



Newsletter #22 - Lent Term

Forest School

Forest School News

For many years we have promoted and celebrated learning in the outdoors. Throughout the year groups but especially when the children are at a very early stage of development, the outdoors provides the children with a significant start in their development.

Mrs Hutchinson has been working over the past couple of years, to validate the wonderful work that takes place in school. Following this training and recognition of the work that takes place, we can announce that we are officially a forest school.

On behalf of everyone in school I would like to express our appreciation for the hard work and effort that has gone into this. This is a fantastic mile stone in the school's journey and we are very pleased to share this news with you. I hope you will join with us in celebrating this achievement.



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Easter Activities

Thursday 31st March

For those new to school or you may not be aware due to adjustments we have made during the pandemic, we do various events for Easter. Normally, we perform an Easter play to retell the Easter story. This year due to the many time pressures and challenges, this will not take place. We will be celebrating Easter next week in assembly culminating in a longer Easter assembly on Thursday, with all classes taking place.

Friday 1st April

Each year we take part in Easter Egg throwing or rolling. We will be doing this as part of the Friday morning activities on the last day of term. Please can children bring a boiled egg into school on Friday morning.

Friday 1st April – Open School 1-2 pm

We are taking advice due to the covid infections rising significantly, whether to open school on Friday. If the open afternoon does not take place we will reschedule after the Easter break. We will review the situation next Monday and keep everyone informed. It is our hope that

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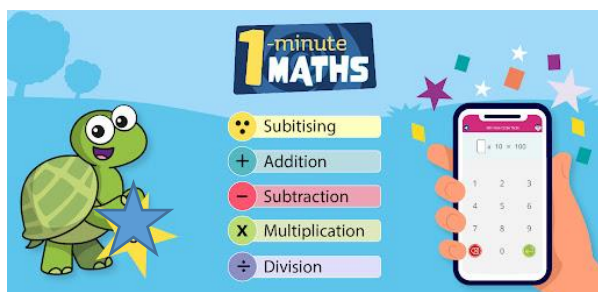


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we will be able to open our school. Some schools in the area are closing due to the rise in cases and we have started to see more cases occurring, although not too significantly thankfully. Watch this space as we move into the last week of Lent term.

1 Minute White Rose Maths App



Just a reminder, if you haven't downloaded this app, this is perfect for developing the essential mental maths skills needed in maths. This free app is perfect and does not require children to have internet to access it. They have just added multiplication and division to the app. The app provides core mental maths skills which some children may have missed during the pandemic. Initially intended for EYFS, KS1 and Lower KS2, this may help all children speed up their mental maths skills or plug the odd gap they have. This is available through most app providers.

As the app says in the title, it doesn't have to occupy the whole day – 1 minute a day will really make a difference. We continue to encourage access to Times tables Rockstars and Doodle Maths, as they target different skills.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Y6 Leavers Hoodies – Ready for Ordering

Each year we give the children an option to purchase a hoodie. The aim is to enable the children to have them in time for Hawes End. Ordering will be live **until** April 22nd. Please follow the link to order hoodies.

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Ukraine Support

A Touch of Artisan are raffling off a hamper of goodies worth over £60 to raise money for Ukrainian refugees.

Tickets are £2.50 or 5 for £10.

Drawn on April 1st.

Donation will made via UNICEF.

Pupil Parliament



Well done to our children who have represented our school at the South Lakes Pupil Parliament, held at the Netherwood Hotel this week. The children took part in a range of workshops to help them with speaking in public. The children also worked with Rachael Dodgson from Houses of Parliament Education Service.

It turns out the food was really good too!

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