

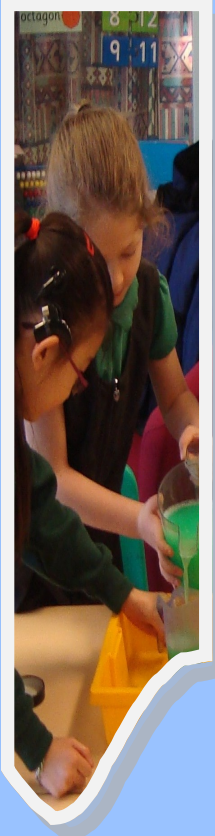


'Feeding Minds,  
Touching Hearts'

# Newsletter

MAY 2017

## Promises, Promises...



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Welcome to the May edition of the newsletter. If you are wondering where April went, don't worry. So much of it was Easter holiday that there wasn't a newsletter last month. Many thanks for all those who have returned apples showing their children's lent promises have been kept. They are now on display in the school entrance.

So we now find ourselves looking at the warmer, sunnier months of the year. The ground staff have worked on the school field during the break and poured lots of topsoil into the damaged areas. The lack of rain has slowed the growth of new seed but at least we are able to use the field; a fact that the children are delighted with. They always seem to relish the space. It is a scene repeated, probably across the world, when you tell children that they can go on the field, they cheer and race on.

We are very lucky here in Gunthorpe with the amount of grass and sky available to us. For many schools this is not the case and so we will tolerate the badgers, the rabbits and the moles. (as long as they don't dig up the running track the week before sports day).

Whilst we are only two thirds of the way through the school

year, assessment will begin in earnest. SATs for Y6 begins on 8th May; Y2 have a less formal programme but there will be some classroom based tests during May and June to help inform the teachers ongoing assessment. The Y1 phonics screening takes place during the week beginning 12th June. Reception children are continually assessed and all the assessments must be submitted to the local authority (and from there onto the government) before the end of June.

There is always something in the news these days involving the internet. Problems with its misuse, sadly, are

involving younger and younger children. Even if they do not have access to social media, there are games which involve contact with others on the internet. Homes have Wi-Fi, children have phones and iPads and feel safe in their bedrooms. Do you know what they are doing? More and more we are encountering children gaining access to inappropriate material. A good website for parents and children is [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) It has up to date advice for children from 5 years old upwards.

Take some time to have a look.

### DIARY DATES

Mon 8th May	<b>Y6 Standardised Assessment Tests begin</b>
Friday 12th May	Rugby Coaching Day (please have PE kit in school)
Thurs 18th May	<b>Junior 2—Cober Hill meeting after school.</b>
Friday 26th May	School closed 'Aspire' inset day
27th May—4th	<b>Half term Break</b>
Monday 5th— Friday 9th June	<b>Junior 2 extended visit to N. Yorkshire</b>
Mon 5th June	<b>Toot Hill senior management present to Y4 and 5 parents 6—7pm</b>
Weds 7th June	<b>Y3/4 and Reception swimming</b>
Weds 14th June	<b>Y6 and Reception swimming for 6 weeks</b>

# film Club

We are going to have a Sci-Fi season with the three original Star Wars films. These are long films and will not be suitable for younger children.

## Friday 5th May—Episode IV ‘A New Hope’ U

Luke Skywalker joins forces with a Jedi Knight, a cocky pilot, a wookiee and two droids to save the galaxy from the Empire's world-destroying battle-station, while also attempting to rescue Princess Leia from the evil Darth Vader. This film will finish at **5.30pm**

## Friday 19th May—Episode V ‘The Empire strikes back’ U

After the rebels have been brutally overpowered by the Empire on their newly established base, Luke Skywalker takes advanced Jedi training with Master Yoda, while his friends are pursued by Darth Vader as part of his plan to capture Luke. This film will finish at **5.30pm**

## Friday 9th June—Episode VI ‘The Return of the Jedi’ U

After rescuing Han Solo from the palace of Jabba the Hutt, the rebels attempt to destroy the second Death Star, while Luke struggles to make Vader return from the dark side of the Force. This film finishes at **5.40pm**



### Keeping school trips going.

The school parliament recently commented on how good it was to have so many trips out last term and the children would like more of this. Trips are enriching and provide stimulus over and above what can be achieved in the classroom. Despite the government saying that funding for schools has never been higher. Our costs have also never been higher and when it comes to trips out transport costs have risen sharply. Most trips are subsidised by school and we only ask for a contribution towards the full cost. Ice Skating, for instance, is heavily subsidised and the charge to parents is very reasonable and thank you that everyone has contributed. If trips are to go ahead then we need your contributions so please support this continuing enrichment programme.

## REMINDER

From April 1st 2017 the cost of a school meal has increased to **£2.30 per day**. Therefore the daily/weekly cost is:

1 day	£2.30	2 days	£4.60	3 days	£6.90
4 days	£9.20	5 days	£11.50		

## Governor News.

Progress towards joining the ‘Aspire’ Trust has been temporarily halted whilst the government conducts it’s general election. This period is known as ‘Purdah’ and government departments will not enter into any new funding agreements until the outcome of the election is known. This may put off the conversion until September or even later. We will keep you informed. In the meantime the trust hopes to appoint a CEO this week. This will be an experienced head teacher with proven experience of managing multiple schools. Whilst this appointment is from September, I hope the successful candidate will take an opportunity to visit our school during the remainder of the summer term and introduce themselves to children, parents and staff.

## School Lunch menu variation following the bank holiday.

Tuesday 2nd May	Vegetarian Sausage Roll, croquette potatoes, mixed vegetables. Strawberry Eton Mess
Wednesday 3rd May	Fish Goujons, Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn. Spiced Sponge and custard.
Thursday 4th May	Roast Gammon, Roast and Mashed Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage Flapjack and Chocolate Milkshake
Friday 5th May	Sausages, Mash Potato, Vegetables. Crispy Jam Tart and Custard



Foundation children trying out potential future careers.