

Friday 23 February 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you had a lovely half term holiday and your children have enjoyed their week back in school.

We are very much looking forward to World Book Day and our visit from Kjartan Poskitt who is best known for writing the Murderous Maths children's series of books (1 March 2018). Children are also welcome to dress up as a character from a book on this day. There will be a charge of £1 to do so and the funds raised will be donated to a charity. As we did with the Guide Dogs, we will facilitate children voting for the charity that they wish to support.

Our PTA have also researched a sponsored reading event which will help us to get more reading resources in school. We are really committed to taking this event forward and I will inform you of the detail in due course.

During the assembly on Monday, we will be updating children in terms of the progress of our Guide Dog Puppies (Joy and Berry) and how they are progressing in their training.

We would be delighted if families of the Honest Hawthorns could come and support their class assembly on Wednesday 28 February 2018. The assembly will focus on their topic, "it's a Bugs life." the children have been preparing with great effort and so I am confident that they will do a terrific job.

In the newsletter, I often take the opportunity to share with you ways in which we are supported by the Trust. I will continue to do this but I also want to let you know how hard the professionals at Ryecroft Academy are working (teaching and non-teaching). I am very lucky to have such a committed team and what I admire most about them is how genuine and wholehearted they are in their desire to do the best they can for your children. I thank them most sincerely for this. I can assure you that they are making a really positive difference.

Next week marks the start of The GORSE Spelling Bee. This is a really exciting competition that begins as an inter-school competition but then extends across the whole Trust. Year 5 and 6 begin this next week with the top 3 performers progressing to the next round of the competition! Go team Ryecroft!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Townsley
Principal

Parents' Coffee Mornings at Ryecroft Academy

These sessions continue to take place every Friday morning at 9.00am in the Branches room. (Parents will need to sign in via the main office). Everyone is warmly welcome to stop by, from new to existing parents. There will be tea, coffee provided, and friendly chat. In addition, subject topics will be provided to discuss in order to obtain many different opinions on these subjects from a parent's point of view.

Leeds City Cross Country Final at Temple Newsam



This week, the Year 6 girls, (Lois, Paulina, Kerry, Aniyah, & Tegan) were entered into the Year 6 group finals of the Leeds City Cross Country Finals at Temple Newsam. The girls all did amazing, the race was tough but the girls gave it their all. Lois was our top finisher in 28th position. Matty-Joe & Ebony also took part in the race for their age group and again ran an amazing race. Well done to all of you!

ATTENDANCE PUPIL CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

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Whole school attendance for the week commencing 5 February 2018 to 9 February 2018 is 96.1%
 Congratulations to class Persevering Poplars for Achieving 100% attendance for this week

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Role Model

Happy Hedgehogs	93.6%
Respectful Robins	90.5%
Loyal Lapwings	98.2%
Fair Minded Furs	98.0%
Honest Hawthorns	96.2%
Wise Willows	95.7%
Compassionate Chestnuts	97.5%
Self-Believing Sycamores	98.2%
Resilient Rowans	91.7%
Persevering Poplars	100%
Empathetic Elders	98.1%

Happy Hedgehogs	Charlie Cook
Respectful Robins	Nathan Reay
Loyal Lapwings	Casey Smales
Fair Minded Furs	Kane Denton
Honest Hawthorns	Grayson Waugh
Wise Willows	Kain Davis
Compassionate Chestnuts	Gabriel Lingo
Self-Believing Sycamores	Damir Grodus
Resilient Rowans	Milly Bretton
Persevering Poplars	Damarni Wiltshire
Empathetic Elders	Jaiden Ferguson

Diary Dates to Remember

Every Tuesday	Cardigan Centre Arts & Crafts session 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Every Friday	9.00am – 10.30am parents coffee morning in Branches
Monday 26 February 2018	Tag Rugby at Cobden 3.00pm
Wednesday 28 February 2018	Honest Hawthorns Topic Assembly – Parents Invited 9.05am
Thursday 1 March 2018	World Book day – Book Character costume Optional
Thursday 1 March 2018	Contact Rugby Cup Match at Lower Wortley 3.00pm
Friday 2 March 2018	Parent Council Meeting 3.30pm
Monday 5 March 2018	Mother's day Present room – Children can buy gifts every lunchtime £1.50
Tuesday 6 March 2018	School Class Photographs
Wednesday 7 March 2018	Mother's Day/Wonderful Women Craft Day 11.00am-11.30am or 2.30pm-3.00pm (nursery mums or maternal family members invited)
Wednesday 7 March 2018	Tag Rugby Qualifier at West Leeds RLFC 1.00pm
Thursday 8 March 2018	Ready for Reception Session – Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication.
Friday 9 March 2018	Mother's Day/Wonderful Women Craft Day 2.45pm – 3.15pm (Reception mums or maternal family members invited)
Tuesday 13 March 2018	Football Qualifier at Cobden 3.30pm start
Wednesday 14 March	Respectful Robins Topic Assembly – Parents Invited 9.05am
Thursday 15 March 2018	Mothering Sunday Lunch - Students invite their mum or maternal family member to lunch 11.30am – 1.00pm (details to be advised nearer the time)
Friday 16 March 2018	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 21 March 2018	Empathetic Elders Topic Assembly – Parents Invited 9.05am
Wednesday 21 March 2018	Netball Final at Pudsey Grangefield 3.30pm start
Thursday 22 March 2018	Ready for Reception Session – Physical Development and Writing
Friday 23 March 2018	Spelling Bee: The Grand Final (Years 5 & 6)
Wednesday 28 March 2018	Self-Believing Sycamores Topic Assembly – Parents Invited 9.05am
Wednesday 28 March 2018	Football Final (TBC – If we qualify)
Thursday 29 March 2018	Academy Closes & Re-Opens on Monday 16 April 2018
Monday 23 April 2018	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 24 April 2018	Parents' Evening
Thursday 3 May 2018	Ready for Reception Session – Phonics and Reading
Thursday 24 May 2018	Ready for Reception Session – Maths

Helen Townsley
Principal

Mandy Brodrick
Assistant Principal
Esafety

Simon Hayes
Assistant Principal

<https://ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>

There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents:

<http://www.leedspsc.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online> **If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403**

Our Designated Officers for Child Protection are Mrs Townsley, Mrs Cattley, Mrs Hodgkin and Mrs France