

# CORNHOLME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## School News

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school for the spring term! As the days get longer and flowers start to bloom, we look forward to another great term of learning and growing together.

### THE 4P'S

This term we are having an increased focus on the P Checks to ensure children have the correct foundations to be amazing writers. Please see further information at the end of the Newsletter.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. We will be celebrating by wearing our pyjamas and will be having a whole school focus on the same book where each class will complete a range of activities. Each class will take part in a competition during the day, where one pupil from each class can win a voucher which they can spend at the book fair.

### BOOK FAIR

Following the success of last years event, the Scholastic Book Fair will be once again visiting our school during week commencing 23rd March. Please keep your eye out for further information about opening times etc.,

### SPORTS NEWS

The Reception Mini Olympics has been rearranged for the afternoon of Tuesday 24th March at Todmorden Sports Centre. More information will be provided by Mrs. Holt shortly.

## Star Of The Week

**HOPPER:** Star of the week is **Aardam** for being a delightful member of our class.

**WARHOL:** Star of the Week goes to **Lilah** for a superb effort in maths, adding and subtracting numbers across ten.

**DALI:** Star of the Week is **Jay** For showing real focus and effort to improve his presentation in all work.

**KAHLO:** Our Star of the Week is **Logan** for showing great stamina throughout the week and maintaining focus, even when tired. He also impressed with excellent accuracy in all tasks. Well done!

**BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:** This week's star is **Alecia** for always doing the right thing in our clubs. Alecia is fantastic at following instructions and routines in our clubs, well done Alecia keep it up!

**Class attendance award winners  
are WARHOL who achieved  
99% attendance! Well done!**

## Reminders

**If your child in KS2 brings a phone to school they must hand it into the front office at 9am and collect from the office at the end of the day. Thank you.**

## CORNHOLME SCHOOL RULES AND VALUES

At Cornholme School all children will be

**1. Ready 2. Responsible 3. Respectful**

**We know our school is important and everyone matters**

# Classroom News

## HOPPER

The children have been learning about how 'Chinese New Year' is celebrated and even had a go at dragon dancing.

## WARHOL

This week in Warhol we have working hard on our subtraction and addition sums in maths. We have also really enjoyed our history lessons this week, as we got to bring in our favourite teddy bears from home to compare to teddy bears in history.

## DALI

This week we have made a start on our new topics. A lot of our work is focused on rainforests and we are very excited to learn more. We have also begun looking at our new English text which is the fantastic 'The Firework Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman

## KAHLO

What a fantastic start to the Spring 2 term! The class has come back full of eagerness and ready to dive into learning. It's been especially exciting to see the students' enthusiasm for English as we've begun reading the novel Holes by Louis Sachar. The class has shown a keen interest in Stanley Yelnats' journey and his time at Camp Green Lake. It's been great to see them engaged in discussions, making predictions, and exploring the themes of the book. We're looking forward to more adventures with Stanley and seeing how the class continues to grow and develop in the coming weeks! A special shout-out to Mrs. Todd for her amazing support in Kahlo class this week, whether that's with the children, staff, or parents. She's been a huge help in every area. Thank you, Mrs. Todd!

## The 4P's Checks



P checks stand for Posture, Pencil, Paper and Pressure. The children in KS1 and KS2 will be expected to consider the 4P's during any writing that is required during the school day. All of our teaching and support staff will be well prepared to help the children embed this routine. We are very excited to get it established in our daily tasks and cannot wait to see the progress that our pupils will make!

 <p><b>Posture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Back to back</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sit on the chair so legs are positioned at approximately 90° with the back supported</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Tummy to table</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sit approximately a fist distance away from the table</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Feet on the floor</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Feet flat on the floor</li><li>○ Knees at a right angle with 2 fingers space behind the knee</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Also -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Table at the correct height so that forearms rest on the top<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• without leaning forward (too low)</li><li>• or raising the shoulders/arms (too high)</li></ul></li><li>• Workspace should be clean, smooth and uncluttered</li></ul>	 <p><b>Pencil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use a dynamic tripod pencil grasp</li></ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't worry if you struggle, we have some special tools to help.</li><li>• Leave a 2cm gap between fingertip and pencil/pen point - this needs to be slightly more if you are left handed.</li></ul>
 <p><b>Pressure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check your pressure isn't too light<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Is your writing too faint or shaky?</li><li>○ Are your fingers too high up your pen/pencil?</li></ul></li><li>• Check your pressure isn't too heavy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Do marks from your writing go through to the next page?</li><li>○ Does your writing create raised marks on the back of the page?</li><li>○ Do you get red marks on your fingers?</li><li>○ Do your knuckles go white?</li></ul></li><li>• If you struggle, there are tools to help you - talk to your teacher.</li></ul>	 <p><b>Paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tilt the paper/book according to whether you are right or left handed.</li></ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move the paper up or down to help you reach comfortably</li><li>• Keep the paper/book in place with your non writing hand.</li></ul>

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Swimming Gala

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Reception Mini Olympics

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: School Closes for Easter Break