



Hipswell Church of England

Primary School

Spring Newsletter

April 2025

Dear parents,

We have reached the end of another busy term! We are looking forward to sunnier days next term. Now that the school field has had the opportunity to dry out, OPAL lunchtimes have restarted with the introduction of our new wheel zone which has proven very popular!



Please see the back page for upcoming dates and some key reminders. We hope that you have a lovely Easter and look forward to seeing you when school reopens to the children on Tuesday 22nd April.

Miss Ewbank



Road Safety Campaign

We continue to work hard to improve road safety within our grounds. Our Year 6 collection and drop off teams are doing a fantastic job, helping to reduce congestion in Risedale car park. We ask that you continue to support our road safety campaign to continue to make our grounds safe for everyone. We ask parents to:

- Walk to school where possible or park on Shute Road and walk down the snicket.
- Adhere to the 5mph speed limit.
- Park in marked bays only (not in the cycle lane, bus lane or on double yellow lines).
- Avoid Risedale start/finish times by arriving after 08:40 in the morning and 15:15 in the afternoon.



Unfortunately, if conditions do not continue to improve, Risedale intend to install electric gates, meaning that car access to the grounds will cease completely for parents.

World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March, we transformed into an array of wonderful book characters to celebrate the wonders of children's literature! I have to give a special mention to Mrs. Pownall and Mrs. Ellis who arrived as Slinky from Toy Story! Well done to the children photographed who were awarded book tokens for their costume efforts.



Visitors

On Wednesday 5th March, we welcomed Kirsty from Complete PE who taught gymnastics across the school with every child becoming an 'excellent gymnast'!

'Power Down Pete' visited Hipswell on Friday 28th March and worked with every class on the importance of becoming more eco-friendly, a message our eco-council will continue to reinforce in school.

Rachel Muir continues to teach Forest School on Tuesday afternoons with Years 3 and 4 taking part this term. Next half term, Year 2 will take part for the first 4 weeks therefore will need a change of warm, waterproof clothing and wellies every Tuesday.



Hipswell Warrior winners!

The spring term winners were the Gunners, well done children! Their reward was a visit to the Savoy Cinema to see Sylvanian Families - The Movie.



Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle!

Various Easter egg hunts have taken place this week within our grounds. Thank you to Mrs. Waller for organising our Easter Hamper raffle and the generosity of our staff (past and present) for donating the prizes.



Online safety

In school, we teach the children how to keep themselves safe online. Our website contains links to several websites with e-safety advice and guidance.

<http://hipswell.n-yorks.sch.uk/children/e-safety/>

Many of our children now have access to devices which enable them to connect to the internet. It is essential that parents support their children in navigating the online world:

- Please ensure they maintain a healthy screentime limit.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.
- Monitor their online activity, including group chats with their friends.

School day

The school day begins at 8:50am (with the gates opening from 8:45am) and ends at 3:20pm. If you are running late to collect your child, please contact the school office. After Easter, parents who regularly collect children late will incur a charge for Fun Club.

Allergies

We have a number of children in school with allergies therefore we ask that children do not bring food items such as sweets and cakes into school for their class/friends. Please note that we ask that children do not bring items containing nuts into school in their packed lunch.

Uniform

Please ensure your child wears their smart school uniform daily and their correct PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, red school jumper and plain black trainers) on PE days. Our uniform policy is available on our website. For their own safety, children are not allowed to wear jewellery. If ears are pierced, small studs may be worn. These must be removed during PE lessons. Please only pierce children's ears at the start of the summer holidays so that they do not miss PE lessons.

Month of the Military Child

During the first week back, we will be celebrating the Month of the Military Child. On Friday 25th April, children are invited to wear something purple. On this day, we invite all families to join us for a sausage sandwich breakfast in the hall from 8:15am which will be £2 per person. We hope that you are able to join us.

Dates for your diary

Month of the Military Child - wear something purple and breakfast in the hall.	Friday 25 th April from 8:15am
Reception and Key stage 1 sports afternoon	Wednesday 25 th June at 13:30
Key stage 2 sports afternoon	Thursday 26 th June at 13:30
Coffee morning	Thursday 22 nd May from 08:50