

NEWSLETTER 2

Dear families,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back – we've been in school a couple of weeks and learning is already buzzing. Walking through classrooms I've seen pupils settled, concentrating and still having fun. This half-term our whole school focus is history: from the Stone Age to World War Two, every child will explore a particular era and build their knowledge of the past.

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's Parents' Forum. We had a helpful conversation about topics from school photos and water bottles to breakfast club. We'll share notes from the meeting in next week's newsletter so you don't miss anything.

Next week we're running two practical parent workshops. Reception and Year 1 parents are invited to a session on phonics and how we teach early reading. For parents of children in Years 2–6 we'll be explaining reading fluency, comprehension and our 'Fantastic 40' book list. Both sessions are friendly, hands-on and designed to help you support reading at home – please book your place via Arbor.

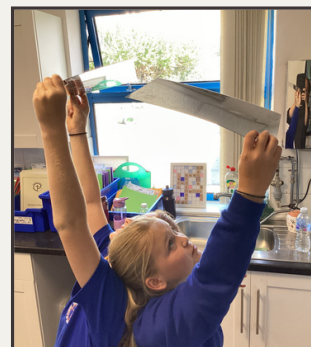
We've also confirmed a holiday club for the October half-term here at Parson Cross. If you need childcare during the break, places can be booked through Super Star Sport South Yorkshire on Pebble.

A quick, important update: free school meals eligibility has changed and families receiving Universal Credit are now very likely to qualify. If this applies to you and you haven't already, please complete the short form sent via Arbor and available on School Jotter.

Finally, save the date – Sports Day 2027 will be on 19 May at Niagara Sports Centre.

Best wishes

Mrs Wright and the team



ADVANCE WARNING

Tuesday 22nd September

Phonics Workshop YR/Y1 2.30pm

Thursday 24th September

Reading Workshop
Y2-Y4

October 7th

Harvest Festival

WATER BOTTLES

A reminder that children are not allowed metal water bottles in school. We have had a few injuries from them being dropped/ slipping out of hands. Please send a **small non-metal** bottle. Children can fill them at our water coolers throughout the day so there is no need for huge bottles in school.



Reception

It is amazing to see how well Reception have matured even further this week and it is only their second full week at school. They have been coming in so well all by themselves and getting started with their morning jobs. The children have worked hard on recognising their numbers to 5, not just counting but looking at the digits, ordering and even playing hook a duck to find each digit. Well done Reception.



Year 1

Year 1 have had another great week settling in. They have worked hard in all areas of their learning and have really shown what superstars they are. During our P.E. lessons, Mr Staley has been very impressed with them, and they have demonstrated some brilliant balancing, throwing, and catching skills. Well done, Year 1!



Year 2

This week in Year 2, we loved getting started on our first History topic 'The Great Fire of London'. And what an intriguing start it was as we discovered a mysterious package buried underground belonging to a man named Samuel Pepys from 1666. We are looking forward to finding out more about him soon... The children have amazed us this week with the improvement in their handwriting. They may not have been practicing long, but the care that every member of the class is taking over their presentation has blown me away!

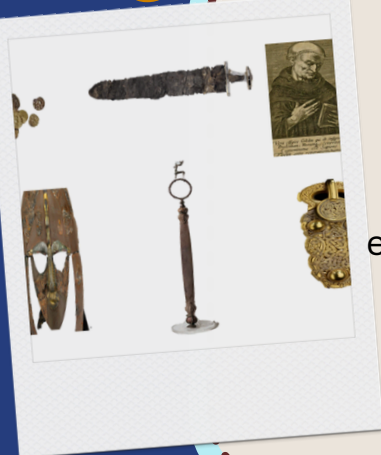


Year 3

Another brilliant week in Year 3! The children have been working hard and getting stuck into lots of exciting learning. In PE, we practised our ball and racket skills with Mr Staley, developing our control and coordination. We also got stuck into reading fluency, using books from our book corner to practise reading aloud with expression – we can't wait to see them continue practising their reading at home too! In Science, we became investigators once again, testing different materials to find out which were reflective, and in History we discovered more about the amazing pyramids of Ancient Egypt. Well done, Year 3, for another fantastic week!



Year 4



Year 4 have gone from strength to strength this week, once again proving what a fantastic group of learners they are. From representing, flexibly partitioning and comparing numbers up to 10,000 in Maths to exploring a range of fascinating Anglo-Saxon artefacts in History, the classroom has been buzzing with enthusiasm and learning. Yesterday, the children took part in their very first cornet session and did an amazing job. If their enthusiasm and effort are anything to go by, the final performance is sure to be something special! Well done, Year 4.

Year 5

This week in Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value, exploring the value of digits within numbers and using this knowledge to solve problems.

We have also placed a strong emphasis on maths oracy, encouraging children to explain their thinking, use mathematical vocabulary confidently and discuss different strategies with their peers. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident in sharing and justifying their mathematical ideas, as well as incorporating their mental maths skills.



Year 6

Life is up and running in class 6RH. The old staffroom has become a place of learning. Plates and cutlery have been replaced by pencils and textbooks.

In Geography, we have been learning all about Brazil. On Monday, we were sorting examples of human geography from physical geography. Y6 have already learned the names of nearby countries, cities and landmarks.



The Bridge

In the Bridge this week we have been working on writing numbers as words. We have started to look at time- using a calendar and thinking about what we do at different times of the day.

In English we have looked at two stories to make our own creative version using colour coding. Well done everyone!



