

## February 2024 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Perseverance** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Aspiration**.

**'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'** Philippians 4.13



*Dear Parents & Friends,*

It was wonderful to see such a good turnout at today's Good Works assembly.

There is always so much to celebrate in Friday assemblies but alas we can only give you a snapshot of our busy week of learning. We are extremely proud of every child at Hackthorn.

Hackthorn children are so wonderful and, every week, I am stunned by their kindness, talent, hard-work and sheer joy to be in school.

**Mr D Gibbons, Headteacher**

### **It's Not Goodbye, It's 'See You Later'**

As some of you may know, I officially finished my time at Hackthorn at the start of the year, but wanted to stay on until the school found a replacement in the office and handover correctly.

This will be just before half term. I am sure that you will all welcome Mrs Natalie Frost who will be the new school Administrator.

It's been a wonderful 4 years and leaving is bittersweet, but, I have absolutely loved watching the children grow and thrive in this wonderful settling. It will be very hard to say goodbye.

Thank you to you all, parents, staff and pupils, for helping to make my time here so enjoyable, I'll be leaving you in capable hands and Hackthorn will always be the most inspiring place I've had the pleasure of working.

**Best Wishes, Mrs Bould**

### **Young Voices, Sheffield - 9th February**

**The structure of the day is as follows:**

Depart Hackthorn mid-morning, arrive at Sheffield Arena for 1pm. (Packed lunch needed).

Children will be engaged in rehearsals from 2.15pm – 5pm, after which they will have a well-earned break. They will also need a packed tea to eat during this break. The actual concert will commence at 7pm, and is estimated to finish at 9.15pm, the children will return to the coach, travel back to Hackthorn. Estimated return time of approx. 11pm.

A long day, but very worthwhile!



## Valentine Disco - 23rd February



FOHS are hosting a Valentine Disco for the whole school on Friday 23rd February - 3.45 - 5pm. Please make payment of £3 per child to the school office, clearly stating which child/ren you're paying for and include the exact change. If you have any dietary requirements please also make this clear on your envelope. The price will include entry, hot dog, strawberries and a drink. (V, Ve, GF available). Please hand in your envelope no later than the **16th February** and wear something **RED!**

## World Book Day - 7th March

As ever we are really looking forward to World Book Day. We will be in touch nearer the date with information on how we will join in the celebrations.



## Yr5 & Yr6 Rand Farm Park Residential - 15th - 16th March

This year our Yr5 & Yr6 pupils are heading to Rand Farm Park for a short residential trip on the 15th March. The aim of Rand Farm Park Residential Courses is that children will hopefully gain a better understanding of farm life, why people continue to do it, where their food comes from as well as the effect upon our environment. This is a rounded Learning experience, linked with the national curriculum and delivered by their educational team.



## Parents Evenings - 19th and 21st March

Our next Parents Evenings will be held on the 19th and 21st March, a booking link will be sent out to all parents/guardians towards the end of the month.

## Easter Church Service - 28 March

The Easter Service will take place at 2.00pm on Thursday 28th March in the village church. Parents may take their children home after the service if they wish. The remaining children will go home from school in the usual way at 3.30pm. All are welcome.

### Dates to Remember

<b>2 Feb</b>	FOHS 'Quids In' to be returned	<b>7 Mar</b>	World Book Day
<b>9 Feb</b>	Young Voices, Sheffield	<b>15 - 16 Mar</b>	Yr5/6 Residential - Rand Farm
<b>10 Feb</b>	Last Day of Term 3 (Half Term)	<b>19 &amp; 21 Mar</b>	Parents Evenings
<b>19 Feb</b>	First Day of Term 4	<b>21 Mar</b>	Pre-School Activities 1.30pm
<b>20 - 26 Mar</b>	KS2 Witham Hill Gymnastics	<b>27 Mar</b>	Rhubarb Theatre in school
<b>23 Feb</b>	FOHS Valentines Disco	<b>28 Mar</b>	Easter Service in Church 2pm