



Huttoft Primary School and Nursery (Acadey)

DIARY DATES

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- postponed until Thursday 10th February 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022

School re-opens

Christmas Wishes

As we enter the last week of this school term we would like to wish all our pupils, their families and friends and the wider community a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year. Thank you for your support over the last year, we look forward to entering into 2022 with you all.

Christmas Fayre

Wow!!! What an amazing success our Christmas Fayre was! It was so lovely to see family and friends supporting us, and to be able to hold an event in school again, something that seems so long ago now! A huge thank you to the FHS for all their hard work to put on such an enjoyable Fayre, to the staff for their support running stalls, the Club children for making all their wonderful crafts to sell and local businesses that donated gifts and items for the various stalls. Thanks to this hard work and your generosity we made an amazing £1,400!!!

Christmas Lunch Day

Christmas Lunch was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone today. A huge thank you to Ideal School Meals for once again supplying us with a delicious lunch.

Infant Nativity

Parents, carers, friends and family of our Infant children were treated to a wonderful Nativity performance last week. The children did an amazing job of learning their lines and the songs, showing their acting skills and following stage commands! Well done everyone involved.

Club Collection during the dark evenings

As it is now dark when the 4:30pm children leave Club, we will be adopting the same collection procedure as at the end of the school day. The staff will open the carpark gate and children will wait outside the Meaker Suite. Parents/carers should enter the playground and wait for the child to be sent to them. This is a Safeguarding procedure to ensure 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. No child will be dispersed onto the carpark. If you are not on the playground for collection the child will remain on school premises. Thank you.

Attendance w/c 29.11.21

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
90%	92%	90%	88%	93%	87%	89%	90%

Attendance w/c 06.12.21

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
95%	95%	91%	90%	96%	80%	90%	91%

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
63%	27%	61%	41%	57%	57%

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

Values Champions

Congratulations to all our recent Values Champions. Well done everyone whose actions and attitudes have consistently reflected our school values.

This week, children across school will be choosing a Values Champion for their class in addition to teachers' nominees. This is a new initiative and will be done at the end of each term. The children's Values Champions will be revealed in Friday's Assembly.

Amazon Wish List

If you would like to buy your child's teacher/class a Christmas gift here is 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/32GRKDOBRV9ES?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.

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. Please ensure your child/ren are here on time to ensure a swift start to the day. Thank you.

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. It was reported to us that several parents were using their mobile phone on school premises during the Nativity productions. We apologise for this and will ensure we are more vigilant. 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 continue to be 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.

Nursery Hours

January's hours will soon be on ParentMail, please ensure this is paid as soon as possible.

National Online Safety

We are pleased to confirm that parents and carers are invited to sign up to our school's membership of National Online Safety, to access up to date guidance on how to keep our children safe online. There is a wealth of information via online videos and weekly guides, including topical issues such as age-inappropriate content, that will help us to work together to protect children as they navigate the digital world. We hope to see as many parents as possible accessing these valuable resources in the coming months. You will find the link in the letter sent on 9th December via ParentMail.

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.

Class News

Nursery

As you can imagine there is much excitement in the nursery as Christmas approaches! In between learning new action songs and rhymes, being creative with everything that glitters, making crowns for our party day, we are, in our quieter moments, encouraging the children to think about others, being kind and helpful as well as looking after our books and toys.



Reception

Reception have been listening to lots of traditional tales and now know many by heart and can retell them using props and accurate story language. They even made some of their favourite characters into puppets which involved cutting, sticking and colouring!

We recently took part in some multi cultural days and learnt more about the country of China, listening to some stories about Chinese New Year, tasting some Chinese foods and making a dragon to dance with. There was so much red and gold around. Then of course we have been busy practising for our Christmas performance alongside our friends in years 1 and 2. By singing the songs and watching the acting we understand why our nativity characters are so special in "The Christmas Recipe". We have been so brave, confidently performing to audiences too.

Year 1

What excitement we have had this term... exploring the snow! We learnt that snow quickly melts in our warm hands; we can write in it with fingers or sticks; we can make prints in the snow with our feet and so can animals! The thawing snow in the trees looked and felt like rain, dripping on our heads as the sun came out! Some children noticed the snow covered only parts of the tree trunks. We talked about how the wind blows the falling snow in one direction and it may only cover part of a tree and not the whole of it! Lots of adjectives were used to describe how the snow looked and felt. Our pinecones looked very different with closed scales... we've finally found the answer to our scientific question...they DO know when it's raining or snowing, as their scales close!

A wooded area looks so different and we are so grateful we got to appreciate it in the snow before we move onto our next project after Christmas!

In Maths we are remembering Place Value learnt earlier this year and applying it with numbers to 20. The children are learning all about 2-digit numbers and using base ten manipulatives to partition them into tens and ones.

As we creep ever closer towards Christmas, I would like to say how immensely proud I am of all our Super Stars in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes who have worked so hard on this year's infant Nativity, Christmas Recipe. It was a huge success! Well done and thank you!

Year 2

We have certainly continued the messy theme in Year 2 over the past few weeks! In project lessons we have investigated which soap products produce the most bubbles. It was an intriguing experience, but we came to the conclusion it is liquid soap flakes and washing up liquid which are the bubbliest! In English, we have been looking at riddles and acrostic poems. I wonder if Year 2 you could write your own acrostic poem with the word "Christmas"? In Maths, we have been looking at addition, adding two-digit numbers together using the column method, using lots of manipulatives to help us work out the answers. Alongside our busy schedule we continued rehearsing our Christmas nativity, the children have been amazing during rehearsals and I hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance!

Year 3

We have been having a great time investigating forces in Year 3 including incorporating forces into our PE lessons! Much excitement was evident when we were given force-meters, varieties of magnets and iron filings to experiment with and we had great fun inventing and showing our 'magic tricks' i.e. making magnets move on their own!

Our knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division continues to grow as we have been looking at using the two strategies of sharing and grouping to divide. We have also enjoyed participating in the Multiplication and Division Number Loop game and are getting very efficient at it and beating the clock!

During our English lessons we have been editing and improving our recounts and have also been using our VIPERS skills during whole class reading opportunities. We have enjoyed listening to our class story The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and have created our own magnificent interpretations of the Iron Man during our art sessions.

Our class collection of empty cans and tins and scrap metal gets larger by the day and we will soon have enough items to recycle into musical instruments for use in our class orchestra! We look forward to telling you all about it in the next newsletter so watch this space!

Year 4

We have had an exciting time in Year 4! Heritage Lincolnshire came to visit for a history workshop on medieval Boston recently. Local history is an important part of our history curriculum so learning about how a local town has changed from medieval times was fascinating. The children took part in map progression tasks just like real archaeologists! They were able to use investigation skills to discover the clues to the sort of person who would own a range of artefacts and even designed and made a Cog Boat which we tested to see which design would carry the most weight!

Our multicultural activities were a great success with Year 4 quickly becoming immersed in German culture allowing them to have an understanding of another country, their beliefs and traditions. In Maths we are looking at multiplication and division- learning those times tables will help so much with this learning as it does across all maths learning- so please keep practising, don't forget TTRockstars too. Our guided reading lessons are based around our story, King of the Cloud Forests linked to our project - I wonder if anyone can tell someone at home what the acronym VIPERS stands for?

Year 5

We have lots of busy days ahead in Y5 as lessons continue amidst seasonal activities - we will be getting creative and singing festive songs as December progresses! In Maths we will be calculating the area of compound and irregular shapes; there will also be opportunities to apply our knowledge and understanding to a wide range of problems possibly with a Christmassy twist! Our project focus will be on the Feudal System and Peasants' Revolt; we have found learning about 14th century England truly fascinating! It gives a real purpose to our writing, especially when we can write in character based on eye witness accounts; we are all trying very hard to apply our learning from grammar, punctuation and spelling lessons to all our writing, no matter what subject. Reading and listening to our class story are key aspects to each day and this week, we will be finding out about Christmas traditions in France. Joyeux Noël!

Year 6

Over the last few weeks, Year 6 have been continuing to learn about the beginning of World War Two. They have thrown themselves into it and learnt so much about the impact World War One had on British and German citizens. It has been wonderful to see children bringing in medals and ration books from family members who served in either war. Please continue bringing them in/taking pictures of them to show us! We have also been learning about the Make Do and Mend campaign where clothing rations were harsh, so women had to mend and create clothing themselves. Year 6 have demonstrated brilliant creativity and resilience with the sewing, and some have even continued at home!

We have just finished our learning on fractions which has been challenging but the class have persevered and learnt a lot. Some were even sad to finish! We will be looking at the four quadrants next with some Christmas themed co-ordinates! Our writing has been excellent; they have been creating their own narratives with flashbacks to WW1 or WW2. Year 6 have shown real enthusiasm and ambition with their historical narratives. We hope this will continue!