



**February – March 2023**

Welcome to this half term's newsletter. We have had lots of fun this half term, taking part in a range of different activities. Some of us have continued to attend our football and goal keeping clubs, whereas others have joined a new dance club. We have also been shopping, to Laser Quest, to the games arcade to Meadowhall, out for tea, bowling, to the Deaf Aspirations event at Castleford, to the park, played in the snow, dressed up for world book day and comic relief and celebrated two birthdays! All this, plus more, and we have still had time to complete our homework and practice our life skills! What a term!



Happy Birthday Lacey and Ralfs!

# Welcome to Doncaster Deaf Trust Children's Homes Newsletter

Here's 14 fascinating facts about Easter

- Every child in the UK receives an average of 8.8 Easter eggs every year – double their recommended calorie intake for a whole week.
- The largest ever Easter egg hunt was in Florida, where 9,753 children searched for 501,000 eggs.
- In 2007, an Easter egg covered in diamonds sold for almost £9 million.
- When people gorge on a chocolate Easter bunny, 76 per cent bite off the ears first, 5 percent go for the feet and 4 percent opt for the tail.
- With all those chocolate eggs for family, relatives, loved ones and friends, it should be no surprise that households spend an average of £75 on Easter treat each year.
- In the USA, 90 million chocolate bunnies and 91.4 billion eggs are produced each year. At Easter, Americans also consume more than 16 million jellybeans used to fill the hollow centre of Easter eggs, and that's enough to circle the globe three times over.
- The White House hosts an Easter Egg Roll on the front lawn each year. This tradition was started by President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1878.
- Sales at Easter time make up 10 per cent of UK chocolate spending for the whole year.
- The UK's first chocolate egg was produced in 1873 by Fry's of Bristol.
- The tallest chocolate Easter egg was made in Italy in 2011. Standing 10.39 meters tall and weighing 7,200 kg.
- Portugal is the home of the largest decorated Easter egg, which reached almost 15m in height and 8m in diameter when it was made in 2008.
- On Easter Sunday in Scotland and North-East England, some people have great fun rolling painted eggs down steep hills.
- This is also popular in parts of America, where people push the egg along with a spoon.
- The name Easter owes its origin to Eostre of Eastre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess of light and the dawn who was honored at pagan festivals celebrating the arrival of spring.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter. Have a lovely holiday and see you all again on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, when school reopens. Love, Kate and the team xx

We love to keep fit and active, look at some of the activities we have done.



We made pancakes for Pancake Day, they were delicious!



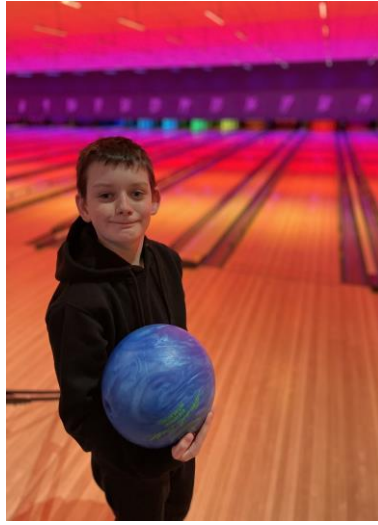
Finn brought his Velcro dart board from home, we all wanted to win!



We all bought books for world book day, and then dressed up as our favourite characters!



We went bowling a few times, it's one of our favourite things to do when it's wet outside, good old English weather!



We spent time with friends and went out for a posh 'white hot chocolate' it tasted so good!



We took a trip to Meadowhall; looked round the shops and had a meal out.



We also worked towards our individual targets and practiced our life skills, including cooking, shopping, ironing, money management and of course completing our homework, to help us progress further in school.



Some of us went to the Deaf Aspirations event at Castleford Academy. It was an interesting evening and we attended various presentations, highlighting that being Deaf holds no barriers, we can achieve our dreams and do whatever we want to do, we just have to believe in ourselves.



We made the most of the snow! Doncaster didn't have a lot this year, but we still enjoyed it.



We went to visit the chicks in nursery, they were so cute!



For our end of term activity, some of us chose to go to the games warehouse, whereas others chose to play Laser Quest, the choice was ours!



**Happy Easter**