



Huttoft Primary School and Nursery (Academy)

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10th November

School Open Evening 3:30pm – For perspective Nursery parents and parents for our 2021 September intake.
CANCELLED

Wednesday 11th November

School Open Evening 5:30pm- For perspective Nursery parents and parents for our 2021 September intake.
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Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November

Children in Need non – uniform day

Monday 16th November

Primary School applications open

Friday 11th December

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch Day

Thursday 17th December

Last Day of Term

Autumn Parental Consultations

Dates to Be Confirmed

Remembrance Day

At 11 o'clock on 11th November the school will pause for a minute's silence in honour of servicemen, servicewomen and civilians, to acknowledge their sacrifice and service in conflicts past and present. We will remember their actions and spirit by making paper poppies as a sign of remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

Free School Meals

You can apply on-line via the Lincolnshire County Council website to see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals. Even if you think that they might not be it is always worth your while and would be valuable to the school as it brings additional funding. This funding could be used to offset the cost of memorable experiences such as school trips and residential. Every penny helps!

Reception Children

There are some children who do not yet have a school book bag. They are now back in stock at the uniform shop, Nationwide School Uniforms in Spilsby. Your child will need one please as it keeps their books, letters and anything else they may bring home nice and safe.

PE kit

Could I please remind you that girls who wear tights as part of their uniform will need to have a pair of socks in their PE bags to change into when we do PE. We are still doing PE outside, so your child will also need their outside kit (trainers, black joggers and black sweatshirt) as the weather is much cooler now. Unfortunately, due to COVID regulations we are unable to loan out uniform as we once would have.

School Milk

Children under 5 years are entitled to 1/3rd pint carton of free milk and this is offered to them daily under the government's 'nursery milk scheme'. This begins in nursery and continues into Reception. However, it ceases on their 5th birthday. If you wish your child to continue to received milk after this date then you can sign up to purchase the milk at:

<https://www.coolmilk.com/parents>

Nursery Parents

Please could ALL nursery children bring a full set of spare clothing in with them every day – thank you.

Uniform

Please be aware children should now be wearing winter uniform; summer dresses and shorts are for summer term only. Can we politely remind you to ensure your child has a coat in school every day.

Attendance w/c 19.10.20

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
93.2%	98.1%	94.8%	99%	96.2%	99.5%	97.7%	96.9%

Attendance w/c 02.11.20

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
93%	-	-	87.5%	91.7%	92.2%	93.3%	91.5%

Above School Average *Below School Average*

Our school attendance target is 98% and we hope to see our attendance figures improve significantly.

Home time Safety

Could we please remind all parents....when collecting your children at home time from the playground please be respectful of the cones and do not come beyond them. We have also asked the children not to run across the playground to parents at the end of the day, the playground is very slippery at present with wet leaves and there are younger/smaller children about, we ask you support us in this by reminding your child, thank you.

School Applications

School applications for September 2021 Secondary School places has now closed. Applications for Primary School places opens on 16.11.20 and closes on 15.01.21. Without exception everyone must apply for a school place and follow the procedures set out in the guidance. The easiest way to this is via the website at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Assemblies

We started our Thursday morning Zoom assemblies last week for children in YR through to Y6 led by class teachers. Our theme for November and December will be our new school values. Teachers are very much looking forward to sharing stories, poems and ideas with pupils and hearing their contributions.

The Giving Machine

This provides the school with additional funds at no expense to you when you shop in certain outlets including Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Travelodge, JD Sports etc. All you have to do is sign up to the Giving Machine at www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk you can also download the 'Shop&Give' App. Then each time you shop do it through The Giving Machine and the school will receive funds.

Headlice

Please could you check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly. This is the only way we can prevent the spread of headlice around school.

Class News

Nursery

We were all so excited to be back in nursery after our half term break - with the excitement of Halloween behind us we had so much to talk about! The nursery has been alive with the wonderful sound of chitter chatter! We have also had lots of messy fun exploring pumpkins of all different shapes and sizes. Most of all we have enjoyed dressing up and re-enacting the story of Winne the Witch by Valerie Thomas - Winnie has helped us become more confident with reciting numbers in the correct order and we are learning to recite backwards from five now too! Next week Winnie is going to help us explore and mix colours! The wet weather has not got in the way of our outdoor fun; we've been out in our 'puddle suits' and wellies, wheel barrows and sweeping brushes in tow doing a great job of collecting up the fallen leaves from the playground for Mr Lake and Mr Campling.

Reception

What a fabulous first week back in Reception!

I'm super impressed that all learnt Phase 2 sounds in Phonics have been remembered and that everyone is trying so hard with the new Phase 3 sounds that have been introduced this week! It's lovely to see so many of you building words using letter tiles and blending the sounds to read the words back. This skill will come in so handy when we write labels and captions in project work! In Maths we have been learning the names of 3D shapes and how they are made up of 2D shapes. We looked at 3D shapes in the environment around us. Why not go on a Shape Hunt at home and see if you can spot any 3D or 2D shapes?

Our new project this term started with a very important question: 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts?' We are looking forward to learning all about woodland animals and how they prepare for winter. We enjoyed our educational walk around our beautiful school grounds and churchyard, collecting lots of 'fallen treasures' to closely observe with magnifying glasses and talk about.

I've asked the children to look out for horse and sweet chestnuts (with some prickly cases too!), acorns, sycamore seeds and berries (blackberries growing on brambles if there are any left!) and bring them into school please. Could you help us?

Year 1

In maths, Year 1 have learnt a lot of new vocabulary. We now know what a number line is and have made jumps along them to help with our addition skills. We have also learnt what a part-whole model is and more recently, completed some bar models.

As it is a new term, we are starting a new project called 'The Enchanted Woodland'. This project will introduce and explain different plants and animals that live in the woods and we will show our understanding through writing, artwork and speaking and listening opportunities.

Keep up the great work with your phonics Year 1! Remember to keep practising your flashcards with someone at home.

Year 2

Our new project for this term is Movers and Shakers, it is a History based project where lots of research is involved! Children have already started to look at some significant people and why they are so important in today's society. In Maths, we have moved onto addition and subtraction thinking about our number bonds to 10 and 20 to help work out calculations. In Literacy, this term we will be looking at exclamation, question, statement and command sentences as well as singular and plural words and using capital letters for the beginning of a sentence and for proper nouns.

Year 3

Year 3 have begun their new project "Rocks, Relics and Rumbles" which is a knowledge-rich project with a lot of Geography and Science learning at the forefront. So far, we have learnt about the different layers of the Earth; what each is called, what it's made of and where it lays. We also now know more about the 3 different types of rocks and carried out an investigation to work out what different examples were by testing them. We are learning about Tectonic Plates, Volcanoes and The Ring of Fire next as well as completing our own non-chronological reports about our learning.

In Maths we have just completed our learning on Addition and Subtraction of 3 digit numbers using the column method to exchange and borrow when needed and are just about to move onto our next unit on Multiplication and Division, beginning by understanding equal and non-equal groups, what multiplication means in terms of repeated addition and dividing by sharing practically. Don't forget that you can practise your times table recall (as well as the inverse division facts) using TT Rockstars - you should all have your log in information but if you can't find it please email Miss Mullen on the Year 3 email address. Please remember to email in a photograph as well of your child reading their favourite book in their favourite place for our new display in the classroom – thank you.

Year 4

Year 4 have been continuing our Geography led project this week. We have been looking at maps and researching the internet to investigate mountains in this country, and across the world. This week we are using our design and technology skills to create a model to show a river running from source to mouth and indicate where processes of the water cycle take place. Our classroom is full of displays of our work; we have created landscapes, produced non chronological leaflets, drawn and labelled diagrams showing the water cycle and written reports, this week we are creating poetry inspired by mountain expeditions using the new vocabulary learned during our topic. This is the last week of our Mountains and Rivers topic, next week we are going to sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned! This week we are taking part in the TT Rockstars Maths Week Challenge, let's hope we can show how good we are getting with our times tables knowledge now! In Maths lessons we are also looking at length and perimeter which includes lots of practical activities using various units of measurement.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have travelled back in time to the mid 14th century to learn about the Black Death as part of our new project: Peasants, Princes and Pestilence! We have read historical accounts from Wales and Italy describing the terrible symptoms of the plague and studied maps showing the trade routes from China where the disease originated. We have a swarm of rats (not real ones!) in the classroom to remind us of the role these flea infested rodents played in the spread of the plague. We have begun to investigate bacterial growth and will be safely observing how food items quickly decompose and deteriorate at room temperature. Creative writing – poetry and journal entries – will call for carefully selected vocabulary and the highest standards of handwriting especially as we look at some illuminated manuscripts from the medieval era. There will be a particular focus on handwriting and spelling this term as we hope all Y5 pupils will soon progress to using a handwriting pen. Please help your child practise spellings for the weekly test as well as supporting their reading every day, thank you. Maths learning centres on multiplication (multiples and factors), and learning about prime, square and cube numbers. Lots of learning and opportunities for individuality – what a great start to this half of Autumn term!

Year 6

In Year 6, we have thoroughly enjoyed the start of our new project, **Fallen Fields**. Our research of the events of June 28th 1914 and the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, helped us to understand how this contributed to the start of World War 1 and how, only 6 weeks later, many countries became involved in a war that came to be known as the 'Great War'. We have also learnt some very impressive vocabulary linked to this – nationalism, militarism, imperialism and alliances! Our learning journey will reveal who the key warring nations and people were throughout this time as well as what life was like in the trenches and the significance of poppies – with some lovely poppy artwork too. We will also be starting our new class text, Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo.

If you have any stories or artefacts from this time, and are able to share these with us, it would be lovely to hear and see them.