



Together We Achieve

Newsletter

Friday 23rd June 2017

Dates for your diary

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 – Transition Morning

7th July

Summer Fair after school

11th July

KS2 Sports Day (PM for parents)

12th – 17th July

Y6 Cycle training

12th July

Transition morning

13th July

Transition morning

19th July

Driffield Show

20th July

Y6 production

21st July

Leavers Assembly in the hall

Busy and interesting times!

I don't think we have ever witnessed a year quite like this one. The sheer volume of events, activities and trips – it has certainly been the most action packed year to date!

You may have noticed I haven't been around as often over the past few days. This is because my wife gave birth to our third (and dare I say final) child on the 7th June. Lydia Joy Henderson will join her big brothers, Charlie and Ted, in making my life out of school even busier too. We are all very happy, but I do now remember why sleep deprivation is a form of torture!

Mrs Burkinshaw will be commencing her maternity leave today as well. I have no doubt you will all be sending her good vibes, and we will let you know about her new arrival when we do. Mrs Burkinshaw will be very much missed by the staff and children and particularly by me in her role as Deputy Head, but what an exciting (and sleep deprived) time awaits her!

In Mrs Burkinshaw's absence, I am pleased to say that Miss Midgley will be stepping into the role of Acting Deputy Head. Miss Midgley is, as most of you know, a brilliant teacher who will be able to stamp her own personality on the role. She is already part of our Senior Leadership Team alongside Miss Anderson as SENCo and Mrs Longden as School Business Manager.

Our reputation as a school has been enhanced further this year by the ways in which we have supported another school. Mrs Burkinshaw, Miss Midgley and Miss Anderson are all Specialist Leaders of Education (SLEs), which is a nationally accredited role that outstanding teachers can earn. This means that they are able to support colleagues in other schools in their specialist areas. I am a Local Leader of Education (LLE), and as a team we have supported another school, which was in danger of falling into Requires Improvement - or worse – but was actually graded 'good' by Ofsted just before Easter. Because we have been able to support in pockets of time across the team it has meant that we have been able to balance the needs of our school and supporting another. That work is coming to an end now, and we can focus on the challenges that await us with our new extension and increasing numbers.

When I started here, virtually 3 years ago to the day, we had 121 children. In September we will have 165 and in 2018 we anticipate increasing to 180. The school is performing well, but the reputation of our children and community of parents are of even more importance. The children are praised everywhere we go for manners, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and much more. You all do a sterling job, and people want to live here and be part of it. Thank you.

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Transition Mornings

As we approach the end of the year, children will start to think about their teacher for next year. We don't like to discuss this too much until we have to – there is still after all a few weeks left with lots to do.

We have booked in some transition mornings where the children will be meeting their new teacher. The first will be the morning of Thursday 6th July, then Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th. Allowing more than one visit has eased anxiety for some children, but also allows the teacher to build up a rapport ahead of September.

The children will bring home a letter on the first transition day that outlines the teachers of each year group of next year, and they will be excited to talk about it with you I am sure!



Sporting Achievements

Well done to our Rounders team – a 2nd place finish meaning they will go to the Level 2 event next Tuesday in Bridlington.



Our netball team, following the disappointment of finishing 2nd in the league last year, are **League Champions for 2017!!** This means we qualify for an additional tournament on Friday, which I am unofficially calling the Champions League. Well done to Miss Midgley for her hard work and to the netballers.

Finally, our Y3/4 Kwik Cricket team travelled down to Beverley with Mr Nevet to take part in the annual Drax Cup. We managed to finish 2nd again, which was a great achievement considering we were competing once again with much larger schools.

Our Year 2 footballers were extremely unlucky to end up in the 3rd/4th play-off with an unusual format to their event – I have it on good authority we were the best team!

We continue to enjoy sport, show exemplary sportsmanship but have an appetite to win. That is what we have fostered for a while now, and I am amazed by how well we compete now against large schools. We are going to have to buy some shelves as we have won so many trophies now in the last 2 years!

Driffield Show

Attached to this newsletter you will find a letter about Driffield Show. As is normal for the school now, we will enter the children from Years 1-6 in the Handwriting Category, and in the painting category for Reception. On the back of the letter we will put the list of categories that children can enter separately from school should they wish too.

The school entries results in free entry for children at the start of the morning. Further details and recipes can be found here:

<http://www.driffieldshow.co.uk/schedules-entry-forms.html>

Toilet stop



Hearing the laughter and chatter outside the school from the park on a summers evening is brilliant, and enhances that community feel. We would request however that you could remind your children when you pick them up that they must go to the toilet then, rather than coming back into school later on.

Mr Walker starts cleaning toilets straight away and mops the floor, so not only are they not as clean for the next day, but importantly the children are in danger of slipping on wet floors. Thank you.