



Huttoft Primary School and Nursery (Academy)

DIARY DATES

Monday 7th December

Great Huttoft Christmas Cake Off

Friday 11th December

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch Day

Reception Nativity – details to follow

Monday 14th December

Years 1 and 2 Carols round the Christmas Tree

Tuesday 15th December

Years 3 and 4 Carols round the Christmas Tree

Class Hamper Raffle Draw and “Bucket-o-Booze” Draw

Wednesday 16th December

Jack and the Beanstalk Panto in school

Years 5 and 6 Carols round the Christmas Tree

Thursday 17th December

Last Day of Term

Non-uniform day

Autumn Parental Consultations

Starting on Monday 30th for 2 weeks, separate letter has been issued with dates

School Applications

Applications for Primary School places has now opened, this window will close 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 do this is via the website at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolafdmisions

Nursery Parents

We continue to play outdoors every day whatever the weather and it is getting wetter and muddier – so please could all children bring wellies and a spare set of clothing with them each day. With Xmas approaching have you thought about asking ‘Santa’ for a waterproof and breathable puddle suit for your child? These are currently available at £ 17.45 on the Regatta site – this would be perfect for outdoor play at nursery! https://www.regatta.com/kids-puddle-iv-breathable-waterproof-puddle-suit-navy/?sv_tax1=google&sv_tax2=shopping&sv_tax3=Shopping+-+Jackets+-+Best+-+Sellers&sv_tax4=RKW156_540&sv_campaign_id=10884634243&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIo4upxcSd7QIVibHtCh3FdQixEAQYAiABEgIUEfD_BwE

Panto

On Wednesday 16th December infant and junior children will be watching a pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, thanks to the Embassy Theatre, Skegness who will kindly ‘beam’ this festive tradition directly into our classrooms! The children are sure to have a lovely morning (Oh yes they will!!).

Christmas Carols on the Playground

This year’s Christmas tree is going to be placed on the playground. The children will have the opportunity to stand around the tree in their class bubbles and sing Christmas carols for their parents to come and listen. The event will start at 3pm, you are welcome to arrive a little later than usual for collection that day or you can wait on the playground after you have collected siblings until it starts. Teas, coffees, mince pies and Christmas crafts will be on sale so don’t forget your pennies.

Friday 11th December – Reception

Monday 14th December – Y1/Y2

Tuesday 15th December – Y3/Y4

Wednesday 16th December – Y5/Y6

We would encourage families to practise the songs at home as unfortunately there is no singing allowed in classrooms at the minute. The chosen song words will be emailed out to you for the children to practise.

We endeavour to make the event as safe as possible and ask that families are responsibly distanced from one another as they watch the pupils.

Attendance w/c 09.11.20

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
94.6%	98.5%	99.3%	91.1%	96.1%	95.8%	94.8%	95.8%

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93.3%	100%	98.5%	96.4%	95.4%	100%	94.1%	96.7%

Above School Average Below School Average

Our school attendance target is 98%

Well done to Years 1 and 5 for reaching 100% last week!

Reading with your children

Learning to read is vital to develop reading for learning skills so we ask families to read regularly with their children at home. Sharing a bedtime story and hearing your child read will really make a difference.

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.

Pre-loved uniform

We have a lot of pre-loved uniform in school that you can purchase for a donation. If you require any please let us know and we will have a look if we have the requested item/size and send it home with your child.

Christmas Jumper Day

Will be on Friday 11th December, this is also the day Christmas lunch is served, don't forget to order your child's hot dinner on www.schoolmealsonline.co.uk before midnight Sunday 29th November.

Lunchbox items

Could we please remind you not to put sweets in your child's lunchbox. We like to promote healthy eating in school and would appreciate your support with this.

30 hour Funding Code

Would parents in receipt of 30 hour funding please check to see when their revalidation is due to enable the funding to continue into the Spring Term.

Onesie Day

We had to postpone our Onesie Day for diabetes awareness. This will now be held on Friday 15th January. We will also be looking to mark Diabetes Awareness Week (week commencing Monday 8th June). More details closer to the time.

Class News

Nursery

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! We're going to the moon! 5,4,3,2,1! This week we introduced our focus story, the wonderful 'Whatever Next' by the Jill Murphy and not only am I super impressed with the countdown counting that has been taking place, I am really super impressed with the story telling that has been and continues to take place in our rather fabulous moon themed story corner. I am observing great imaginative play and hearing wonderful language as the children make up or retell their own version of the story.

Reception

In Reception Class we have been having great fun asking our friends what their favourite woodland animal is. We created a pictograph and discovered that rabbits are our favourite! There was lots of mathematical talk during our survey. Teachers have been super impressed with children's ball skills in PE, especially dribbling, the control over the ball when it was windy was fantastic!

In class we have been making models from recycled boxes, tape and glue, so many in fact that we are running short of resources! If you can help us out by sending in small boxes and cardboard tubes (from kitchen rolls) our model-makers would be thrilled - thank you!

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy researching and investigating lots of different plants and animals that live in the woodland. We have created mini books on our favourite woodland animal and have written a letter to our class visitor (Mr Rabbit) to tell him lots of facts that we have learnt so far.

In our writing, we are beginning to remember how to spell familiar graphemes (eg: ai) and are getting very good at spotting these in everything we read, such as text on the board, in our books and on labels. We are also trying to use our new alternative graphemes (eg: ay and a-e) in our writing that we are learning about in phonics. The teachers in Year 1 are very impressed with our phonics skills at the moment!

In maths we have learnt about addition and have just started subtraction. We are using number lines, counters in ten frames, bead strings, cubes and of course our fingers to help us see what changes are happening to the numbers.

Year 1 please remember to read your reading books and keep practising your sounds / tricky word flashcards with someone at home. The teachers can really tell when you have done some extra learning at home, it makes such a difference!

Year 2

In Year 2 we are continuing to research about significant people as part of our project and we have recently written a biography on our favourite person. In Literacy, we have linked our SPaG learning which has been using the past and present tense in our biography writing. In Maths, we have continued to look at addition and subtraction and looking at what happens to a number when we have ten to carry on. In Phonics, we are continuing to revise sounds and look at real and non-sense words in preparation for completing our phonics quiz!

Year 3

What a busy few weeks we have had in Year 3! We have expanded our knowledge of volcanoes and all have researched and written our own fact files about different volcanoes around the world - can you tell someone at home 2 or 3 facts about the one *you* researched? We have been learning about the destruction that Mount Vesuvius caused when it erupted and demolished the city of Pompeii; the video showed just how devastating it was. Continuing with the theme of volcanoes...we read some volcano poetry and were all able to pick out our favourite words and phrases, saying why we liked them and what it made us think of. Then we wrote our own poems and were able to use some of the *amazing* language we had gathered to make them really powerful to capture the reader...look out for some examples on our social media accounts.

In Maths we continue learning about multiplication and division; so far we have looked at grouping, sharing, repeated addition and repeated subtraction to help us with multiplying and dividing by 2, 5, 10 and 3 and will be moving on to 4 and 8 shortly. Please practise counting in 3's, 4's and 8's at home (this could be going up/down the stairs or as you throw or kick a ball back and forth)...once you are confident at counting in these different amounts you should be learning the associated multiplication and division facts so that you can solve them in **any** order.

Year 4

Year 4 have been taken back over 1500 years to the Dark Ages! Our new project, Traders and Raiders has meant we are learning about Saxons and Vikings. It has been a very hands on start to our learning with the class building their own Viking Longboat – so large that we could fit a crew of 8 on board to sail the seas! We have been learning about legend of King Arthur, we had a fantastic debate on whether he was a man or a myth. The whole class took part in the discussion. They were able to give their reasoning for their opinions and counter arguments to persuade the opposing opinions – a fabulous way of sharing their viewpoints. We will continue our journey through this time in history for the next few weeks. In Maths we are looking at multiplication and division. This involves lots of practical activities to embed the learning as well as using place value, number facts, factor pairs, commutativity, and inverse operations in mental calculations. Helping your child at home to practise their times tables is always of huge benefit in all their mathematical learning.

Year 5

Our Maths topic for this week and next is measurement: perimeter and area. We'll then spend some time consolidating our Maths learning in the final week of term. We continue to focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling in our writing across the curriculum. The Peasants, Princes and Pestilence project keeps children firmly rooted in the Middle Ages as we discover the importance of herbs, learn about the life cycles of fleas and rats and the development of printing. We will be finding out about the feudal system and what life was like for rich and poor. The classroom smells of fresh herbs but is overrun by rats... they are even crawling on the walls... watching our every move! This history based topic is truly 'Horrible Histories' in style and it is great to see children so engaged with their learning – well done Y5!

Year 6

Year 6 Our journey through the events of World War I continues from the muddy trenches to the German U-boats. We have made timelines to show some of the most significant events and have created PowerPoint presentations, using a home page and inserted links, to explain about some of the important people from this period of time. We are now learning about the different weapons and technology from WWI and are using our own criteria and rankings to produce sets of 'Weapons and Technology Top Trump Cards' and are looking forward to playing a game with these, once they are completed. As we head towards Christmas, we will be finding out about the Christmas Truce and reading some lovely texts connected with this. We have started reading Private Peaceful and re-wrote an event from the first chapter – writing this from a different character's perspective. Our Maths learning has focused on fractions and we are becoming experts in adding and subtracting fractions – including those rather tricky mixed numbers, too!

School Council News

After speaking to Mr Davey and Mrs Osborne the class representatives have made the decision this year, in order to help the environment, Christmas cards should not be sent into school. We feel it is a waste of precious resources especially with many being un-recyclable. There will be an alternative way for everyone to pass on their Christmas wishes to each other – watch this space!

We would like to collect items for our local food banks. We will be collecting items ranging from toothbrushes to tinned tuna (and pet food too!). Our collection will start on the 4th December, further information to follow.

Thank you from the School Council