



Together We Achieve

# Newsletter

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Term Dates 2018/19

4<sup>th</sup> September

Children return to school

5<sup>th</sup> September

FOTS Meeting 7pm at school

20<sup>th</sup> September

Individual School Photographs – all years

27<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 Open Evening at Driffield School & Sixth Form

5<sup>th</sup> October

Fun Run

17<sup>th</sup> October

Year 4 Trip – Eden Camp

19<sup>th</sup> October

Flu Vaccinations YR-Y5

24<sup>th</sup> October

Open Morning for Parents/ Carers

26<sup>th</sup> October

Last day before half term

5<sup>th</sup> November

Return to School

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week  
'Choose Respect'

16<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Road Safety Week

21<sup>st</sup> December

Last day before Christmas holiday

7<sup>th</sup> January

Staff Training Day

## Aspire, Believe, Succeed – Together We Achieve

Welcome back to the new school Year 2018/19!

We hope that the children have had a sunny, fun-filled yet relaxing summer holiday. Hopefully the children are well rested and ready to return to school for the new academic year. The start of a new academic year is always a great opportunity for the children to positively set new goals and challenges, in order for them to be the best they can be in their new class. The staff are looking forward to learning new things and sharing enhancing and enriching experiences with the children.

The start of a new academic year is always an ideal time to revisit, revise and recap our school vision and aims. Both of these were decided in collaboration with staff, parents, children and governors. Our main vision is short and concise – Aspire, Believe, Succeed – Together We Achieve. Our aims which support the overarching vision are central in reflecting what we represent, value and endeavor to achieve. As a school we have decided not to change our aims but to slightly reword and merge the existing ones to fit the letters HCCPS (Hutton Cranswick Community Primary School) rather than ABCDEFG. We felt that this would ensure our aims were even more specific, unique and special to our school, alongside them being easier to remember.

Aspire, Believe, Succeed – Together We Achieve

As our vision states we will – aspire to be the best we can be, allowing everyone to achieve and experience success.

In order to achieve this we will:

**H** – Help grow good people who are inspired to make a difference to our community and world.

**C** – Care for and value ourselves and each other, ensuring everyone feels happy and has a smile on their face.

**C** – Celebrate positive and enthusiastic learners who persevere with challenges.

**P** – Provide a safe environment where we feel safe and act responsibly.

**S** – Secure and develop skills that will help us throughout life.

In true partnership with yourselves, we will be able to fulfill our school vision and aims ensuring all of our children have a love of life, learning and themselves.

Finally we would like to say congratulations to Miss Anderson who returns to school as Mrs Leeks. We wish her every happiness in her new chapter of married life.

## Homework

Based on responses to our Parent Questionnaire we have tweaked our homework/home learning expectations. On the whole parents/carers were in favour of the focus being on the basic skills – reading, spelling and times tables. So we will continue with this being our main focus. It became apparent in the feedback that homework in KS2 was very English heavy, so we have decided to set Reading Circles fortnightly rather than weekly and set Maths tasks fortnightly. Therefore the children will receive Reading/Maths on alternate weeks. We have decided as a staff that when additional home learning is set, linked to STEAM or our new HCCPS Learning Challenges, there will not be Reading Circles/Maths tasks sent home. We have set out our home learning expectations on a one page overview sheet attached to this newsletter. We hope you will agree that the new expectations will be more manageable, enjoyable and overall purposeful in supporting your child's learning and progress.

## Clubs

Please look out for the letter that will be sent home this week regarding clubs that will be running in the Autumn term. Clubs run by the teaching staff will start week beginning 17/09/18. Judo Club and Mark Barber's Football Club will both start week beginning 10/09/18. As mentioned in the last newsletter Breakfast Club has started this week. As always, you must book your child into breakfast club using the booking sheet available from reception or by phoning school. We would also like to remind you that Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am so please do not drop your child off any earlier, as there will not be a member of staff available to look after them. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Curriculum Changes

We have made some changes to our curriculum at HCCPS which we are excited to share with you. As in all maintained schools, we follow the National Curriculum and ensure the formal requirements are met. However, the way in which we deliver these expectations is at our own discretion. As a school we drive the expectations through a skills based approach whereby the children work on skills that can then be utilised and applied in other learning situations. As a school, we are moving towards HCCPS Learning Challenges. This means that our topic/enquiry areas will be referred to as Learning Challenges and will mainly be question based. This will provide more of a hook for the children and further develop questioning, reasoning and thinking skills.

Reading, writing, spelling and maths will continue to be taught weekly. However, most other subjects will be taught as a block. For example, if the Learning Challenge is Science based this will be covered for three weeks so that it is a continuation each day. This will result in the children becoming more absorbed in the challenge and going deeper with their learning. To support the Learning Challenges further, staff will organise other activities, trips and visitors designed to enrich the experience of the children.

## Uniform

At the start of a new school year we feel it is an ideal time to remind parents/carers and children themselves of our uniform policy. The uniform is an important part of our school identity and helps children to feel a sense of belonging.

### Our Uniform:

- \* Royal blue embroidered sweatshirt or cardigan
- \* White or yellow polo/cotton shirt
- \* Grey, black or navy skirt, shorts, pinafore dress or trousers (not ski pants, joggers, jeans or leggings)
- \* Black shoes
- \* Grey, black, navy or white socks/tights
- \* Blue/yellow checked summer dress

### Indoor PE Kit

- \* Royal blue, navy or black shorts
- \* Yellow printed T shirt
- \* PE Bag—drawstring

### Outdoor PE Kit

- \* Warm sweatshirt/sweater
- \* Trousers, jogging pants or track-suit bottoms
- \* Trainers

**Please ensure all items are clearly named.**



Uniform can be purchased from our local online provider: <http://www.handkembroidery.co.uk/> who also have a shop at 95 Middle Street South, Driffield.

Jewellery, other than a wrist watch, must not be worn to school. We would prefer young children not to have their ears pierced, but if this is the case, they must wear only plain stud earrings which must be removed (where possible) or taped over for PE lessons.

We would prefer the children to have a suitable, age appropriate hairstyle rather than extreme hairstyles such as hair colouring, shaved lines, stars, tramlines, shaven heads, Mohican or any other style that could be a distraction from learning.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## Parents/Carers Questionnaires

Thank you again to everyone who took the time to complete our parent/carers questionnaire. Attached to this newsletter is a summary of the outcomes including percentages and a range of comments/feedback. We will continue to focus on and develop the areas that were identified that we do well in as a school. We are beginning to look at areas that could be further improved and developed from the feedback given. As and when we make these changes/developments we will inform you of the steps we have made to address the ways in which we can be even better. One area to review from the feedback given was linked to homework. As a staff team we feel we have tweaked the homework expectations to try and accommodate and suit more children/families.

In addition to this, in line with the feedback given, we hope you will see more clubs available/open to KS1 in our clubs letter which will be sent out this week. We are always open to and welcome ongoing feedback, so please do not hesitate to get in touch in the future with any questions, concerns or ideas.

## Curriculum Newsletters

Our Class Curriculum Newsletters will be sent home during the coming weeks. The information in these letters is a great way for you to see what your child will be learning this term so as you can support them on their learning journey.

There are many exciting HCCPS Learning Challenges selected for the Autumn term that the children will have the opportunity to develop and further their skills. Staff will always seek opportunities to use the outdoor environment in school, which we are extremely lucky to have, to enhance learning further. In addition to this, staff also plan in opportunities for trips and welcome visitors who are experienced in specific areas to support learning. These opportunities enhance and deepen learning and understanding, often through a hands on approach. If you feel you could contribute to the Learning Challenge or know of anyone with specific skills or knowledge in particular areas then please get in touch and let us know.

## Twitter

We have a school twitter account (**@HuttonCran**) which is a really useful way of sharing information and also allows you to see instant updates on activities that are happening throughout the school day. Each of our teachers also have an account – please follow them.

Mrs Leeks (**@MrsLeeks\_HCPS**)

Mrs Hoyle (**@MissH\_HCPS**)

Miss Robinson (**@MissR\_HCPS**)

Miss Elliott (**@MissE\_HCPS**)

Mrs Burkinshaw (**@MrsB\_HCPS**)

Miss Midgley (**@MissM\_HCPS**)

Mr Nevet (**@MrN\_HCPS**)

Mrs Webb / Mrs Lewer (**@Year5\_HCPS**)

Our new school website and APP are almost ready to share with you. Both the new website and APP will be a fantastic method of communication and also be an excellent way of having dates, letters and messages sent to you. We will let you know as soon as they become live.

## Job Vacancies

We currently have two job vacancies at our school. We are advertising for a Caretaker/Cleaner and a Cleaner on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Jobs page. We require a Caretaker/Cleaner and a Cleaner to join our friendly team. We are a small and enthusiastic team who enjoy our work and a sense of humour is essential. Candidates must be flexible and reliable. We are looking for somebody who is organised, friendly, has a 'can do' attitude and is able to use their skills and initiative to support the school. To find out more information about the posts please visit the East Riding Jobs at the Council website. Both posts are permanent and are due to start on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The closing date for applications is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September to be received at the school and online applications close at midnight on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested, or you know anyone who may be interested in these exciting job opportunities, then please apply or spread the word. If the closing date causes an issue, please contact the school office to arrange an extension to the application closing date.

