



Huttoft Primary School and Nursery (Academy)

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 8th March

Book Fayre arrived in school

Friday 18th March

Red Nose Day

Friday 25th March

Non-uniform Day – bring an Easter Egg!

Tuesday 29th March

Easter Bingo – 6pm at school

Thursday 21st April

Re-arranged, re-arranged Disco!

Thursday 23rd June

Sports Day

Values Champions

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

Attendance

As I'm sure you are aware many children will have had significant absences during this academic year. Whilst we understand that many children may not have been able to attend school we still monitor attendance. As such, we will shortly be sending out letters to those parents of children where attendance has fallen below 90%. If your child has attendance less than 90% they are considered to be persistent absentees. The letters we send out will set the target for your child's attendance for the remainder of the academic year.

30 hour funding for working parents

Would parents in receipt of 30 hour funding please check to see when their revalidation is due, this must be completed on time to enable the funding to continue into the Summer Term. Parents thinking of applying for 30 hour funding for the first time must do so before the end of March for the funding to be valid for the Summer Term.

Car Park

It is great to finally have all the road markings outside the car park in place to assist in keeping our children and local community safe.

Once again can we please point out the importance of adhering to these road markings and insist that you follow these markings and DO NOT park on the double yellow lines causing obstructions to local residents and our neighbours at Newhaven.

Can we also ask that, although it may be a little inconvenient, you turn Left out of the car park and go round past the donkey sanctuary to exit Church Lane to the Right. This will keep the traffic 'flowing' out of the car park and prevent a build up whilst cars are waiting to turn right. A couple of general reminders too please; the spaces down the left of the car park from the road are reserved for Staff cars only and should be kept free for those staff arriving during/after drop off time. Please ensure your child(ren) refrain from running across the car park and from kicking/throwing stones whilst waiting for the gate to open. Please switch your vehicle engines off whilst parked in the car park.

We want to keep our children as safe as possible and keep congestion to a minimum – thank you.

Attendance w/c 21.02.22

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
99%	96%	99%	99%	93%	99%	91%	96.3%

Attendance w/c 28.02.22

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole School
95%	99%	100%	98%	95%	95%	86%	95.3%

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%	38%	52%	46%	55%	50%

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

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.

Upcoming events

Red Nose Day

This will take place in school on Friday 18th March. We have taken delivery of our Red Noses and these are available in school to buy for £1.50. We also have some left from last year that children can buy for £1.00. We will have buckets at the gate and around school on the day for any donations. Children may wear an official Red Nose Day accessory but school uniform must be worn on this day.

Lower Junior Easter Performances

These performances will be after the Easter holiday, dates will be confirmed and released shortly. Seats will be available to reserve via ParentMail, as soon as these have been set up we will notify you for you to make your reservations.

Non-uniform day

We are inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 25th March in return we ask for a donation of Easter Eggs for our Easter Raffle. Tickets for the Raffle will be on sale from Wednesday 16th March from the Office or via ParentMail, £1 per strip.

Easter Bingo

The Friends of Huttoft School will be holding an Easter Bingo on Tuesday 29th March at 6pm in the Hall. All families are welcome, please let the office know if you would like a table reserving for your family. Bingo tickets will be sold on the night and there will be refreshments and a Raffle.

Disco

The re-arranged, re-arranged date for our Disco is Thursday 21st April. Tickets already sold will of course be honoured and anybody else wishing to purchase one can do so via the office or ParentMail. Tickets are priced at £2.50 each and this includes admission, hot dog and a drink. There will be a tuck shop available selling cookies, cakes and sweets if you would like to send your child(ren) with a little bit of pocket money.

Jubilee Celebrations

We are busy making plans for our very own Jubilee Celebrations in school. We will have events running throughout the week commencing Monday 23rd May culminating in a big street type party on Thursday 26th May. We are hoping to have a band/singer to entertain the children 1950's style so if anybody has any contacts please could you let us have their details. We would also like everybody, including the staff, to come in their best 1950's outfit.

All current fundraising events i.e. Bingo, Easter Raffle etc. will go towards the Jubilee events for the

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/32GRKDOBRV9ES?ref=wl_share

National Online Safety – Parental Engagement

We recently invited all parents and carers to access National Online Safety through the school's subscription and we are keen to support every family in developing their knowledge and understanding of keeping their children safe online. One of the benefits of joining is having access to up to date guidance on issues and trends that could have a profound effect on young people. Last week the guidance was about WhatsApp and we are attaching a copy of this so you can see the type of information on offer. Obviously, our pupils shouldn't be using WhatsApp as the minimum age is 16 years in the UK. Some parents have completed the NOS training course on Keeping Children Safe Online, and found it very useful. We know you share our commitment to safeguarding our school community and if you have any concerns in this regard, then please contact us.

Lincolnshire Safer Communities

We have received the attached fact sheet re. Tik Tok and details of an online safety workshop for parents - Date with Dan 18th May 6:30pm-7:30pm. This is a FREE Online Safety Question and Answer event. 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 and young people safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings.

Join LCC's Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 18th May 2022 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 – Dan will let you ask those burning questions.

Sign up will be required to access this session. [A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 18 May 2022 at 18:30 / Eventbrite](#)

Book Fayre

The Book Fayre is currently in school, some of you will have received your child's form and will notice the different format of this. You can now place your order and pay on-line. This then gets notified to school and we can select the books off the shelves to be sent home.

Class Photos

These were taken in school on Tuesday, the proof will come home with your child with an order form for you to either order on line or send it back into school with payment.

Staff News

As most of you are now aware, we will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Osborne and Mrs Hobson at Easter. Mrs Osborne has decided to enjoy a well-deserved rest and take early retirement and Mrs Hobson is moving into another sector to work. I am sure you will all, like us, want to wish them well and I know they will both be greatly missed by staff and students alike. We will also be saying goodbye for a short while to Mrs Wood whilst she goes off on Maternity leave to have her second baby, best wishes to her and we will keep you all posted when baby Wood arrives.

After the Easter holidays we will be welcoming a familiar face back to Huttoft Primary, Miss Sharratt, who left us at the end of last year, will be returning to take up a teaching position. We are all looking forward to welcoming her back into our Huttoft Family.

Class News

Nursery

As I'm sure many of you will have seen on our Social Media posts as well your child's Tapestry account that all the children are loving their time outdoors! Explorative play in the Mud Kitchen is an absolute favourite! But it does get messy so please remember puddle suits and wellies every day. Over the next couple of weeks our focus story will be 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen; we will be taking this story outdoors as we build a trail for our very own bear hunt. There is a wonderful video of Michael Rosen performing the story on YouTube which you might like to share at home with your child. As always be sure to watch the video through first before sharing with your child to ensure that you are happy with its appropriateness.

If you could find the time we would love to see more Tapestry posts from home as the children really do love sharing them with us.

Reception

In Reception the children have begun exploring their new project 'Ready, Steady, Grow'. They have enjoyed sharing and retelling stories about growing plants such as Jasper's Beanstalk and have even planted their own bean seeds which they are eagerly watching, waiting to see them grow and change. The children were also lucky enough to have a visit from a farmer who talked to them about growing crops and the other important parts of his job. Getting to sit in his tractor was very exciting too! They have been learning about healthy and unhealthy foods and did a great job of sorting foods this week. Mrs Hobson and Miss Mullen are proud of how the children's Reading is developing as they learn more digraph and trigraph sounds with the help of the Monster Phonics characters that they love.

Year 1

So much has happened in Year 1 already and we've only just begun a new term.

Our new project, 'Bright Lights, Big City', which is a Geography-based project, started with a very memorable experience... an invitation to a Royal Garden Party where the children met the Queen! What a wonderful opportunity it was for the children to impart many facts learnt about the Queen only a few days before! Her majesty was extremely impressed by their knowledge! Now we know so much about the Queen, we shall be learning about the United Kingdom and its four countries, starting with England... particularly its capital city, London.

What great mathematicians we have in Year 1! The children are continuing to draw upon previous skills learnt on Place Value but now with numbers to 50! It's wonderful to see so much independent learning and use of manipulatives such as base ten equipment to support the partitioning of 2-digits numbers when comparing and ordering them. We are now about to embark on counting in twos and fives.

In PE, the children are learning new Gymnastics skills such as balancing on different points of their bodies and travelling under, over and along in different directions, both on the apparatus and during floorwork time.

We have just celebrated World Book Day and it was wonderful to see how much knowledge the children have about different books! Julia Donaldson is a favourite author in Year 1, and we are looking forward to learning about new authors, as we continue to celebrate our love of reading!

Year 2

Year 2 have made a great start with their new project "The Scented Garden". It is a Science based project where lots of exploring and creating experiments will be taking place! We have already thought about and planted some seeds for our pizza garden. Can you remember the names of the seeds we have planted? We have also planted some sweet pea seeds. What does a plant need to grow? In Maths, we are looking at statistics, focusing on tally charts and pictograms. We have made tally charts on children's favourite fruit, sports and vehicles. Remember to keep practising your x2, x3, x5 and x10 times tables on TTRockstars. In English, we have been looking at non-fiction books on flowers and plants and having a look at some of the key features. We have also made a fact file on a flower we found during our walk around the school gardens. Can you remember the names of some of the harmful plants we spoke about? Perhaps you could share this information with a grown-up or sibling at home.

Year 3

What a great start we have made to our Year 3 project of Through the Ages. We have been learning about what prehistory means and can name different prehistoric stages including the three periods of the Stone Age. We are linking our project learning with our English lessons and are currently planning a historical narrative. To date, we have created our characters and setting and are now beginning to develop an exciting plot.

World Book Day was hugely enjoyed by us all and everybody dressed up for the occasion! Mrs Crouch was thrilled with the number of children who brought in a wrapped up book with clues for us to guess and many of us also participated in the Book Swap. Thank you so much to all the families who helped.

Year 4

Our new topic, Playlist has started in Year 4. This has meant lots of music has been heard in our classroom as we investigate sound and how it travels. I think the rest of the school know that it travels down corridors very well when we get the instruments out in our classroom! We are investigating which classrooms have the highest decibel readings at different times of the day and collating our findings into graphs. I wonder which room will be quietest or loudest? In maths we are looking at fractions, using our multiplication and division skills, it shows how important practising our times tables is to all of our mathematics learning, keep practising Year 4!

We have started to practise our Easter performance which we will be presenting in the coming weeks with the Year 3's. Our piece is called 'Good News' and retells the Easter story through acting and songs. The children are very excited to perform to their families soon.

We thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day last week, some of the children's costumes were great, as were their character descriptions. We all enjoyed guessing the huge variety of mystery books which had been carefully wrapped at home, the clues were fantastic and had us really thinking, often not guessing the book until the final clue. In PSHE we read the book 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival. The children showed great empathy with the characters and understood why some people can feel invisible in a busy world, this created some great discussion points – the power of a good book!

Year 5

We are developing our scientific thinking in Y5 with our project on invertebrates, Beast Creator, and extending our use of key vocabulary which is helping our writing skills. This week we will be looking at instructional and persuasive texts, then using our knowledge of presentational features to design adverts for bug hotels! We will be locating where specific species of minibeasts live around the world and investigating the diverse structures these fascinating creatures build for themselves. In Maths we are coming to the end of our learning on fractions; our next focus will be decimals and percentages. Our music this term has a very different vibe: we are exploring hip hop music, such as the theme from The Fresh Prince of Bel Air, and it's really cool! On Friday afternoons we are enjoying learning how to solve problems and puzzles to support our verbal and non-verbal reasoning with Mr Haggis.

We have loved our VIPERS Guided Reading text, and seeing the transformation of Bradley Chalkers – what a great book by Louis Sachar.

Year 6

Year 6 have been learning all there is to learn about Mexico! We have been looking at the geography of the country and how different their landscapes are to those here. We labelled where their huge volcanoes are and researched into the enormous Chihuahuan Desert; the whole of the United Kingdom can fit twice into the Chihuahuan Desert! Year 6 have been enjoying our book: Holes by Louis Sachar. We have been writing setting descriptions for Camp Green Lake, using plenty of adjectives, similes and some personification. Our project is very creative this half term and we have been learning all about Día de los Muertos and creating our own Day of the Dead skulls to celebrate. Whilst using bright colours and patterns, mirroring how Mexicans celebrate their dead loved ones, we have had traditional Mexican music playing in the background. We are looking forward to learning all about the Mayans in the next coming weeks! For maths, we have finished learning about algebra and are learning about converting and calculating with metric measurements before moving onto area and perimeter. It has been a busy half term so far but year 6 are engaged and enjoying the project!