



Howden Church of England Infant School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a truly lovely week in school, and I wanted to share just a few of the moments that have made it so special. We have seen so many children showing our value of nurture in the way they look after one another and support their friends to feel safe and settled.

School is also full of new life at the moment. Our Year 2 plants have grown at an incredible rate – and I am sure they will soon be taller than the children who planted them! The excitement in FS2 has been contagious as at least three butterflies have emerged from their cocoons this week. The children have been completely captivated, and it has been a beautiful reminder of how magical learning can be. The vocabulary the children were using to explain how the butterflies will grow strong enough to fly was scientific, specific and a credit to the fabulous teaching and learning that happens in FS2.

We have also been focusing on giving the children a calm, gentle start to each day, helping them feel grounded and ready to learn. Across school, classes have begun exploring different ways we can help ourselves feel calm throughout the day – from breathing techniques to quiet reflection spaces and simple sensory strategies. It has been encouraging to see children beginning to recognise what helps them feel settled and ready to learn, and to see staff modelling these approaches so naturally.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Our school feels full of warmth, growth and kindness – and that is down to the wonderful children, families and staff who make up our community.

Antonia Purdue
Headteacher

TREE TEAM POINTS			
Birch	Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore
			
209	212	235	217

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

 Curiosity 	Toby - Hedgehogs
 Family 	Theo - Badgers
 Nurture 	Elliot - Rabbits
 Respect 	Seb - Foxes
 Joy 	Kaitlyn - Squirrels

CLASS STARS

Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Zoe	Oscar	Emmeline	Daenerys	William	Beatrice

Year 2 Worship Squad Summer Term 1

Kayden
Sofia

Pippa
Harry

Sebastian
Alex

Year 1 Play Leaders Summer Term 1

Elliot
Laila-Rae

Zachary S
Evie S

What's been happening....

FS2



- We have had a super week in FS2.
- The children have been learning the actions to our story, The Hungry Caterpillar.
- In maths, we have been using tens frames and die frames to make 5 and a bit.
- The children have enjoyed looking at fossils and shells.
- We have had lots of conversations about our visit to The Deep!
- Our caterpillars are now in their cocoons! The children are patiently waiting for our butterflies to emerge.

• Year 1



- Wow! What a wonderful week in Year 1!
- In writing, we have finished writing our own information texts about Mountain Giants.
- In maths, we have continued to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and added equal groups. In our mastering number sessions, we have deepened our understanding of place value between 11 and 15.

- In RE, we have looked at the 'Big Bang' and how Humanists believe the world was created. We expressed how we think the world was created and explored why there are so many ideas about it.
- In our 'Big Idea' we have looked at how shopping habits have changed over the years and how and why egg packaging has changed.
- In D&T we have made and tasted our delicious smoothies.
- In Art, we have explored watercolours and how we can manipulate our paintbrushes to produce different strokes and textures.

Year 2

- It's been another busy week in year 2.
- In writing we've finished writing our information texts about our stone giants and we're now busy creating our own mythical creature ready to write our next information text completely independently.
- In maths we've been busy spotting connections between minuends and subtrahends to help us find the most efficient ways to solve equations.
- In D&T we've completed our seed pouches, using felt to add some glorious designs to the front panel.
- During our big idea lesson, we were shocked by how much our sunflowers have grown over the bank holiday weekend. We spotted that, not only are they taller, but that more leaves are growing at the very top of the stem.
- In PE we've continued to work on accuracy. This week we've been thinking about how body position and power can affect the accuracy of a bounced or thrown ball.

<u>The Deep</u> <u>FS2 trip is on MONDAY!</u> Please remember to send your child to school with a packed lunch, a water bottle and a coat. Thank you! 	<u>Board Games & Jigsaws</u> School would welcome donations of good quality used boardgames and jigsaws! If you are having a clear out, please bear us in mind. 	<u>Gardening Equipment</u> School are need of childrens gardening tools/gloves, or indeed gardening tools in general, so again, if you have anything you would like to donate, our green fingered children would be very grateful. <u>THANK YOU</u>
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Keys Dates Going Forward		
Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
FS2 School Trip	The Deep	Monday 11 th May
Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in	Bookable Via Arbor	Tuesday 12 th May 0840-1000
Little Big Sing	The Junction Goole - More details to follow	Thursday 11 th June
Sports Day	More details to follow	Thursday 18 th June
Natalie Sinderson - Family Help Drop in	Bookable Via Arbor	Tuesday 23 rd June 0840-1000
Sports Day Reserve		Thursday 25 th June



FREE CRICKET!



FREE ALL-STARS AND DYNAMOS CRICKET TASTER SESSION



AGES: 8-11



AGES: 5-8

FRIDAY MAY 15

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SIGN UP NOW:  



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