

MAY NEWS

The children have enjoyed spending time in the sunshine this last couple of weeks!

'And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light'
Genesis 1:3



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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils,

May is often known as the 'testing month' as it sees the year 6 and year 2 children take their SATS, which for some defines the month. Despite being tough for some, I am looking forward to seeing how well the children adapt and show their maturity in such circumstances. The year 6 children are ready, and I know they will do their best. They could not have worked harder for 'that' week and we will be proud of them for all their achievements. The year 2 children will also take their SATS in their stride, and although not as obvious or as formal as the year 6 SATS they will too be working very hard. So I ask that you send your thoughts and well wishes to our children from the 14th and provide hearty breakfasts and early nights in abundance (staff included!).

During worship recently, we have been talking a lot about our Christian values and what makes Woodmansey a church school. Those of you who joined us for celebration worship last week will know that I was astounded when a foundation stage child asked me, 'Who do you respect Mrs Nicholls?' Not only did I have to think carefully about my answer but I realised we must be doing something right. I have included our values below with

the reminder that we all strive to be the best version of ourselves, but we achieve more when we work together.

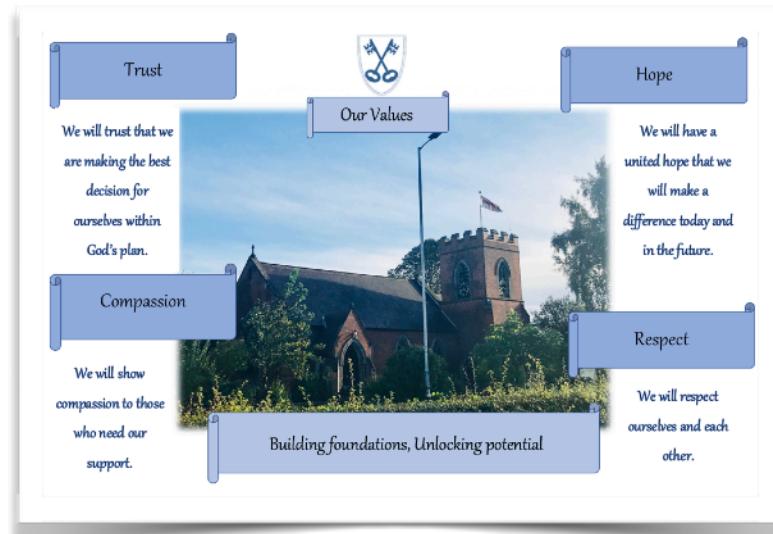
So here I remind our year 2 and year 6 children to concentrate on being *their* best version and reflect on realising their potential.

Wishing you a wonderful month ahead,

Kindest regards,

**Mrs Bethan
Nicholls**

Head of School





NATIONAL TESTS FOR YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6.

The next couple of weeks are very important for our children in years 2 and 6. They will be sitting their National Tests. Children in year 2 will take the tests during the month of May. Year 6 however will take all their tests in the week commencing the **14th May 2018**.

Absence for year 6 children during this week is to be avoided at all costs. However, should illness strike, Mrs Nicholls should be contacted directly as soon as possible.

During this week, it is vital that children have a good sleep and a nutritional breakfast and of course, arrive to school on time. The year 6 children will support each other and will look forward to the results they all deserve.



ITEMS IN SCHOOL

We want to ensure our school stays inclusive...

I have noticed recently that children are bringing toys, 'Nik nacks' and small items from home. They are then being brought out on to the playground. There are many reasons why we don't allow items from home to be brought into school (unless they have been requested by the class teacher to support in a project or class task): They often cause problems on the playground if they go missing or get damaged and it can also put pressure on other children to bring in the same. I ask for your support in this to restore the playground to its former glory. Many thanks.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest Photography will be returning on **Thursday 24th May** to take the whole school photo and the Year 6 leavers photo. We are going for a different look this year, a photo with a more contemporary feel. Please ensure that children are in school and are wearing correct uniform. It would be appreciated if school jumpers/cardigans were available on this day, even if the sun is out.



SAFETY IN THE SUN

The sun will be back soon so be prepared!

It is important to stay safe when in the sun, so can I ask that parent/carers add a wide brimmed or foreign legion styled hat which protects the neck, to the school bag. Pupils are also recommended to have sun cream at school but the following protocol must be observed.

- The sun cream must be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Sun cream must be handed to the class teacher to be kept in a box, not in book bags, coats or pockets.
- Each child must be trained at home how to best apply his or her own suncream. Teachers and supervisors cannot apply sun cream for your child unless there is a medical requirement, this being dealt with through the Administration of Medicines Policy.
- Parents may decide to apply a 'one application' cream before school, but I will leave this decision with you.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

We are an Operation Encompass School...

Schools within the East Riding have been approached to join an initiative called 'Operation Encompass' which helps support children who have been witness to domestic violence.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people exposed to domestic abuse. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools before the start of the next school day when a child or young person has been involved or exposed to a domestic abuse incident the previous evening.



The information is given in strict confidence to a school's Key Adult to enable support to be given dependent on the needs and wishes of the child. We believe this is a positive step in safeguarding our children and in turn supporting the families.

FANCY A CAREER IN TEACHING?

Have you ever considered becoming a teacher? Riding Forward TSA, with whom we are in collaboration with Molescroft Primary School, runs a teacher training programme called 'School Direct'. The programme lasts for one academic year (September to July) with the University of Hull. During the year students will be placed with host schools and will also spend time at the university for lectures. The programme has been designed to give the next generation of teachers the necessary skills to become an effective classroom practitioner. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please contact Jenny Lines at the Riding Forward office 01482 679139.



LEARN THE VIOLIN!

We currently have musicians from the East Riding Music Service who come in to teach the violin. From September we have spaces for those wishing to take up the violin. If any children (September Y2-Y6) would like to take up these places then please contact Mrs Scott ASAP.



DIARY



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May (Y2 SATS will be happening throughout May)

Mon 7th	School Closed Early May Bank Holiday
Wed 9th	KS1 Cricket event at Longcroft School
Thurs 10th	Ascension Day 'Beating the Boundary'
Mon 14th-18th	KS2 SATS commence
Thurs 17th	5.30pm Wellbeing & Personnel Governors 6.30pm Finance, Premises and Management
Mon 21st	Environment Week
Thurs 24th	Tempest Whole School Photograph
Fri 25th	School Closes for Half Term

June

Sat 2nd	Coronation Day (65 years ago today)
Mon 4th	School reopens
Thurs 7th	5.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Mon 18th	Parents of Foundation Stage Pupils (F2) Meeting 5.30pm
Wed 20th	Woodmansey Sports Day (held at Molescroft Primary) 9.30am
Thurs 21st	Reserve Woodmansey Sports Day (held at Molescroft Primary) 9.30am
Mon 25th	Annual School Reports will be published throughout this week
Wed 27th	'The Jungle Book' 6pm, The Village Hall
Fri 29th	'The Jungle Book' 2pm (families with younger children may bring them to the matinee), The Village Hall 'The Jungle Book' 6pm, The Village Hall

July

Tues 3rd	Year 6 Transition Day for Year 6 (Beverley Grammar)
Fri 6th	Exhibition of Work Evening 5pm
Mon 16th	Year 6 Parent Transition Evening (Beverley Grammar)
Thurs 19th	Year 6 Leavers Celebration for Year 6 Parent/Carers 10.30am Buffet Lunch for Year 6 and Parent/Carers 12pm Final Celebration Worship of the Year 2.30pm School Closes for the Summer 3.30pm

GOVERNOR NEWS

As you may know, Woodmansey CE Primary has not only been through some leadership changes but the Governing Body has seen big changes over the last couple of years. It is important that as parents and carers you are aware of the people within the team that governs the school and what their role is. Governance has taken a different direction in recent years but essentially they are to:

- ensure the school continues to raise standards
- ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

Over this academic year we hope to provide you with a Governor biography for each governor so you can get to know their faces and understand their role within the governing body.



Rebecca Fielding-Smith Parent Governor

Living in Woodmansey and with two daughters at the school I was keen to become a member of the governing body and as such I have been a parent governor for the last three years. During this time I have seen significant changes in the school that have now culminated in the strong position the school is in today.

My own background is in higher education where I thoroughly enjoy helping my students to flourish and succeed. As a lecturer I am very much aware of the benefits education can bring and I hope to bring some of this experience to my governor role. I firmly believe that a good primary school experience plays a pivotal role in inspiring children to realise their potential in later life.

When not at work I like to be outdoors. I have been a keen runner for fifteen years and although I no longer run competitively I am still addicted and so I have to run every day! I also enjoy horse riding as do my children which is great as it is something we all do together.

I am proud of our school and of all that has been achieved in recent months. Our school is a fantastic place to be and it is a pleasure to be a part of the governing body team.

*Dear Lord, give me joyful eyes for joyful nature.
May I be alive to the gentle influences of a May
day which bring new experiences to all who may
receive them: and may I serve thee by unfolding
to others the love of truth, the love of good, and
the love of beauty. Amen.*