

# News Flier.....

Autumn Term  
Week 5

- **Congratulations to our Autumn Term Query Crew.....**Asta, Hadyn, Jaiden and Merissa. I'm looking forward to our first meeting very soon and hearing your plans for developing our school and supporting local and further afield charities. The Query Crew is the equivalent of a 'school council' so it carries an important leadership role. A new Query Crew is elected (by Y6) each term.
- **Chapel Swimming.....**ends on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October for this season. Thank you very much to all those of you who have supported school by attending – and also to Blue Anchor for enabling us to access the facility.
- **Class Trophies last week were awarded as follows.....**

Singing -	Year 2
Attendance -	Year Reception
Mental Maths -	Year 2
Homework -	Year 1
Spelling -	Year 1
- **As often occurs...**near the start of term we have had reports of headlice. Please can you check your family's heads very carefully and try to follow the jingle 'once a week take a peek'. Your local pharmacist is able to help with products to apply should you find evidence of headlice.
- **Fundraising.....**a number of you have expressed a desire that this term's fundraisers go into classroom resources as a continuation of last term's magnificent efforts. So the proceeds from the 'Voucher Raffle' which is now open, will be used to buy additional phonics-focused reading books for the lower school.
- **Our Anderson Shelter project.....**benefitted significantly from your generosity over these past few months and now includes a bed, rugs, packing box and many period artefacts.
- **Reading....**is an important skill, needed across the curriculum, and it opens the door to opportunities beyond school years. Research tells us that children who read daily at home are five times as likely to read above the expected level for their age compared with those who never read outside school. At Huttoft, every child takes part in daily reading activities whether part of Literacy lessons or the wider curriculum. This may be individual reading, small group or whole class guided reading, or reading on a 1:1 basis with an adult. With your continued support, we can make reading a life-long, pleasurable and worthwhile habit for our children.

- **Expected standards of Behaviour.....**apply in Clubs as well as in the school day – these include listening to staff and obeying instructions, good table manners and demonstrating care and appreciation of others at all times.
- **Tag Rugby....**there will be no Club on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, this session will run on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November instead.
- **Car parking.....**to help with utilising the available space in the car park, Mr Lake is going to paint some bay-markings on the tarmac that leads onto the gravel on the North side.
- **Whole school attendance data.....**is currently at 95.72% which is in line with our target of 95.5% added to which 98% of the children are regularly punctual (i.e. in class for 8:35am). This is a great start to the new school year and we sincerely hope it can be maintained. The best possible attendance and punctuality are proven to have a positive effect on children's progress and attainment.

May I remind you that, in the event of your child being absent from school, you should inform us as soon as possible on the first morning and also send in a letter of explanation for the absence on the child's first day of return. Thank you.

- **Just a little reminder.....**all messages for school need to be sent in to the office by email/phone or letter please.
- **Harvest Festival.....**is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, in the Hall at 2:10pm. Gifts of fresh/packed/tinned food would be appreciated for our Harvest Table. Thank You
- **Year Reception parent/carer Consultation day....**is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. This is your opportunity to discuss your child's transition into school and talk about his/her progress with Mrs Hobson. Details of how to book an appointment are included on the Booking Sheet issued yesterday.

### **Diary Dates**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Y6 parent/carer Consultation Day

### **Community News**

- Alford Sports Hall has a programme of activities organised for Tuesday – Thursday of half term. For details please visit [www.alfordsportshall.co.uk](http://www.alfordsportshall.co.uk)

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