



Newsletter May 2017



Dear families and friends,

We were so proud of Y4 and Y5 who both performed 'as Artists' in the last couple of weeks. Please see our website/facebook/twitter for photos and videos. I think you will all agree that all performers were amazing. Due to the huge success of the Y5 opera 'Gloria and the day of the dead', there will be two additional performances at the end of the Summer term for those of you who were not able to join us at the premiere!

The whole school are now 'Working as Historians', please find and like our webpage 'Heigham Heroes'. You can access it through our facebook and twitter pages. As we are finding out about how life was during WW1 in the Heigham area your input is needed! If you know anyone with any knowledge/artefacts from this period, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Our Y6 have worked so very hard this week displaying an infectious 'can-do', positive attitude. They have all tried really hard during their week of SATs and we are proud of each and every one of them.

During this term Y6 will all have a chance to visit their new high school for transition sessions. If you do not yet know when your child's transition sessions are, please let us know!

*Thank you,
Victoria McConnell.*

Diary Dates:

Bridewell Museum Trips

Y3 Friday 26 May

Y4 Tuesday 23 May

Y5 Wednesday 17 May

Gressenhall Trips

Y3 Monday 19 June

Y4 Wednesday 21 June

Y5 Tuesday 20 June

Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June—Half Term

Friday 30 June—Sports Day/Family picnic

Friday 7 July—Reserve Day Sports Day

Friday 21 July 2pm—Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 21 July —Last day of Summer term.

w/c 22nd May Parent/Teacher Meetings Yr 3,4 and 5

Funding:

Parents owe the school £896.50 – Cuts to budget affecting all children as a result!

Apologies if you are a parent/carer that pays for your child's dinners and music however I am sending this letter to you all to highlight the impact that the few who don't pay for their child have on the school as a whole.

As at 12 May 2017 the school is owed £896.50 by parents that have not paid for their child's school meal or music tuition. This is money that the school has actually had to pay out to Norse our food suppliers and to Sistema our music suppliers as we are simply the middle man. We do not make any profit on the supply of food and music, in fact we incur a lot of staff time and admin costs in facilitating these services and chasing up parents that have not paid. We also incur legal costs trying to collect payment.

The school has not historically budgeted to cover the costs of parent bad debts however as we set our budgets for next academic year we have had to provisionally remove £1,000 from curriculum budget in order to meet the debts of those few. Sadly this affects ALL children but it is necessary to ensure that the school can pay the bills at times when our budget is already so tight. We are still hopeful that all debts will be paid but sadly we have to make prudent budget decisions based on the actions of the few.

In some cases, in order to stop dinner money debts increasing we are no longer able to provide those children with a school meal.

Can I also remind parents to make use of www.schoolmoney.co.uk website to keep track of their current balances and make online payments. When money is paid direct to the school office, please try to have the correct money where possible.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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