



# Newsletter

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## Dates for your diary

**26<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket

**27<sup>th</sup> May**

School closes for half term

**6<sup>th</sup> June**

School re-opens

**8<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 5/6 Rounders tournament

**9<sup>th</sup> June**

Y6 Art and DT Transition Day to Driffield School

**10<sup>th</sup> June**

Drax Kwik Cricket for Year 3/4

**13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 6 Residential

**15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Fathers Day Secret Shop

**28<sup>th</sup> June**

Full Governing Body meeting

**1<sup>st</sup> July**

Euro 2016 whole school event day

**4<sup>th</sup> July**

Euro 2016 Football Tournament for Y3/4

**8<sup>th</sup> July**

Sports Day (KS1 AM, KS2 PM)

**20<sup>th</sup> July**

Driffield Show

**22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Break up for summer

I felt very proud of the way our Year 6 children conducted themselves during the SATs tests. The tests, as was widely predicted, were extremely challenging however the children remained focused throughout, and the SATs Breakfast seemed like a big hit and a great way to relax prior to each morning of testing.

Thank you to all of members of our Year 6 team – Mrs Burkinshaw, Mrs Atkins and Miss Balmer for their positivity and effort across the year. We are also very grateful for our dedicated team of volunteers. Mrs Bjorndal, Mrs Moore and Mrs Lilly come into school every week to support and help groups or individuals, including SATs Club, and they were also on hand during the tests as readers. I know that many schools would absolutely love such experienced and valuable people offering their support and we are very grateful.

Finally, thank you to all parents of Year 6 children. With the expectation levels of SATs rising and rising, I can only imagine what a challenge it has been for you over the past few months. We always seek the positives and we never put undue pressure on any of our children, but they do feel the weight of the tests and I know that you will have supported them admirably throughout. They want to do their very best, so inevitably feel some pressure.

At Hutton Cranswick, we are always seeking to broaden our curriculum and to develop skills through each and every year. We offer a range of educational visits, themed days, clubs, play and lunch activities – too many things to list! The SATs themselves are very narrow, and we avoid as much as we can of ‘teaching to the test’, however preparation to allow children to feel they can access it is essential.

Maybe one day the Government will realise that we, as professionals, know exactly the strengths and areas for development of every single child, and we do not need a test to tell us about a narrow area of learning. But in the meantime, we will continue to offer our children the best opportunities to succeed, and we will do it with a smile and a ‘can do’ attitude!

**Aspire, Believe, Succeed – Together We Achieve**

## **Year 1/2 Football**

A mixed team of Year 1 and 2 boys took to the field at Driffield School last week in a tournament for the schools in the Driffield Cluster.

It was a really enjoyable evening, made even more so by some pretty good football on our part! We won every single game and only conceded one goal! The team, made up of Jake Taylor, Lucas Hogg, Charley Bonser, Joseph Moon, Jacob Long and Charlie Dixon, grew in confidence as the tournament progressed, winning the vital game against Driffield Infants 2-1.

This continues to make 2016 a fantastic year of sporting achievement so far, with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in virtually every event, including Level 2 (County Wide) competitions.

## Drifffield Show

This year's show will be in term time, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. With this in mind, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council have agreed that it can be deemed an 'exceptional circumstance' due to the nature of the show forming part of our local cultural heritage. This means that children from our school and schools within our cluster will be permitted to attend, with the absence being classed as authorized.

A letter will come out after half term, and we just ask that you return the slip to let us know if you plan on taking your child out for the day. Children will receive free entry before 9am if they have entered something into the competition element. We will complete piece of handwriting in school so that all children can enter, and possibly some art work too.

### Parking

Unfortunately we are still suffering from the problem of parents and carers parking on the zig zag lines outside the school during drop off and pick up times.

To clarify, not only are you not allowed to park on the zig zag lines, you are also **not permitted to even stop to drop someone off** between 8.15-9.15am and 3-4pm. This is an offence, and would result in you receiving a fine from the police.

Our local community police officer will be completing drop ins over the coming months in an attempt to catch anyone doing this as it causes a significant risk to children crossing, particularly in the summer months when the park becomes so popular.

Please warn anyone you see doing this as they will be fined if caught.

### 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



### Euro 2016 Day

To celebrate the European Championships, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July we will be holding a full day of football and fun related to the countries involved.

We will generate teams across the school, with each team consisting of a least one child from each year group. We will play group stages in the morning and finals in the afternoon.

Whilst the children are not playing they will be having some fun researching their countries, creating flags and working together in mixed age groups. We hope this will be an enjoyable day for all involved.

