



Hawsker-cum-Stainsacre
C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Red Nose Day

We always enjoy raising money for Red Nose Day and today has been no exception. There has been a buzz of excitement in school and children have enjoyed dressing up as superheroes or in costumes and clothes of their choice. Thank you for all your support in donations. We raised a fantastic £52 for the charity.

Wonderful work

We have been thrilled with how hard the children have worked this week. Routines have been restored and children are readily engaging in their learning which is super to see. We look forward to hearing how restrictions might ease in the future term so that the children can get out and about too to enjoy what is around us.

Social Media use

On their return to school, we have experienced a lot of issues with the use of social media or apps with our older pupils. These issues are happening outside of school, but are then being brought into school. We are carrying out additional PSHE lessons and well-being sessions to support the children, but these issues are arising through apps that are really intended for children that are older e.g. Tiktok, Instagram, WhatsApp. These all have an age guideline of 13 and even 16. Teachers are keen to focus on learning and the curriculum (especially in light of the lockdown) and so I would like to ask for your support in checking what apps your children are using and that any messaging is appropriate. Thank you.

Final week

Well I don't know how it has managed to come around so quickly, but I have reached my penultimate week in school! Last week will be my last and I just wanted to take the opportunity to write a few words to thank you for all your kind words and support. Emotions are running high for me as I face my final week and I think I might just have to carry a box of tissues everywhere I go next week! Your children have been a joy to work with and it has been a privilege and an honour to be part of the school's journey and the federation's journey as a whole. I will miss the staff team terribly too and would like to publicly recognise all their dedication and support that they have given to me and your children too. What a team! The federation has strengthened and will continue to move forward; I have no doubt about that! I have met with Mr Cooper for transition into his interim role, so all is in place for the summer term. The governors are currently carrying out the recruitment process with the support of the Local Authority and the Diocese, so they will be able to keep you updated next half term.

Thank you once again. Your support as parents and a community has been both an encouragement and an inspiration. I will always reflect fondly on my time in this wonderful school.

With best wishes,

C Barber

Mrs C Barber,
Headteacher

Flourish, succeed; let your light shine.

