



Together We Achieve

Newsletter

Friday 26th May 2017

Dates for your diary

26th May

Break up for half term

7th June

Rounders Y5/6

20th June

Y4 Dalby Forest trip

21st June

Full governing body meeting

Y3 visit The Deep

3rd July

Little Big Sing

4th July

Sports Day KS1 (PM for parents)

Big Sing

5th July

New starters in with daycare providers

6th July

Y6 Induction Day at Driffield School

7th July

Summer Fair after school

11th July

KS2 Sports Day (PM for parents)

12th – 17th July

Y6 Cycle training

19th July

Driffield Show

20th July

Leavers Service in the hall

Entering the final half term...

I felt very proud of the way our Year 6 children conducted themselves during the SATs tests. The tests, as was widely predicted, were extremely challenging however the children remained focused throughout, and the SATs Breakfast seemed like a big hit and a great way to relax prior to each morning of testing.

Thank you to all of members of our Year 6 team – Mrs Burkinshaw, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Drewery for their positivity and effort across the year, and to Mrs Lilly who has taught the children each week. We are also very grateful for our dedicated team of volunteers. Mrs Bjorndal, Mrs Moore and Mrs Lilly come into school every week to support and help groups or individuals, including SATs Club. I know that many schools would absolutely love such experienced and valuable people offering their support and we are very grateful.

Finally, thank you to all parents of Year 6 children. With the expectation levels of SATs rising and rising, I can only imagine what a challenge it has been for you over the past few months. We always seek the positives and we never put undue pressure on any of our children, but they do feel the weight of the tests and I know that you will have supported them admirably throughout. They want to do their very best, so inevitably feel some pressure.

At Hutton Cranswick, we are always seeking to broaden our curriculum and to develop skills through each and every year. We offer a range of educational visits, themed days, clubs, play and lunch activities, STEAM activities – too many things to list! The SATs themselves are very narrow, and we avoid as much as we can of 'teaching to the test', however preparation to allow children to feel they can access it is essential.

Maybe one day the Government will realise that we, as professionals, know exactly the strengths and areas for development of every single child, and we do not need a test to tell us about a narrow area of learning. But in the meantime, we will continue to offer our children the best opportunities to succeed, and we will do it with a smile and a 'can do' attitude!

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Driffield Show

This year's show will be in term time, on Wednesday 19th July. With this in mind, last year the East Riding of Yorkshire Council agreed that attending the show could be deemed an 'exceptional circumstance' due to the nature of the show forming part of our local cultural heritage. This meant that children from our school and schools within our cluster will be permitted to attend, with the absence being classed as authorized.

We have discussed this again as a cluster of schools and we want to continue to support the heritage of our local area. After half term you will receive a letter to confirm the arrangements for this year.

Positive Feedback

It is always nice to share positive feedback with you, and we have had lots of that recently. The Y5/6 children on the residential were praised for their behaviour and manners by the Robinwood staff.

Our netball team thrashed Sledmere 10-0 and 15-1 last week, but the team did not show off, and often let the opposition start with the centre first even though hit was not their turn to. This is I believe what we have been trying to establish for the last 3 years – we go determined to win, but we go to win well. And if we lose, we congratulate the opponent because the best team won on that day.

The same can be said for our other sporting teams and children that have recently been on school trips – including the children that ventured on the 121 to Driffield . We are very proud of the children that represent our school, and I know you will be even more proud to read this as parents.