please plan for your children to have a school lunch on **19th January**. We have adjusted the menu order to help give a truer reflection of the meals taken in a year, so we will be serving Fish & Chips with Peas and Cornflake Tart, or Jacket Potato on the Thursday and the Roast will be on Friday.

In explanation: - One of the oddities of school funding is that we are given the portion of our funding for Universal Free School Meals (Dinners for Reception and KS1) based on the numbers eating a meal on a single day (Thursday 19th Jan) rather than as an aggregate of dinners actually served over the year. This has meant that in previous years we were running at a loss as the day the government appointed to take the figures was a day when fewer children were taking dinners. So it really helps that as many children as possible, especially FS2 & KS1, have a school meal. It is a simple step that can have an effect on our school budget that can run into the thousands. We will send a text next week to remind parents in Fnd2/ KS1.

Sports Partners

We are always on the look out for community partnerships with local coaches to help establish a healthy activity link in and out of school. Unfortunately, through the pandemic and immediately after, we have lost some of our amazing providers that we could previously rely on. If you are engaged in any way in sporting activities in the community with coaches who may be interested in coming in and doing sessions in school, we would be really pleased to hear from you- or them! Mrs Newton prepares the timetabling of coaches and it would be great to include some fresh faces. Please ask around and put us in touch with each other. In other sporting news- Netball posts have arrived so Mrs Gillert will be back on Lunchtime Basketball playing soon.

Football Team

We have all been really impressed with the Football Team this year. The way they play together as a team; tier communication and allowing each other to use their best skills has been a joy to watch. Mr Handley has been doing a cracking job with them in training and with the return to competitive inter school matches its worth sharing the outcomes so far. We lost our Cup match but are currently undefeated in the League:

SEH 1 vs. Prospect Jnr 3

Priory 2 vs SEH 3

SEH 6 vs Carhill 1

SEH 10 vs Gateford 0

Nails, Ear-rings & Uniform

A reminder that there should be no jewellery worn in school- especially bracelets and necklaces. Analogue watches are allowed- no communication devices or ones with cameras. With the current trend for fashion nails we are needing to remind children that nail polish is not part of uniform and so, even less so, are acrylic extensions.

We only allow small studs. Children must not wear ear-rings for sports & therefore should be self-managing in taking them in and out- especially swimming. Teachers do not do this and we do not 'tape them over' either.

We have already noted some non-uniform footwear. **Black Shoes- no trainers, please**

Lunch Time Supervision

We are on the look out for Supply Mid Day Supervisors, to work in school over lunch when a regular Mid-day Supervisor may be unavailable. The hours are 11.20 am to 1.15 pm. If anyone is interested in doing either part or all of the time then please be in touch with the office as soon as possible.

Parking Issues

We are still having some complaints about parking around school and the lack of consideration to others. This compromises children's safety. So please don't be in such a rush that you need to park close to school.

- Take the opportunity to give your child walking time.
- Find safe places that give space for pedestrians to see round cars- avoid corners and bends.
- Never park on the Double Yellows- they are there to allow children / pedestrians to see traffic coming.

And please don't compromise driveways- be a good neighbour.

Governors

Following the election of Adam Cocking at the Parent Governor Election last term, the Governors have appointed Louise Gomez Lee as a Co-opted Governor. Mr Simon Greaves stood down as LA representative and we are therefore looking for another LA appointment to the Governing Body.

Winter Weather Closures

Whilst the long term forecast is looking relatively positive with regards our chances of getting snow sufficient to close the school, an outside chance of a shedload of snow or a boiler breakdown can never be ruled out. We know that if the Site Manager can get here then we can make the school site safe enough, our most significant issue after that is having the right number of staff here to operate. A reminder, then, about how we will inform you if we do need to close follows: -

- **Please don't ring the school-** you will only be told, "We will make a decision by 8.00am." We need phone lines open for staff.
- Any decisions are usually finally made between 7.45 and 8.00am once we are sure how many staff can be on site to ensure the correct adult/ pupil ratios are in place.
- No news is good news- so if you don't hear anything then we're open as normal.
- Listen to Trax FM or BBC Radio Nottingham
- We will send a text by 8.00 am if there is any doubt.
- Children arriving for breakfast club- if we do close we will look after your children until lunchtime. We are confident that we can have sufficient staff to be on site until then.

Everybody has different circumstances and you need to make your own risk assessment as to whether it is safe for you to get out.

Different areas around Worksop have different issues. It takes longer if you are walking so do not worry if you are late. Snow brings exceptional conditions and children are not penalised in terms of attendance figures.

SnapChat Issues & E- Safety

We have been quite taken aback by the current number of children on SnapChat. This is a site where you should be 13 or older - and for good reason. Some children have seen highly inappropriate material through anonymous friends of friends adding them to groups - even though their parents have set their contact list to only known friends. The same thing can happen in Whatsapp as well. We have to take the view that 'friends of friends' are 'Groomers' because there is no evidence that they are anything other. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S PROFILE; the content, the settings, and their contacts and groupings.

The best thing that you can do is not allow your child on Social Media Sites as they are not mature enough to handle these environments even with supervision, they will say/send, hear/ receive things that they would not do in real-life. Please maintain age guidance and when children protest "But my friends..." the answer is *'shouldn't be on it either'* and uphold the age related advice and not allow them to participate. There are loads of age appropriate ways for children to enjoy internet based services; concentrate on these.

This week you should have received a booklet called Digital Parenting, released by Vodaphone that has some advice and ways to think through IT and your child.

We also put out some advice on setting Parental controls before children opened tech presents at Christmas- go to

www.internetmatters.org

Swimming We could still do with some regular help for the swimming walk on Thursday morning up until February. Particularly to support Ms Howard's class. They leave approx.9.40 and return 11.30am



Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will be after half term. Look out for the letters via pupil post to make sure the appointment system can be organised. They will be **Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March.**

FOSEH

The Friends of Sir Edmund Hillary School are a group who raise funds to pay for things that the normal School Budget may not reach to.

Regular contributions are such things as Christmas parties and presents from Santa, end of year gifts for the Year 6 leavers. But we have also had big targets like the Trim Trail and the Light and Sound system in the Hall.

We do this by holding events such as Pie & Pea Bingo evenings, discos and fairs, but to be able to continue we need more people to join us. So why not come along to one of our meetings, dates will be text out from the office, as well as on our notice boards in the playground, so please keep an eye out. Looking forward to seeing you all.

4th Feb- Pie & Pea Bingo – Fun for all the family
The Friends of Sir Edmund Hillary.

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Nottinghamshire's Local Offer: Supporting families with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities aged 0 - 25

If you've ever struggled to find the right information or service for a child or young person with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), then check out the SEND Local Offer website.

The Local Offer brings together information across education, health, social care and the voluntary and independent sectors and is designed specifically for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families.

Use the Local Offer for ideas for things to do; details of nurseries, schools and colleges; help with getting around; advice and access to health and social care; employment and training; advice on Independent Living, and more.

It's free and impartial and will help you find information about what services are available, or signpost you to somebody who can provide you with the information you need, through one easily searchable web site.

Visit www.nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk.

Accessible through a PC, tablet or smartphone.

Young Voices

The choir are sounding just spectacular at the moment. (Well actually the whole school is – so on Thursdays we have Singing Assembly with Mr Safrany followed by choir, and the strength of the singing is a real pleasure to be caught up in)

It would not surprise me if the lucky people who manage to get to hear us at Young Voices on 2nd February at the Sheffield Arena will be able to hear us as a choir above the rest! (well maybe not- there will be thousands of children there)



Current Attendance: 93%

Our target is: 96%

Thank you to those parents who have taken note about whole school attendance. We are still however, having too many absences for holiday. Our starting points in making decisions about holidays are these:

- Having a family holiday away is not a legal right, but a child's education is.
- There are 13 weeks in a year to go away in.
- We never authorise holidays in September; in assessment weeks in May and June; applications longer than 5 days.
- We will only authorise a holiday / Leave of Absence if you have difficulty with employer's deciding when the holidays can be taken, or other mitigating circumstances that are exceptional.

Children's attendance has seriously been compromised by the pandemic and the subsequent hurdle of getting our immune systems back up to speed, so it still needs to be a priority. That our attendance is as shockingly low as it is above- is not unusual – it is the same across the country.

Well done for persevering through the coughs and colds of this winter season. Bizarrely it's all part of actually being healthy.

News from Club Ed

Club Ed is our afterschool club. The afterschool club is from the end of school until 6pm. You can use as much or as little of this time as you need as we only charge for what you use. We provide a healthy breakfast before school and snack after school. There is a large range of indoor and outdoor equipment to play with. Flexi hours are catered for, so if you need childcare on a different day each week or once a month or even if it's same day notice we will try and help.

Contact the school office for further details:

01909 473982

Out of office hours:

07881 451499

Twitter

Don't forget you can find us on Twitter- Follow the link from the website and add us.

Diary Dates

These dates are when we currently plan to do certain events within the school calendar and may be subject to change.

8 th February	- Valentines Disco
13 th February	- Half Term holiday
20 th February	- Inset Day
2 nd March	- World Book Day
13 th & 14 th March	- Parents Evenings
17 th March	- Comic Relief Day
3-10 th April	- Easter Holiday
1 st May	- Bank Holiday
8 th May	- Coronation Bank Holiday
9-12 th May	- Y6 Sats
22-23 rd May	- Y5/6 Extended Visit
27 th May	- Summit Day
29 th May	- Summer Half Term
9 th June	- Class Photos
3 rd July	- Inset Day
26 th July	- Summer Holiday Starts
6 th September	- Children Return

SEHPS seeks to make any reasonable adjustment for any access needs that you may have. Please inform us if there is any way in which we can better arrange access for you and your family.

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 School Holidays

 Public Holidays

 Administration Day*

 Inset Days

Autumn Term

4 September - 20 October **7 weeks**

6 November - 22 December **7 weeks**

Spring Term

4 January - 9 February **5 weeks 2 days N**

19 February - 29 March **5 weeks 4 days**

Summer Term

15 April - 24 May **5 weeks 4 days**

3 June - 26 July **8 weeks**

*Nottinghamshire County Council suggests that the first day of the new school year in September is taken as an administration day/teacher training day. Please note this may vary as schools are responsible for setting these days.



HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

WHICH STORIES HAVE YOU READ?

THE SNOW
QUEEN
THE TINDER
BOX
THE WILD
SWANS



THE BRAVE
TIN SOLDIER
THE UGLY
DUCKLING
THE LITTLE
MERMAID

CAN YOU NAME THE CHARACTER OR STORY FROM THE PICTURES?



Stupid is as stupid
does- and can
make you look
ridiculous.
Speak your mind.

MORALS & MEANINGS

HE LIKED TO WRITE STORIES WHICH HAD MORE
PURPOSE THAN JUST BEING A GOOD STORY.

CAN YOU WORK OUT THE STORY FROM ITS
MORAL?

Don't judge by
appearances.

MORAL?

Take pleasure in
Nature not expens-
ive things.
Nature is free -
technology will let
you down.

Love can soften the
hardest of hearts-
but it takes a lot of
effort.



Everyone is valuable. Don't believe anyone
who makes you feel bad about yourself.

