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**'Shaping lives, building futures to be the best you can be.'**

### News

Thank you to all of those parents who attended Parents' Evening. 81% of you attended and the evening went very well with lots of positive comments about your children and how they are progressing in their learning.

We wish Miss Hodgson well as she leaves today to go on maternity leave. We will let you know when she has had her little one. Good luck and enjoy your time before the little bump arrives!

Today we break up for October half term and **return to school on Monday 31st October**. Have a fantastic holiday and make lots of memories. Please remember nights are getting darker and your children need to be inside where they are safe at night time. Take care of each other and have lots of fun!

Want things to do over the holidays? Visit...  
<https://www.visitdoncaster.com/news/half-term-activities-in-doncaster>



We created repeating patterns using natural resources.



We learnt about different lengths, including height!

**The 'Maths Sprint' is in full flow!**  
**Why not get involved and encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars this half term?**  
**Can anyone beat Miss Wales' score of 65 (on Festival)?**

A cuboid has 6 faces—2 squares and 4 oblongs.



**All across school children have been working hard to talk about their learning and to learn from their mistakes (using purple pen).**



We can tell you about 3D shapes. A cube has 6 vertices.

**Here are some superb examples of work from around school!**



Incredible use of **purple pen** to address misconceptions.

### Autumn 2 Parent Events for Nursery and Reception

From Friday 11.11.22 we would like to invite all of our EYFS parents in to share a story with their child from 8.40 - 8.50 every week – if you would like to join us just come into the classroom when you drop your child off at school.

We would also love to see you at the following sessions with Mrs Wiltshire from 9.00 - 10.00:

Tuesday 1.11.22 - Healthy Eating

Tuesday 8.11.22 - Outdoor Learning

Tuesday 15.11.22 - Let's Play! A session all about playing with the things you have in your home

Tuesday 22.11.22 - Sensory Play

Tuesday 29.11.22 - Planning for Christmas

Tuesday 9.12.22 - Story Sacks

Tuesday 13.12.22 - Christmas Keepsakes

The following sessions will be running with EYFS staff at 3.45 - 4.15 on the following dates:

Wednesday 16.11.22 - Self Regulation

Wednesday 23.11.22 - Maths

### Ready

Be ready for school, be on time and dressed appropriately with the items you need for the

### Respectful

Listen to others, use appropriate language, look after the building and objects within, keep hands and feet to yourself.

### Safe

Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others. Be in the right place at the right time.

### Joke of the week...

Why don't you ever race with big cats? ... ..  
... ..  
... .. because there is always a Cheetah



**Our Attendance this week is 93.2%**

**Our Attendance this half term is 94.9%**

This term half-term we have praised attendance throughout school, our green attendance hero t-shirts have been worn with pride, we have sent post cards home and we are looking forward to seeing more children achieve awards upon their return after the holidays.

Our winning house for this term is



Scotsman – Green with 95.5%!

### Safeguarding

Visit for more advice - <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1195/positive-parenting.pdf>

Positive parenting uses techniques that work well for every child. These techniques will help you build and strengthen your relationship with your child, leading to them being happier, along with less stress for you.

All parents can come under pressure or stress from time to time, and it can even lead to them wanting to smack their children – although many parents regret it later. But evidence shows that it is not an effective way to discipline your children.

### Parent Voice Questionnaire Results

Parents evening was useful and informative to help me understand my child's next steps in learning.

Strongly Agree - 92  
Agree - 51  
Disagree - 2  
Strongly Disagree - 5