

Welcome to our...        
**School Newsletter**

**A Great Term in School** We have had a very successful ½ term in school with many achievements both on a sporting and academic level.

**What have we been up to this half term?**

**Sporting Achievements** We have had a very sporty half term and our sports teams have been involved in many competitions and they have achieved some great results, but most importantly these children need to be commended on their teamwork, attitude and sportsmanship at all the events we have played in. They have been a credit to themselves, parents and school.



West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals



Wakefield Tag Rugby Finals



West Yorkshire Hockey Finals



Yr 3, 4 Pyramid Football



Wakefield Football Finals



West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals

**Easter Celebrations & Egg Rolling**

We have had some fantastic Easter celebrations in school beginning with a lovely service in church on Monday, followed by a Key Stage 1 Chocolate musical linked to their project and a craft morning and singing in Foundation Stage. All children and staff have worked very hard preparing for these lovely events and need to be thanked for their efforts. Today has been our annual egg rolling and decorated egg competition.



Pyramid Football Competition



**Project Celebrations** Year 3 & 4 have organised, publicised and created interactive exhibits for their public project exhibition in Thornes Park this afternoon. All visitors were very impressed by the work the children have produced and how much they learned from taking part in the activities with the children.

**Fundraising** A big thank you to Years 1 and 2 for their fundraising efforts for Candlelighters as part of their project and thank you to all who bought raffle tickets at the Easter celebrations.

A big thank you also needs to go to all who sponsored the early years children for their sponsored Bunny Hop, lots of money was raised to improve our outdoor provision.



**Documentary** We have had the honour of being chosen to be part of a documentary about Methodist Schools in Britain to be shown at Methodist Conference in June. Filming will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April if you do not want your child to be involved please inform the school office.

**Goodbyes and Hellos** As you know **Mr Dickinson** is leaving and may we take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of the staff team and children for his energy, forward thinking and sense of humour. He has had a massive impact on school life. We wish him all the best for the future. We also want to wish **Mr Gough** well as he moves to his next teaching post, he will be sadly missed by class 4 who have greatly enjoyed having him as their teacher, he will be replaced by **Miss Rogers** from the start of next term. I am sure she will continue class 4's learning journey seamlessly and will ensure the children continue to achieve and progress. Mrs Fyfe is not yet ready to return to work in nursery so will be covered by **Mrs Trainor** on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Harris will be staying with us permanently as part-time teacher in year two and covering in nursery on a Tuesday and Thursday in Mrs Fyfe's absence.



**Giggles and Scribbles** Our before and after school club is proving very popular with children and parents. We offer care from 7.45-8.55am and 3.30-6.00pm. Sessions cost £5.00 for 1hr each day, £8.50 for 2hrs, £11.00 for 3 hrs and £12.00 for 3 hrs or more. There is also a 10% discount for each additional child.

**Safeguarding** It has been brought to our attention that there is a highly dangerous game that has hit social media it is called **The Blue Whale Game**. The game is played online and spreads through social media. Players are appointed a "master/teacher" and these "masters/teachers" challenge the players in stages, to tattoo a Blue Whale somewhere on the body, usually the arm or the leg. As the game goes on the players are encouraged to self-harm and the final challenge is to commit suicide. All these actions have to be filmed and shared via social media to the so called "master/teacher". The game is being played by children of all ages, some as young as primary age, but predominantly by teenagers. Please ensure you are aware of what your child is accessing online.

**Traffic and Parking** Can parents please take care whilst driving and parking near school. There have been some concerns raised about parents parking irresponsibly sometimes on the pavement close to school. Could parents also show consideration for the local residents when parking to ensure cars are not blocking driveways. We have also had a report of some damage being caused to a local residents gates as a car was turning around.

### **Dates to Remember!**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – School Opens after half term.

**And finally...** I hope you all have a great Easter with your families and return fit and well after the break ready to start the summer term with some great new projects planned.

**To see regular updates of the great things happening in school follow us on Twitter @WakefieldMetSch**

