

Hollywood News - March 2023

Keep our Pupils Safe!!

Please consider where you park (not on any lines) so that our pupils can cross the road safely and get to their parents without incident.

Concerns have been raised by parents and staff.

Please use the half hour collection window, the village hall area and the school car park.

We appreciate that higher pupil numbers mean more congestion but pupil safety outweighs everything else. Please be considerate and help us to keep pupils safe. Please ensure that anyone who comes to collect your child is aware of the need to collect safely.



Uniform

With the exception of Big Thursday and school events pupils are expected to be in school uniform (sweatshirt, hoodie, cardigan).

Help us keep the team by ensuring that pupils are in uniform.

Need Uniform? Check out the Pre-loved stand in the corridor.

Hand in your old uniforms and someone else will make use of them.

LOST PROPERTY

We have increasing amounts of lost property being collected from around the school.

PLEASE put names on everything and we can get it back to your child.



Welcome to Mrs Handley

who has now joined us fulltime until the end of May.

Mrs Handley is a PDGE teaching student on her final placement.

She will be working with P6/7 and will build to teaching pupils full time for the last 4 weeks of placement.

Miss Dale will be mentoring and supporting the student with the help of Mrs McNay.

Big Spend

Due to our healthy staff team and the end of the financial year we had a bit of budget to spend.

We bought:

Doughnut cushions for Big Read and working around the school.

2 new trikes for playtime.

6 new laptops and a charging trolley.

Tennis rackets and nets for PE

Rulers for P1-3

Books for the Reading Hub for all reading ages.

A book carousel for P4/5

A paper storage unit (to keep us tidy)

2 river rugs for P4/5 and P1-3

A tool trolley for the Engineering Shed

How we are allocated staffing budgets will change next session due to partnership so we felt it was an opportunity to buy some big resources which we may not have the ability to purchase in future... and rulers!



World Book Day

A huge thank you to Mrs Jardine and the Reading Reps for all their planning and hard work which led to a fun filled World Book Day for all pupils.

Thank you to parents and families for pulling fabulous costumes together at the very last minute. Genius!!

It was impressive to see pupils taking the lead in learning in a number of book related activities. Great skills for life!

Parent Council

It was great to see many more faces around the table at the most recent Parent Council Meeting.

Getting parents in and involved in the life and work of the school is essential to help us improve. Having the support and advice of our parents can shape the ethos and environment for all our learners!

We know we have busy, hard working parents so any time you can spare to support us is very much

Playground / School Survey

We carried out a playground survey to get a view of how pupils feel about being in and around the school.

Bad language came up as the main behaviour which pupils do not like - Miss Dale will be addressing this through an assembly. Pupils will be asked to look out for improvement.



Demon Dentist

We all had a great time at the Sand Centre watching the Demon Dentist. It was lovely to be in the audience rather than performing in a show.



We funded the trip through PEF - giving our pupils in a rural school a wider experience. For some pupils it was their first time on a big bus; for some it was their first time in the theatre.

Staff at the Sand Centre commented on the great behaviour of our pupils. Thanks Team Hollywood - we are very proud of you!

Girl's Toilets Gets an Update



I was approached by pupils about decorating the P4-7 girl's bathroom.

The toilets in school are due for refurbishment (in 2021) and we have yet to hear when this work will take place.

Pupils designed a mood board for approval. Oriana has persuaded her family to support her in the development armed with a budget of £100 to complete the works.

The decorating is now underway...

I am delighted that our pupils are taking an interest in developing their school environment. Thank you! It shows our pupils have a voice and can impact on change at Hollywood.

We'll share photos when the works are completed.

A huge thank you to the Hesketh family for being dragged into the project—much appreciated!

The staff team are going to be very jealous!!

Devil's Porridge

P6/7 visited the Devil's Porridge Museum in Easttriggs to see aspects of our World War 1 and 2 project.

The volunteers were very knowledgeable and shared their stories with our pupils.

Pupil's were a credit to us - respectful and well mannered. Thank you P6/7.

Upcoming Events

Dates for the Diary:

16th March—Target Setting

28th March - Assembly

30th March - 6:30pm Parent Council Movie Night

31st March - Hollywood's Got Talent Launch!

24th April - 2pm - 3pm P6/7 heats HGT

25th April - 2pm - 3pm P1/3 heats HGT

26th April - 2pm - 3pm P4/5 heats HGT

27th April - 5:30pm - 7pm The Final of HGT

1st May - School Closed May Day Holiday

5th May - 8am Bike Breakfast

7th May - Coronation Event at Village Hall details to follow.

8th May - School Closed King's Coronation

9th June - 2pm - 4pm Gala Day

W/B 19th June - Week in the Woods

22nd June - Family Campover

28th June - 2pm Graduation

30th June - Waterslide Day



Partnership!

Hollywood and Duncow will share a head teacher from August 2023.

What changes will this mean for Hollywood?

This will mean that Miss Dale will no longer be a class teacher in the school.

This will mean that Miss Dale will spend half her time at Duncow Primary School.

This will mean that a Principal Teacher will be advertised and appointed—the principal teacher will be in charge of the school when the head teacher is out. This post is to be advertised after the Easter break.

We are certain there will be changes we have not yet considered—we will try to ensure that they are all positive.

It is hoped that partnership will allow us to broaden opportunities for our staff, pupils and communities.

Thank you for your continued support—your positive messages have been very much appreciated.