

I am starting this Newsletter with a Fanfare!!!! Last Friday the Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team played in the District Schools Finals at the Saints ground and WON! They are now District Champions and are all set to play in the Schools finals in May. This is an amazing achievement for such a small school, I am super proud of all of the children who worked so hard as a team to achieve this fantastic result! To top the afternoon off, the team (and Mrs Clough) met all of the Saints Players as they prepared for their evening match, a great afternoon! A big congratulations to Sonny, Lola, Poppy, Elliot, Ethan, Luca, Sydney, Harry and Laura!

This week Reception entertained us with their Assembly, that left everyone who had watched them with a big smile on their face! All of the children made us think with their clues for their favourite books, they then entertained us with a song and finished the assembly by acting out the Gingerbread Man! A great example of how far the children have come in their first 6 months of school and how much they enjoy their learning.

The Coronavirus is continuing to dominate the news at the moment and at school we are doing all that we can to keep the school community as safe as possible. Following the latest guidance today from Chris Witty the Chief Medical Officer, we are changing our procedures at school as of today, these are outlined below:

- If a child feels unwell they must stay away from school for that day.
- If a child develops a continuous cough, a raised temperature and flu like symptoms they must stay off school for 7 days.
- If a member of staff feels unwell they must stay away from school for that day.
- If a member of staff develops a continuous cough, a raised temperature and flu like symptoms they must stay off school for 7 days.
- If a parent or carer feels unwell they must not come into school.
- If a parent or carer develops a continuous cough a raised temperature and flu like symptoms they must stay away from school for 7 days, arranging alternative childcare to bring and collect their children from school.

Your child will not be penalised in the attendance registers for being absent from school with illness. We are more concerned that our children and families remain well at this time, however the Government have not yet shut schools, so pupils are expected to attend if they are fit and well.

Children will continue to wash their hands when they first arrive at school and then during the day before they eat or drink, or if they have had a big sneeze! We are aware that children are getting sore hands and have changed the soap in the classrooms to try and help this. Last Friday I also put E45 cream in every classroom and the children know that they can use it. Please can you continue to remind your children about the importance of handwashing and ensure that moisturiser is put on hands at night time.

From today we will be holding all Worship and Assemblies for school pupils and staff only, however we will do our best to video class assemblies and celebration assemblies and put these on SeeSaw for you to watch at home! These are unprecedented challenging times and our first priority is to do our best to minimise risk to our pupils and staff. We also have a care for those in our school community who have family members who are seriously ill and/or have underlying health conditions. Please help us by supporting our measures.

The school is preparing for a time when we may have to close. If this were to happen children will be sent home with some work however staff will set further work and communicate with children and parents through Seesaw. I will of course be in contact again if this does happen in the future.

The BIG Spring Tidy... [Saturday 28th March 12.30-4.30pm](#) ...

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. However, with only a few families currently signed up we are short on bodies and could really do with a bit more muscle power to achieve everything we would like!

We have an ambitious list to get through, from general maintenance and repair jobs to gardening and painting, fences to put up and wheelbarrows of new sand, gravel and bark that need shifting!!

Improving the grounds at our school has a positive impact that goes far beyond simply making the area look better. Outdoor learning engages many children far more effectively than classroom based learning and provides a great opportunity for children to practically apply skills in a hands on way, in range of subjects right across the curriculum.

So please do give us a hand if you can, sign up and let us know if you're able to come so we can make the most of the day.

The FOSS will be holding our next meeting [on Wednesday 18th March 8pm](#) hosted by Caroline Ferguson at [3 Bell Lane](#), Dairy Cottage, Syresham. It would be lovely to see some new faces.

Mrs Clough

Headteacher Awards	In the Spotlight
Reception : Emilee & Felix Year 1&2 : Delilah & Amelia Year 3&4 : Emilia & Tilly Ann Year 5&6 : Poppy Group Awards: The Tag Rugby Team The KS1 Goal Ball team	<p style="text-align: center;">James – year3</p> <p><i>Who would you like to watch live at a music concert, now or from a time in History?</i> Freddie Mercury</p> <p><i>If you could choose one dream job what would it be?</i> An RAF Fighter Pilot</p> <p><i>What is your favourite colour?</i> green</p> <p><i>if you could invent anything in the world, what would it be?</i> A time machine</p> 
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