



Newsletter

Tuesday 26th June 2018

Term Dates 2017/18

- 2nd July**
Walk to School Week
- 2nd July**
Friends Meeting 7pm
- 3rd July**
Y3 Trip Wassand Hall
- 3rd, 4th and 5th July**
Home Visits for New Starters
- 4th and 5th July**
New Class Move Up Mornings
- 4th July**
Residential Meeting for current Y5 class 6pm
- 6th July**
KS1 Sports Day AM
9.15am
KS2 Sports Day PM
1.15pm
- 9th July**
Little Big Sing Y1 PM
- 9th July 9.15-10.15am**
New Starter's Visit with parents
- 10th July**
Big Sing Glee Club and Y6 PM
- 11th July**
KS2 French Day

Move Up Arrangements

It is hard to believe that we are in the last month before we break up for the summer holidays. Another school year has flown by and the children have so much that they can be proud of when they think back to what they have achieved since the start of this academic year. All of our children have made fantastic progress, not only with their learning but also in becoming the best they can possibly be in all areas of school life including social development. To prepare the children as well as we can for the next stage in their journey, we have booked in two transition mornings where the children will be meeting their new teacher. The first will be the morning of Wednesday 4th July followed by Thursday 5th July. Allowing more than one visit can ease anxiety for some children and also allows the teacher to build up a rapport ahead of September.

We also have dedicated staff meeting time for teachers to discuss each child to make transition as smooth as possible. The children here are so lucky to get amazing teachers whichever year group they are moving up to. The staffing arrangements for September are as follows:

Reception – Miss Anderson (who will be Mrs Leeks after the summer holiday) with Mrs Hayhurst and Mrs Oxlade

Year 1 – Miss Midgley with Mrs Pickles

Year 2 – Mrs Hoyle with Mrs Walker

Year 3 - Mr Nevet with Mrs Brewster and Mrs Caslake

Year 4 – Miss Robinson with Mrs Lucas and Mrs Caslake

Year 5 – Mrs Lewer/Mrs Webb with Mrs Drewery

Year 6 – Miss Elliott with Mrs Atkins/Miss Small and Mrs Brewster

The teachers are looking forward to meeting their new class next week and continuing to work closely in partnership with you in the next academic year. The children and teachers alike are also enjoying their final weeks with their current classes, learning new things, developing skills and making lasting memories.

Open Evening

As mentioned in our previous Newsletter our Open Evening will be on **Monday 16th July**. Weather permitting, the whole school will be singing on the playground at **3.00pm**. We would love to see you at **3.00pm** and we are sure this will be a brilliant start to the evening. The evening is an opportunity to come in and let your child show you their books and work, have a chat with the teacher and also meet next year's class teacher. Alongside this we are also celebrating the arts. The timetable for the evening is shown below:

3.00pm - Whole school sing on the playground (weather permitting)

3.20pm - Art gallery/STEAM homework on show in the hall

3.45pm - Performances start on the stage (Year 6 dance, Glee Club, musicians)

3.20- 5.30pm - To have a look at classrooms and view work, have a chat with teachers; meet next year's teacher etc.

If you do not wish to go into the hall to view the performances, you can go straight to the classrooms, but if you could avoid walking through the hall when the children are performing that would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming you on the evening and hope to see lots of you there.

12th July
World Cup Day

13th July
Reports sent home

13th July
FOHCS Summer Fair –
after school

16th July
Parents/Carers Open
Evening 3.00pm-5.30pm

18th July
Driffield Show

19th July
Y6 Leaver's Production
6pm

20th July
Year 6 Leaver's
Assembly 9.30am



Parent Questionnaire

Attached to this Newsletter is a Parent Questionnaire which we would be really grateful if you could complete. As a school we strive to be the best we can be and focus on making a difference to children's lives through offering a broad and balanced curriculum, excellent teaching and learning and additional extra-curricular activities. We have high expectations in all areas of school life and we believe that children's **Personal Development, Behaviour and Wellbeing** are at the forefront of everything we do. All staff at Hutton Cranswick C P School aim to provide the children with genuine care, support and guidance on a daily basis and model high expectations and aspirations in all they do. As a school we would love to hear from you, and your thoughts and opinions about the school. It is only in true collaboration and through honesty that we will be able to receive feedback that we can consider and work on to enable the school to move forward. Our children and staff will also be completing a questionnaire so that we get the views of as many stakeholders as possible. The feedback we get will be used to celebrate our strengths and any areas for further development will be incorporated into our next School Improvement Plan for the academic year 2018/19. Your views really matter so we would appreciate as many responses as possible. Once completed please return to school. Thank you in anticipation of your responses.

Curriculum Highlights

We have been embracing and enjoying our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) sessions on a Friday afternoon. The whole school is involved in this year's STEAM focus - Forces and Construction. The quality and standard of some of the children's STEAM homework is outstanding and we recognise and appreciate the support you are giving your children in this area at home. The children are learning lots of new skills in the sessions, working well as a team and developing problem solving strategies. We have also welcomed a few of our governors to our sessions, making use of their skills and experience has been extremely beneficial to the children.

Linked to the World Cup the children are currently learning about their class teams. Each class has four teams that they are following the progress of in the World Cup and they are learning more about the country and its culture. We will be holding a World Cup day on Thursday 12th July.

Year 2 enjoyed a 1950s themed enrichment day, the children all looked amazing in 1950s clothes and enjoyed a range of activities to develop their learning and understanding further.

Attendance

As you are aware, attendance at school has been something that has tightened each year, with restricted holidays and fines imposed. This year, as in previous years any child who has an attendance record of 90% or below will be classed as a persistent absentee. This means that parents/carers will be invited in to school to put an attendance action plan in place, and if any of the objectives fail to be met then the Educational Welfare Officer could become involved and this leads to a further action plan. We are here to help and prevent anyone from having to go through that process. We monitor attendance in school and send a letter out to any parents/carers of any child who has an attendance record of 93% or less. **Please do not worry about this letter, it is only to highlight to your attention and allow you to avoid getting to the 90% mark.**

As in any maintained school in the East Riding, the Headteacher will only authorise absence in line with the East Riding Behaviour and Attendance Partnership 'Absence from School for Circumstances Policy'. Headteachers cannot authorise school absence purely for the reason of a family holiday. If your child accrues 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (one days absence equals two sessions) you may be liable for a penalty notice from the Local Council. If your request for authorised absence is declined, and you still take your child out of school a penalty notice could be issued by the Local Council. The school does not receive the money from any fines.

Driffield Show

This year's show will be in term time, on Wednesday 18th July. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council have 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 means that children from our school and schools within our cluster will be permitted to attend, with the absence being classed as authorised.

We have discussed this again as a cluster of schools and we want to continue to support the heritage of our local area. There is a letter attached to confirm the arrangements for this year and for you to complete so that we know what your child/children are intending to do on the day.



Fortnight Focus

Since the start of the Summer Term we have had a Fortnight Focus for the whole school. The positive ethos of our school enables staff and children to continually challenge themselves, in a supportive environment, and reach their goals. Ensuring a positive climate for learning and development, resulting in children having excellent attitudes to learning and life, is the key to success. Through the School Council we asked the children in all classes to think about what they do well and what they could focus on developing further to be the best they can be. The children came up with ideas such as greeting visitors, walking quietly and calmly through school, opening doors etc. We have been focusing on some of these areas and the children receive 'smiles' on a whole school chart if they are spotted completing the focus. If they reach the target number of 'smiles' they all gain an extra 10 minutes playtime on a Friday afternoon. This is for being fabulous and working as a whole school team. Please support the children by talking to them about the Fortnight Focus. We will share our Fortnight Focus via our twitter feed.

Food Bank

Thank you to all of the families that supported the Food Drive. As a school we collected 62.40kg which added to the first round of collections from other local primary schools, brings the project total to nearly half a tonne. This is a brilliant result and will make a big difference to the lives of some of the poorest families in the area. Thank you again for your support.

Polite Request

As we have children with nut allergies in school we ask if you could please avoid sending your child to school with nuts in their packed lunch or for parties/birthday treats. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

A Message from The Friends of the School

A big thank you to everyone who supported the village-wide car boot sale by booking a stall, donating cakes, helping with refreshments and visiting on the day. The Friends have raised just over £400 from the event.

The Summer Fair on Friday 13th July is rapidly approaching. Thank you for the donations received so far, however we still need more. Please can you help by donating any of the following:

- Children's books and toys
- Nearly-new uniform
- Fun-filled jars for the jam jar tombola
- Raffle Prizes

You can put anything in the jar (small toys, sweets, lego, hair bands etc.) Please remember to put a slip of paper with your child's name and class inside the jam jar (at the top) so they can be entered into the prize draw. The winner will be drawn at the fair.

Are you able to help set up or run a stall at the fair? If you are free to help, please drop a note in to the school office or chat to Jo Kelly who can be spotted with the sign-up clipboard in hand. Thank you.

The next Friends meeting is Monday 2nd July, 7pm at the school.

Everyone is welcome. The Friends are always open to new ideas and offers of help.

Thank you to the Friends of the School for their commitment, hard work and time that they give to organising events and fundraising for the school.

Follow the Friends of the School on their twitter account: [@HuttCransFOTS](https://twitter.com/HuttCransFOTS)



