



Together We Achieve

Newsletter

Friday 29th April 2016

Dates for your diary

2nd May

Bank holiday

9th May

Year 6 SATs Week!

27th May

Break up for half term

24th May

Open Evening for parents of new starters in September 2016

26th May

Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket

27th May

School closes for half term

6th June

School re-opens

8th June

Year 5/6 Rounders tournament

9th June

Y6 Art and DT Transition Day to Driffild School

10th June

Drax Kwik Cricket for Year 3/4

13th – 15th June

Year 6 Residential

15th and 17th June

Fathers Day Secret Shop

4th July

EURO 2016 Football Tournament for Y3/4

8th July

Sports Day (KS1 AM, KS2 PM)



Summer term = sunshine ahead?!



It is in our summer term timetable to remind you as parents to please ensure children have sun hats, suntan lotion and a fresh water bottle each day to protect them from the stronger sun. It does not seem very appropriate currently however, but in the hope that it may trigger some sunshine, I am going to remind you anyway!

It is also worthwhile at this point asking you to check that all of your child's clothing is labelled. When the field is in action, jumpers are thrown to one side and forgotten about. Without a name, they disappear into the ether and seem to disappear for a period of time – or forever! Naming results in 99% of jumpers being returned (unofficial stats, but you get the idea).

Uniform in general can have a little slip in this term too. Please can we remind you that girls summer uniform should consist of a blue-checked pinafore dress or a grey, black or navy skirt. Skirts should be knee length at a minimum please, and no ski pants or leggings. Boys can wear grey, black or navy shorts, but not joggers. Shoes should always be plain black, not sandals and with no heel.

And finally: PE kit. Despite every class having their own PE slot, in the summer months if this is missed it can be changed to a different day, so the advice is always to bring PE kit in on a Monday and leave it here until Friday. There must be a change of clothing and footwear, particularly as the children get older and hygiene needs reinforcing before the commencement of teenage years – good luck with that!

SATs

Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of key stage SATs this next month. Year 2 children are tested in reading, writing, maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (well not this one anymore as you may well have read!) Year 2 assessments do not follow a set timetable, and Mrs Lewer will make the tests fit into the timetable as appropriate.

Year 6 is obviously much more official, and involves testing in reading, GPS, writing and maths. The tests commence on Monday 9th May and will happen daily that week. It is imperative that **all** Year 6 children are in attendance that week, so please if you have any appointments please try and juggle them accordingly.

SATs only tell us one factor of a child's ability on that one day of the year. They do not tell us some of the amazing things your children are capable of – such as being responsible, kind, caring, a good friend, musical, artistic...the list could go on! They are a necessity however, and I know that each and every one of our Year 6 children is prepared to knock the spots off any test they come across!

Attendance Letters

As you are aware, attendance at school has been something that has tightened each year, with restricted holidays and fines imposed. This year any child who has an attendance record of 90% or below will be classed as a persistent absentee. This means that parents will be invited in to meet with me and put an attendance action plan in place, and if any of the objectives fail to be met then the Educational Welfare Officer becomes involved and this leads to a further action plan. Failure here can result in court appearances and substantial fines.

I realise this sounds quite scary, but it is a system we have no choice but to follow – they are tightening up on any headteachers who fail to report holidays now too! So the system is there, and we are here to help and prevent anyone from having to go through that process. I will be sending a letter out to any parents of any child who has an attendance record of 93% or less. **Please do not worry about this letter, it is only to highlight to your attention and allow you to avoid getting to the 90% mark.**

If anyone is at the 90% or below, you will be invited in and we will put an action plan in place, and I have no doubt that it will be easily passed and we can move on.

Congratulations!

Mrs Capes, our midday supervisor, is no longer Mrs Capes! She was married last half term, and is now Mrs Edmond. Despite being engaged for many years, the knot has now been officially tied. Well done!

Pauline Quirke Academy

No, not the name of our new Multi Academy Trust! There is a free Open Day on Saturday 7th May from 9.45am to 1pm at the new performing arts academy in Beverley, located at Beverley Grammar School.

This may be of interest to a number of our pupils, and children will be divided into age groups to sample a variety of classes – Musical Theatre, Comedy & Drama and Film & Television. During the classes, parents can have refreshments, a chat with the staff and learn what the academy is all about.

It sounds like a great deal of fun, and please let us know if you and your child attend – would be great to fill everyone else in.

Tuck Shop

Morning break tuck shop only sells fruit. Children can bring their own fruit snack into school, but it must only be fruit.

No sweets, chocolate or biscuits please.

Twitter – please follow us!

We have had a school twitter account (@HuttonCran) for about a year now, and it is a really useful way of sharing information, but also for instant updates on activities that are happening across the school day. Each of our teachers also have an account – please follow them:

@MrsB_HCPS

@NevetMr

@MrsH_HCPS

@MissM_HCPS

@MissA_HCPS

@MrsL_HCPS

@HCPS_Head



Did you know?

Stricter rules regarding the use of booster seats will come into force later this year limiting the use of backless booster seats to older children.

Under current UK law, all children travelling in a car must use the correct car seat until 12 years old or 135cm tall. In some European countries this height limit is 150cm.

Under the new rules, backless booster seats will only be approved for use for children taller than 125cm and weighing more than 22kg.

At the moment, children weighing as little as 15kg, that's around three years old, can travel in backless booster seats. But many child car seat experts agree that this type of booster seat is unsuitable for such young children.

The Yorkshire Rose

In Achievement Assembly this morning, hardly any children in the hall could tell me which county was represented by the White Rose. I attach a picture here – please remind them that they live in the greatest county in England!

