



# NEWSLETTER

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For your information, newsletters regarding your child's current learning in the classroom can be found on our website. Please keep an eye on our Twitter feed for regular updates about our learning.

Further information about the work of our Trust, Hope Sentamu Learning Trust can be found on the website at

<https://hslt.academy>

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**ST JAMES'**  
CE ACADEMY

**Wishing you all an enjoyable half term holiday!**

## Harvest Festival

Unfortunately, due to bad weather our planned trip to St. James' Church in Sutton for our Harvest Festival, which was led by our Year 6 pupils and Rev. Gloria Naylor, had to be relocated to the school hall.

We really appreciate all your donations of tinned or packet goods that you have been able to share with us. This year our Harvest collection will be passed on to local parishioners, residential homes and the local food bank, to support our local community.



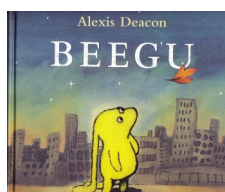
## School Visits and Visitors

We are delighted to be getting out and about on school visits and also welcoming visitors into the school.

Our Year 4 children had a fantastic time at the Hull and East Riding Museum, where they took part in a workshop all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings to bring their history learning to life. They have also enjoyed a visit from Kamlesh Singh, who brought their learning about the Sikh faith to life.

While Year 6 children enjoyed their day at Kingwood High to support a number of curriculum subjects when they took part in a crime scene investigation workshop.

The children in Year 2 had a very enjoyable visit to Hull New Theatre to listen to the published author and illustrator, Alexis Deacon, talk about his writing experiences. They were all delighted to receive a copy of his book to take home to share with their families.



All the children are to be congratulated, as on each occasion the good behaviour and manners of the children were complimented and commented on.

## Safeguarding/SEN/First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator/Safeguarding Lead. Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Moore and Mrs Hunter.

Our SENCo is Mrs Moore.

Our first aiders are:

Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Mrs Allison, Mrs Calvert, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Drury, Mrs Ledger, Miss Richardson, Mr Wigley, Mr Jowett, Miss Hinds and Mrs Gardiner.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning and Phonics

Thank you to the FS2 and Year 1 parents and carers that joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning and demonstration Phonics sessions.

Your generous support helped us to raise a fantastic £88.00 for the charity and hopefully gave you a better idea of what your children are learning in school.



## Attendance

A good attendance record has a positive impact on children's achievement, their ability to socialise and their emotional wellbeing. Please remember that we are unable to authorise any absences due to holidays taken during term time and that penalty notices may be issued (£60 per parent, per child). Please notify the school office first thing in the morning if your child is absent for illness or a medical appointment.

## Punctuality

It is also essential that children arrive in school **on time** each day to ensure they do not miss out on their learning. We have recently noticed an increase in children arriving late and having to come into school via the school office. Classroom doors are open from **8.45am and registration is at 8.55am. Children need to be in the classroom for this registration time.**

## Fire, Evacuation and Lockdown drills

As per our Health & Safety policy, in the next half term the children will take part in our unannounced termly fire drill. In addition to this, as per new guidelines, we will also now be talking to the children about our emergency evacuation and lockdown procedures. During the year, we will also practice these but prior to any lockdown or evacuation drill, parents will be notified of this and the arrangements will be explained. Obviously, these are all weather dependent so we will look for fine weather in the forecast when planning these in. Further detailed information will follow after the half term holiday.

## Uniform

The children look smart in their red, white and grey, which is often commented on by visitors. Please remember to ensure your child wears their **plain** black school shoes everyday (trainers should also be plain black with no coloured stripes or soles) and that they need a pair of black sandshoes to change into to wear in school. Thank you for your support with our uniform policy

## Dates for the year, including Holidays

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some dates for your diary. There will be additional dates to follow and letters will be sent home regarding any visits that we may be able to organise nearer the time.

## Food Allergies

It is extremely generous and kind when children wish to share treats with their class mates to celebrate their birthdays. However, due to issues with allergies, we are unable to share homemade treats or cut up cakes. Please could we ask that any treats sent in for this purpose are pre-packed so that children can take these away with them for parents to check before eating? Thank you for your support with this.

## After School Club

Throughout this half term we have been running our trial of an after school club. In consultation with our Trust partners it has been agreed to continue to offer this facility until Christmas, when the numbers attending will again be reviewed and the future of this facility will be reviewed to see if this is financially sustainable. Should you wish to access this facility, for Reception to Year 6 children only, this can be prebooked and paid for via the ParentMail App

DATE	EVENT
Friday 27th October	3.15pm - School closes for the half term holiday
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Monday 6th November	Children return to school
Wednesday 8th November	M&M Theatre Company in school—Performing Robin Hood to children in Years 1—6
WB 13th November	Anti-Bullying & Road Safety Week
Friday 17th November	Children In Need
Friday 24th November	Hope Sentamu Learning Trust whole staff training day— school closed to pupils
Thursday 30th November	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 13th December	Y4 Class Assembly
Friday 22nd December	1.40pm—Christmas Service at St. James' Church 3:15 pm - School closes for the Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9th January	Children return to school
Friday 9th February	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 19th February	Children return to school
Friday 22nd March	3:15 pm - School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 8th April	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9th April	Children return to school
Monday 6th May	School closed—Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 24th May	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school
Friday 19th July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday