



Huttoft Primary School and Nursery (Academy)

DIARY DATES

Friday 3rd December

Christmas Fayre – 3pm

Thursday 9th December

Infant Nativity – 2pm

Friday 10th December

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Tuesday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th December

Whole School Carol Service – outside round the Christmas

Tree, gates open at 2pm

Thursday 16th December

Nursery Christmas Party

School Disco- 3pm – 4pm Infants, 4:15pm – 5:15pm Juniors

Values Champions

Congratulations to all our recent Values Champions James, Lani, Emily, Freddie, Arthur, Abigail, Freddie, Lexi, Edith, Isaac, Riley, Layla, Harvey, Leo. 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.

Start to the School Day

As you know our school day begins at 8:35am and in order for pupils to be at their desks ready for registration at 8:35, we are now directing children into classrooms from 8:30am. In this way, we hope to achieve a prompt start to learning every day and your support with this is appreciated. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Thank you everyone for the very generous gifts for Harvest. We delivered some grocery parcels to residents in Huttoft, Newhaven Care Home and local Food Banks. We have had some lovely Thank You cards from local residents, it's so important to support each other and our local community during these difficult times so thanks to you all.

Club Collection during the dark evenings

Now the nights are drawing in and it is dark when the 4:30pm children leave Club, could we please ask that you come up to the gate into the light to collect the children so that our staff can see who they are letting the children go with? It is our duty to keep children safe and ensure they go from our care to a trusted adult. Thank you.

Coats in School

As the weather has changed, and it is getting colder, please can we remind you to ensure your child(ren) have their coats in school every day. Thank you.

Attendance w/c 01.11.21

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
97.7%	98.3%	87.9%	96.9%	97%	89.5%	95.2%	95.1%

Attendance w/c 08.11.21

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
87.7%	82.5%	92.9%	95.2%	99.6%	90%	97.4%	92.7%

Above School Average Below School Average

Our school attendance target is 98%

Home Learning

The percentage of children who accessed their Home Learning last week was:

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
57%	27%	38%	41%	57%	48%

Please ensure your child is accessing their Home Learning every week.

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.

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.

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF)

The Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) is specifically tasked with working alongside the Local Authority and Health to help ensure that the services they plan, commission, deliver and monitor meet the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities. It is an independent members organisation overseen by a members elected group of Trustees who are mostly parents and carers of children with SEND.

We would highly recommend that if you are a parent or carer of a child with SEND or if you have concerns about your child that you register with them to receive regular updates and support

at https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/P_Subscribe.php

Infant Nativity

Parents/carers are very welcome to come and watch their child's nativity play this year. They are on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December at 2pm. Tickets will be available on a first come first served basis via ParentMail and these will be limited per child in order for everyone to have the chance to see their child perform. Once the booking system is 'live' on ParentMail you will receive a notification to be able to book your seats.

PE kit

Please can we remind you that children require their **FULL** PE kit in school **EVERY** day. This includes plimsolls **and** trainers. Please also make sure they have a pair of socks in their bag.

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.

Outstanding Invoices

We continue to have many historic invoices that are still owed to school. Copies of these have now been sent out and we would appreciate prompt payment please. Some of these invoices go back several years, this is money that is much needed to the school. 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.

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

A message from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership about a forthcoming free event:

A Date with Dan: Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online

"Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. After our live streamed event earlier this year, many parents and carers asked for the opportunity to ask us some questions. Join our resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 25th November 2021 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – we will let you ask us those burning questions."

Sign up will be required to access this FREE session:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-168597709287>

Monster Phonics link

Mrs Peet, as Literacy and Phonics Lead, has asked if you accessed the webinar to please follow the link below and complete the questionnaire in order for her to gauge your views on our school phonics programme.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=XBA7dWpcxkSXDy_LSmkgDolftJxJ9hHtljcWizZSD1URVg4N0NRWEI4SDA0Qk5KODJJNzJYTFRWQS4u

Staff News

It is with much sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mr Irving at the end of this month. He has decided to have a break from education and take a career change. We would like to wish him well for the future and extend our sincere thanks for all the hard work and support he has shown to Huttoft Primary over the years. Mr Irving, you will be missed by everyone here at Huttoft!

Class News

Nursery

Late Autumn is such a busy time for the nursery children! Wheelbarrows and wellies to the ready! So many leaves to sweep up and collect! Mr Lake is always so grateful for our help! This week we have introduced the children to the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. This will be our focus story for the next couple of weeks. It is a story of three baby owls who wake up one night in their hole in the tree to find that **their mother has gone**, so they sit on the branch and wait, wondering when she will return. At last she does, and they all bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home. The illustrations are wonderful and it's a super story for 'doing voices' when reading aloud to children - the baby owls Sarah, Percy and Bill all comment in turn on each page. We will be putting a video of our reading of the story on to Tapestry next week - so keep an eye out for that! The story will take us outside too as we explore the school's grounds searching for any autumn treasure we can use in our mud kitchen to make nests for the owls. So wellies and waterproof/old clothing every day please!

Reception

In Reception we are enjoying a selection of traditional stories as we celebrate our love of Reading! We are able to name and describe the different characters and decide whether their actions are good or bad. Our teachers can hear us using repeated phrases such as 'Once upon a time' and 'I'll huff and I'll puff' as we re-tell the stories. This week we were shocked to find that the Big Bad Wolf had gone missing! We didn't trust him to be roaming around school so made some excellent WANTED posters and luckily he was returned before he could cause anymore trouble!

Year 1

What a super morning we had, last Monday, exploring Rigsby Wood! Having this experience has really helped develop the children's descriptive vocabulary for discussion and writing! In our daily Phonics, the monsters continue to support reading and we are beginning to develop an understanding of Reading VIPERS that are helping us to discuss and answer questions about the texts we share! How do pinecones know it's raining? That's the question we've been asking ourselves in Science! Our investigation is underway, and we are checking our pinecones daily to see if we can spot any differences on wet and dry days. Our mini-classroom role play area is a hit and is constantly used to re-enact and recap on lessons and previous learning. The children have been very busy practising addition and subtraction using part whole models and number sentences; as well as previously taught graphemes and words in Phonics! Lots of independent learning is happening and I can definitely see some teachers in the making!! It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!!! The Christmas play has been cast and beautiful singing can be heard drifting across the sensory garden from our classroom as we practise, ready for the Reception, Y1 and Y2 performances on 9th and 10th of December!

Year 2

Wow, what a messy few weeks it has been in year 2! We have definitely got our hands stuck into our new project "Muck, Mess and Mixtures"! We have made our own magical concoctions, explored everyday materials and found out which mix well with water and made Oat Cookies. In Literacy, we have been looking at recipes and the key features they have. We have also written our own recipes to go with the Oat Cookies we made. In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction and what happens when the number crosses a tens number. We have used lots of different methods including number lines and tens frame to help visualise what is happening with the numbers. Alongside our busy schedule we have begun rehearsing our Christmas nativity and we really can't wait to share it all with you! It would be much appreciated if you could support your child in helping them learn their lines and songs at home.

Year 3

This week Year 3 have been busy extending their knowledge and understanding of Mighty Metals and we particularly enjoyed finding out how aluminium foil is made before using it in our art and design lesson. A big thank you to all the pupils and their families who have donated empty cans and unwanted metal objects – our collection is growing nicely but please continue to send more!

We were also fortunate to have a visitor in school whose hobby is metal detecting. He showed us how his metal detector works and we were then able to go on the school field to watch it in action! We will be writing a recount of the visit during our literacy lessons.

In our maths lessons we have been looking at the relationship between multiplication and repeated addition and have also enjoyed finding out about arrays. We are becoming experts at drawing them to represent calculations! During our guided reading sessions we have been using the VIPERS scheme to improve and extend our comprehension skills. In particular, we have been making very good inferences and are looking forwards to sharing our knowledge and understanding of the VIPERS scheme with our families!

Year 4

Year 4 are busy meandering through our Misty Mountain, Windy Rivers project. We have been looking at atlases to identify rivers of the world and looking at the way these have altered the landscape around them. We are now learning about how mountains were formed and where they can be found in Britain.

Acting out the differences between solids liquids and gases in our Science learning was a different way to understand why their properties are so different. Understanding the way the water cycle works is our next focus in Science. Did you know that we are still drinking the same water that was on the Earth when the dinosaurs were alive?

In Maths we are moving on to multiplication and division, learning times tables is very important in all aspects of Maths so please keep practising! Remember to look out for your Home Learning to prepare for the lessons ahead.

Year 5

Enthusiasm for our Peasants, Princes and Pestilence project is infectious!! During the coming week, children will be reading contemporary accounts of the Black Death and contemplating what it must have been like to witness such things; they will then be writing their own journal entries. We will also be exploring the sensory properties of herbs and finding out how they were used in the Middle Ages. Children will be developing their science knowledge as they learn about the life cycles of fleas and rats, and their role in helping the plague spread so quickly. In Maths our focus will be on measurement: perimeter and area. Children will begin by recapping prior learning on measurement and calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes (rectilinear shapes are shapes where all the sides meet at right angles). In Literacy and Maths we will be revisiting key learning points, checking understanding and building confidence. Our new approach to reading (VIPERS) is helping children improve their reading comprehension skills and we continue to enjoy our class story, Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea. What is going to happen next to Arthur? Over the next few weeks there will be a particular focus on handwriting in Y5 with a view to issuing handwriting pens to those children who are consistently using joined handwriting with letters of uniform size and a good standard of neatness across all written work.

Year 6

Over the last few weeks, Year 6 have dived into the history of The First World War. We spent last week looking at some war poems, in line with remembrance, to explore the experiences of those in the wars. From this, we have analysed some of the features of poems, looked at the sensory language, and will soon be creating some of our own from our senses working wall! We spent some time looking at the trenches and weaponry in The First World War, focusing on the real stories being told from those who did and did not survive. On Tuesday, we went on a school trip to Eden Camp Modern History Museum (an old WW2 prisoner of war camp) to have a hands-on, immersive experience of the wars. Here, we developed our knowledge on trenches and civilian life through their brilliant huts! Hopefully, the information we learnt about World War Two will inform our learning on it when we move on from World War One.

In maths, we have been focusing on fractions so far by looking at bar models and comparing fractions with different denominators. Soon, we will be moving onto using the four operations with fractions. In RE, we've started learning about Bandi Chhor Divas and why Sikhs celebrate this festival. Year 6 have also been getting to grips with our new reading VIPERS, recognising how they can prompt us to answer comprehension questions confidently. Overall, we are well into the second half of Autumn term now, and are looking forward to continuing with the enthusiasm and excitement Year 6 have shown so far!