



Huttoft Primary School and Nursery (Academy)

DIARY DATES

Monday 8th November

Year 1 trip – Rigsby Woods

Tuesday 9th November

Friends of Huttoft School meeting 9am
 Harvest Festival

Friday 12th November

Diabetes Awareness day – wear your onesie/PJ's to school

Monday 15th November

Flu Immunisations in school

Tuesday 16th November

Year 6 trip – Eden Camp

Friday 3rd December

Christmas Fayre – time to be confirmed

Thursday 9th December

Infant Nativity – time to be confirmed

Friday 10th December

Infant Nativity – time to be confirmed

Tuesday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day
 Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th December

Whole School Carol Service – outside round the Christmas Tree

Thursday 16th December

Nursery Christmas Party
 School Disco

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term, and what a busy one we have planned! Firstly, can we apologise for the lack of Newsletters last term, there was always one started but never got finished! We aim to send out a Newsletter every fortnight from now on with all our news and information, keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter pages though for additional information, pictures and updates.

Friends of Huttoft School

Our FHS are always looking for new 'members' to help plan, organise and help out with fundraising for school and supporting school activities. The more volunteers we have the less it falls to the same few every time. There is a meeting on Tuesday 9th November in the school hall at 9am to plan our Christmas Fayre and other activities that are coming up and look ahead to fundraising ideas for next year. Please come along and join us EVERYONE is welcome and we will ensure the kettle is on!

Values Champions

Congratulations to all our values champions from last term, we look forward to seeing who this week's will be! Well done everyone whose actions and attitudes have reflected our school values.

Cul-de-sac outside school

Please may we remind parents/carers that the cul-de-sac outside school is for staff parking only. For the safety of all our children who access School and Nursery through the gates on the cul-de-sac we ask that you do not park, drop off, collect or turn your car around in this area to prevent any unnecessary accidents happening.

Please could we also remind you to be considerate to our neighbours on Church Lane and at our local nursing home and not block their driveways or cause unnecessary obstructions.

This has been a serious problem on several occasions for the Nursing Home with Ambulances not being able to gain access, these could potentially be life threatening emergencies that the services cannot respond to.

Harvest Festival

Our rearranged Harvest Festival from last term will take place on Tuesday in school. If you are able to send your child(ren) into school with a donation of harvest produce we would be extremely grateful. We will then celebrate all the produce and all the people who help make Harvest possible with the children in the Hall; unfortunately on this occasion we will not be inviting parents to this event. We will then donate all these items to our local community and local food banks.

Attendance w/c 11.10.21

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
96%	90.7%	84.3%	54.2%	95%	95%	94.4%	85.5%

Attendance w/c 18.10.21

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
99.2%	93.3%	90.7%	38.6%	94.8%	78.9%	92.6%	80.8%

Above School Average Below School Average

Our school attendance target is 98%

Charity Events

Next Friday, 12th November, we will be raising awareness of Diabetes by inviting the children to come into school wearing their onesie/PJ's then the following Friday, 19th November, it is Children in Need Day and the children are invited to wear a Pudsey Accessory or something yellow or spotty. As this is 2 events in quick succession we don't expect you to donate to both, if you would like to make a donation the total amount will be split between both charities.

Amazon Wish List

A reminder of the link to our Amazon Wish List. Thank you everyone who continues to 'gift' these valuable resources to our classrooms.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/32GRKDOB RV9ES?ref=wl_share

Nut Products in School

Another little reminder, please can you ensure that there are **NO** nut products sent into school as part of the children's lunch boxes or snacks, this includes cereal bars with nuts, Nutella, or other brands, bars or spreads, chicken satay etc. We do have children and members of staff who have a severe nut allergy and carry an EpiPen as this is a severe risk to life.

Lunchbox items and Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind you **not** to put sweets in your child's lunchbox or send them as a snack.

We actively encourage healthy snacks in school and ask that you do not send items such as crisps, biscuits, mini cookies etc. on a regular basis. Any items that contain added sugar should only be eaten as part of a meal. We do have fruit readily available for Infants every day which they are offered at playtime.

Please could you also ensure your child has a drinks bottle in school every day, thank you.

Sporting events

At the end of last term we took part in our first sporting competition since COVID began, we had 4 teams go off to Skegness Grammar School to play football. It was so lovely to see the excitement amongst the children when they set off and to hear all about the event the next day.

We have another competition coming up on Wednesday next week which will see some of our Year 5 and 6 children taking part in a Netball tournament. Thank you to all those parents who offer help with transport and support on the sidelines.

Our staff are always so proud to take our children to these events and say what a reflection they are on our school and our school values.

Once a week.....

....take a peek! Please be vigilant on checking your children's hair for headlice; treatment for headlice can be obtained from your local chemist.

Uniform policy

Please refer to our school uniform policy for our school expectations regarding uniform. We expect ALL children to follow our uniform policy and take pride in their uniform and appearance. This includes traditional school shirts/blouses with collars, tailored trousers and school logo jumpers/cardigans. Children should wear shoes, NOT boots or sandals.

Long hair should also be tied up for both boys and girls with appropriate hair accessories.

All children are also required to have a full PE kit in school every day, this includes trainers **and** plimsolls.

Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones should not be used on school premises at any time. We respectfully ask that you follow our policy regarding mobile phone usage on school premises. On occasions you may see school administrator staff using a mobile phone on site, this is due to the fact that the school phone lines are linked to their mobile phones to enable remote working.

JustGiving

Please remember when doing your on-line shopping you can support school and raise funds for us by going through JustGiving to get to the retailer you want. This doesn't cost you anything, the retailer donates a percentage of your sales to the school by going through the JustGiving site.

RE afternoon

Our first RE afternoon was a great success with everyone from Year 4 taking part in acting out the Rama and Sita story to the rest of the school as well as performing a dance as part of our Hindu Festival celebrations. In the afternoon everyone was able to make Diwali cards, try foods, hear stories and create crafts. This is the first of many festival afternoons we are looking forward to in the coming months.

Outstanding Invoices

We continue to have many historic invoices that are still owed to school. We will be sending out copies of these invoices over the next week and would appreciate prompt payment of these please. Some of these invoices go back several years and this is money that is much needed to the school to provide all the 'little extras' for all of our pupils. If you are struggling to pay the full amount please speak to the Office staff who will be happy to set up a payment plan for you.

Attendance Champions

Congratulations to Ethan and Bohdi who were the lucky two to be drawn from the hat to win a voucher for their outstanding attendance last term. Both boys were in school every day and had 100% attendance – amazing! Well done to you both and all the other children who had 100% attendance and were entered into the draw. Please ensure your child is in school every day for 8:35am to be in with a chance of winning this term's prize.

Staff News

We have had to say Goodbye to a few members of staff recently. Mrs Heald and Mrs Wells left at the end of last year both taking retirement, we hope they are enjoying a steadier pace of life. Miss Sharratt left us after being at Huttoft for 2 years covering two Maternity leaves, it was lovely to see her in school again this week visiting everybody during her half term holiday. At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mrs Willows who has decided to take a career change. We would like to congratulate Mrs Wood who is expecting her second baby in April next year.

Class News

Nursery

We were all so excited to be back in nursery after our half term break. This week our rooms have been alive with the wonderful sound of chitter chatter! We have 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 wonderful story of 'Winne the Witch' by Valerie Thomas. Winnie has helped us become more confident with reciting numbers in the correct order as well as inspiring us to explore colour. For our youngest children we have had lots of fun based around the nursery rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider'. With the recent weather we have had lots of opportunity to see real 'water spouts' in action too!

On the subject of the weather – we do play outside every day and there is nothing the children love more than splashing in puddles! So please could we ask that you provide your child with wellies and ideally a waterproof coat or a puddle suit each day. Also, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays we do have Music & Movement in the school hall for which the children need a sensible pair of shoes or trainers; ankle boots are too restrictive.

Reception

Last term was an exciting one for us in Reception. We enjoyed playing games to get to know one another and have developed some great friendships. We know our school rules and the names of the people who help to keep us safe. Autumn has given us super first hand learning experiences and we explored changes in the world around us. As we head into the new term we will be using our listening, story telling skills and creativity as we develop our new project Once Upon A Time. Fairytale Day gave us a brilliant start and our teachers were so impressed with our costumes and our ability to talk about the traditional stories that we knew.

Year 1

In Year 1 we're about to embark on a world of woodland wonder through our exciting new project...The Enchanted Woodland! It begins with a walk through the woods – which happens on Monday. Don't forget your wellies, it's sure to be muddy...but what else shall we see?

We always look forward to seeing the monsters during our daily dose of Monster Phonics! Our friendly monsters continue to support the blending and segmenting of new words with fun-packed and very practical activities, inside and outside the classroom! As our knowledge of phonics develops, our love of reading blooms and we have been enjoying weekly visits to our school library to choose a book to share at home. Our own class library is always full of avid Year 1 readers who choose to spend time there sharing books with our Reading Buddy puppets.

We are enjoying learning about Addition and Subtraction using the part-part-whole model, bar model and ten frame. The exciting weekly Tuff Tray Maths Challenge is always a popular choice during Discovery Time and each week there is always something new to explore!

In RE, we are learning about Hinduism and have enjoyed the wonderful Diwali learning this week, which finished in a whole school Diwali cultural afternoon on Thursday! I wonder if you can remember the story about Rama, Sita and the ten-headed demon, Ravanna, Year 1?

Our 'pre-teaching' Home Learning is now catching on and many of you are coming into school excited about the new learning you have seen on clips, videos and presentations, eager to contribute towards lessons, after having had a 'taster' of what's to come!

What a great start to the new term!

Year 2

Year 2 have now completed their project "Land Ahoy!". In the last few weeks of term we helped Captain Longbeard to find the treasure around school, we made maps and wrote letters in pirate talk. In Maths, we have been looking at fact families, this is where we look at the same three numbers and create different calculations using the same numbers. From this we are moving on to look at 2-digit and 1-digit numbers, addition and subtraction and what happens when the number crosses a tens number. Alongside this we will continue to practise our times tables (x2, x3, x5 and x10) as well as the associated division facts. We are now moving on to look at our new project "Muck, Mess and Mixtures" and it is safe to say Year 2 have made a great start and fully enjoyed their memorable experience where they explored jelly, paint and cornflour mixed with water. We have also begun to read our new class story George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. We can't wait to get stuck into our new project!

Year 3

Wow Year 3! What a great time we had last term during our Gods and Mortals topic! We thoroughly enjoyed conducting a science experiment to investigate the question: 'Why did Icarus fall from the sky?' and also incorporated lots of drama into our story telling of the Greek myths. Hello Yellow Day was also a great success and we had great fun making our 'Compliment Chatterboxes'.

More exciting learning is to come with our new topic which is Mighty Metals. We will be investigating metals and magnetic forces and will even be making our own metal musical instruments to create our own Class Steel Band! I'm so looking forward to hearing the Year 3 Band perform! In the meantime, please will you begin to save any empty tins (beans, soup etc) to bring in to school. Also, any other unwanted metal objects such as old keys, ring pulls, broken zip parts, buckles etc. will be most welcome!

Year 4

Our Autumn term is flying by, the children have settled into their new routines very well. In Year 4 we have been travelling back thousands of years, learning about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. We have been looking at the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation. We recently embarked on our DT element of the project – everyone had such original ideas for their simple Egyptian machines, creating shadufs, wheelbarrows, ploughs and chariots for a pharaoh! The children have really enjoyed our history learning and have produced some impressive pieces of writing especially their diaries in role as Howard Carter thinking what it would have been like to be the first to view the tomb of Tutankhamun and the wonderful treasures inside.

Last term in PE we had having a fantastic workout with our new activity, Boxercise. Everyone has enjoyed learning this new activity and have shown resilience and ambition, especially in the circuit training which was very hard work! This term PE will include gymnastics.

In Maths we have been using pictorial, concrete and abstract methods to increase our understanding of place value which we can apply in our current learning of addition and subtraction. Our next topic will be measurement, so lots of mathematical skills will be used for accuracy and conversion between measurements.

What a great start to our academic year we have had, I am sure it will continue with our new project, Misty Mountains, Winding River. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including an exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them. Our practical work will include sketching landscapes and designing and making a 3D mountain!

Year 5

It has been a thrilling start to our new project, Peasants, Princes and Pestilence, with some menacing speeches describing the spread of the Black Death. We have begun to make model rats and these creatures will soon be swarming around the classroom... let's hope they aren't carrying any fleas!! Next week, as part of our science learning linked to our project, we will be finding out about bacteria – how it develops and what measures can be taken to prevent dangerous bacteria spreading. It's a good job we aren't still living in 14th century England! In Maths, we are focusing on multiplication and division this term and have begun by investigating multiples, factors, prime numbers and square numbers. Did you know that numbers that are not prime, are called composite numbers? Hockey sessions continue and we are looking forward to developing our gymnastic skills this term. Our musical Mondays have a change of genre for November as we will be looking at jazz music. Remember to read every day at home and look at the Home Learning activities; it's important to practise times tables too for quick and accurate recall!

Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time exploring the polar regions last term. We focused on the geography of the Arctic and Antarctic, learning about the landscape, animals, and daily lives of those who live there. Originally, we wanted to take the class to the Arctic to experience these conditions in real life, but thought it best to leave the polar bears in their natural habitats with their big claws and sharp teeth!

So far this term, we have gone back in time to Britain in the First World War and explored the causes of the war and how so many countries became involved. We have been looking at propaganda and how persuasive the posters were in terms of recruitment: Britain, Lord Kitchener Wants You! Our trip to Eden Camp Museum is drawing closer, where we will come face to face with real stories, artefacts, and original vehicles from the World Wars! Over the coming weeks, we will also embark further onto the Second World War. In Maths, we are currently focusing on fractions and have begun by simplifying and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. We have had such a great start to the term and hope it will continue to be fantastic! Remember to keep looking at the Home Learning and read at home every day!