Hipswell Church of England Primary School

April 2020

<u>Official Facebook Page:</u>

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<u>New Improved Website:</u> **www.hipswell.n-yorks.sch.uk**

Challenging Times

On Friday 20th March, 2020 Hipswell School closed to the majority of pupils and families.

Thank you for all your kind and supportive comments to all the staff at Hipswell during this very challenging period of our lives. Your patience and support has been very much appreciated.

Hipswell Church of England Primary School is now closed to the majority of pupils. We are, as yet, unsure how long this will be for.

We hope you are enjoying the challenge of home-schooling your children! We will continue to send out links to useful websites and will send out an updated home learning document after the Easter holidays.

In the meantime, it has been lovely to see that the majority of children are fully engaged and interacting with their class teachers on Seesaw.

Please keep uploading photographs (eg completing a challenge such as the Joe Wicks Body Coach daily exercise), completed work or simply send a message to the class teacher at least once a week. They would love to hear from you.

Seesaw is a great way of keeping in touch with your child's class teacher and with their education.

If you have any problems connecting to Seesaw, please contact the school: admin@hipswell.n-yorks.sch.uk
In the meantime, on behalf of all the staff and Governors at Hipswell Church of England Primary School, stay safe and healthy and continue to do a great job with educating and looking after your children.
Best wishes

Mr Sykes

Headteacher

Working from Home….

Keep up the good work of looking after and educating your children…...

Team Rockets reach for the Stars at

Hipswell Quiz Night

A great BIG thank you! We raised *drum roll*…. an amazing £162.91 at the charity quiz night on Tuesday 28th January, 2020! This money will be used to support the Clic Sargent charity as well as providing new playground equipment for the Hipswell pupils.

Congratulations to 'The Rockets' on winning in a very close tie break with 'The Russell Clan.' A great night was had by all, with lots of positive feedback. Hopefully the first of many similar events!

Thank you to Mrs Arnott for hosting, Mr Arnott for marking, Mr Sykes for his support and encouragement, our 'little' helpers and finally all the parents and staff for their generosity and enthusiasm, which is very much appreciated. (Mrs Brice)

National Military Band Catterick

In January, we welcomed the National Military Band Catterick who performed for all the pupils. The children were engrossed in listening to some of their favourites, including a wonderful medley of Disney songs.

Excellent Writing Progress

Year 5 were presented with a special award in assembly for their excellent progress in writing. Well done Year 5, your space stories were very exciting.

Library Visit

Mrs Price's Reception class had a wonderful visit to Catterick Library. The pupils loved looking at all the books and listening to their favourite stories.

A Day at the Races

Year 6 had a very busy and exciting day taking part in maths activities at Catterick Racecourse; they also chose the best turned out horse for the Racing for Schools hurdle race and presented the prize to the owner.

Good Work Year 6

Year 6 have recently enjoyed a programme of PSHE work with PC Godfrey. The photograph shows some of the children involved in scenarios where they practised using strategies to deal with different types of peer pressure.

Taking Care of the School Environment

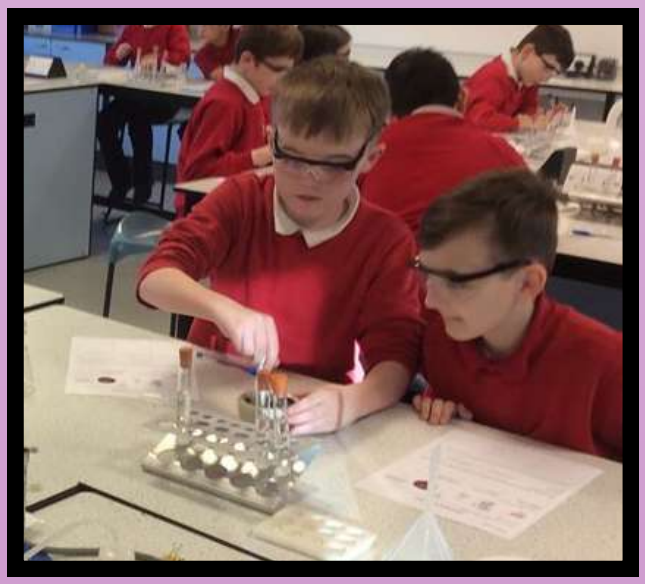
Eco-warrior Logan, from Year 5, presented a very informative assembly to the whole school on plastic pollution. The pupils suggested ways we can reduce the amount of plastic we use in school and in our homes and they were shown how to make an eco-bottle. Did you know that a plastic bottle can last up to 500 years? This means that a bottle dropped in the ocean or put in a landfill site today could still be there in the year 2520!!!

Ash Wednesday

The children received the sign of the cross from Reverend Andrew and Mr. Kane as part of our special Ash Wednesday celebration.

Transition Work

In the Spring term, Year 5 were invited to Risedale Sports and Community College for music and Science lessons. The children had great fun learning to play the keyboard and they enjoyed completing science investigations in the laboratories.



Bike Extravaganza Day 2020

The pupils arrived on their bikes and scooters for an early breakfast for the annual Bike Extravaganza Day on Friday 6th March, 2020. The children completed lots of exciting challenges and took part in competitions to design helmets and bicycles. Mrs Pollard from Stage1 Cycles was impressed with the pupils' cycling skills. At the end of the day the children (and staff) were exhausted after a highly successful and enjoyable day.

Bike Extravaganza Day-the 2020 Winners!

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Sport Relief—March 2020

The pupils were challenged to complete a long distance run as part of their support for Sport Relief. They also enjoyed completing a sports quiz. We raised a staggering £110.

Sport Relief 2020

Ready to run for Sport Relief!

Hipswell School Celebrates World Book Day

Wonderful World Book Day

The Hipswell World Book Day took place on Thursday 5th March, 2020. It was wonderful to welcome many famous book characters to Hipswell School to celebrate this annual event.

During the day, the children talked and wrote about their book characters and completed lots of exciting challenges linked to famous authors and their favourite books. The Reception children were surprised when they were visited by lots of secret readers (the parents of the pupils in the Reception class). They also enjoyed a fabulous book at bed time activity.

Thank you everyone for making World Book Day a highly enjoyable and successful day.

World Book Day 2020

The Year 6 pupils

The Year 5 pupils

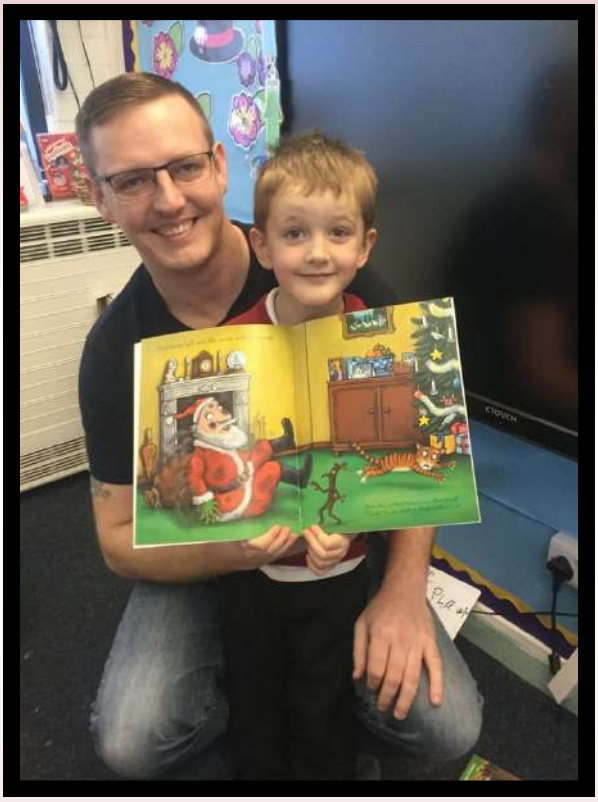
The Year 2 pupils

World Book Day 2020

The Year 3 pupils

The Year 4 pupils

Year 2 Book Scavenger Hunt



Secret Storytellers visit Reception Pupils

Reception pupils really enjoyed taking part in National Storytelling Week. Each day the children excitedly awaited the arrival of a secret storyteller. The children loved having family members in class to read their favourite stories. Thanks again to all of the people that were involved.

After School Clubs Spring Term 2020

Zumba

Gymnastics

Football

Lego

Block Fit

National Story Telling Week

The children thoroughly enjoyed retelling classic stories or creating their own stories during National Story Telling Week in January. The photograph shows the winners of the competition for National Storytelling Week. Well done to everyone who entered .

School Council News

Following their democratic election in September, the School Council has been working extremely hard to further improve the school.

The councillors organised a successful Sport Relief Day, where they raised a staggering £110, and a successful second-hand book sale. They have fully supported raising money for the Clic Sargent charity and the new playground equipment which they have chosen for the school bank. They organised the Valentine's Day disco, which was very well attended, and they are working closely with Miss Ewbank to create a new school library in the Rainbow Room.

Thank You Hipswell

We were overwhelmed to receive this letter from our local MP, Rishi Sunak, congratulating Hipswell School on increasing the proportion of pupils who attained the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics in 2019.

THE RT. HON. RISHI SUNAK MP

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Mr Jon Sykes
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23 January 2020

Our Ref: ZA30210

Dear Mr Sykes,

I was really pleased to learn recently of your achievement in again increasing the proportion of your pupils which attained the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics last year.

May I offer my congratulations to you and to the whole of your team, which I would be grateful if you could pass on to them, for another year of improved performance. I particularly commend the hard work of the teaching staff in achieving this under the more demanding reformed KS2 tests.

Congratulations again to you and your team on this brilliant achievement. Thank you all for your hard work, and I wish you all a successful 2020.

Kind regards,

Rishi Sunak
Member of Parliament
Richmond (Yorks)

Hipswell Sports News

Multi-Skills Stars

Congratulations to the Year 1 pupils who took part in the Multi Skills cluster event on Wednesday 22nd January. The children enjoyed completing all the activities and behaved really well.

Y6 and some Y5 children also took part in the Multi Skills event on Wednesday 22nd January. They worked with Y1s from local primary schools, supporting them at each station and encouraging them to develop new skills. The event was a great success with everyone trying out different activities and thoroughly enjoying the day.

Hipswell Sports News

Going For Gold

Mrs Waller was extremely proud of the 5 gymnasts who took part in the Key Steps Competition at Richmond School in February. They all performed their routines with great professionalism and enjoyed the event. The team qualified for the finals, which sadly have been cancelled due to the coronavirus situation. Well done girls!

Holiday dates	2020/2021
Monday 7th September 20	School closed -Training Day
Tuesday 8th September 20	School opens 9am
Friday 23rd October 20	School closes at 3.15pm Half term holiday
Monday 2nd November 20	School opens 9am
Friday 18th December 20	School closes at 3.15pm Christmas holiday
Monday 4th January 2021	School closed - Training Day
Tuesday 5th January 2021	School opens 9am
Friday 12th February 2021	School closes at 3.15pm Half term holiday
Monday 22nd February 2021	School opens 9am
Friday 26th March 2021	School closes at 3.15pm Easter holiday
Monday 12th April 2021	School closed -Training Day
Tuesday 13th April 2021	School opens 9am
Monday 3rd May 2021	School closed - May Bank holiday
Friday 28th May 2021	School closes 3.15pm Half term holiday
Monday 7th June 2021	School closed -Training Day
Friday 23rd July 2021	School closes at 3.15pm Summer holiday

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