



**Together We Achieve**

# Newsletter

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

## Term Dates 2016/17

**5<sup>th</sup> September**

Training Day – school closed to pupils

**6<sup>th</sup> September**

School re-opens

**21<sup>st</sup> October**

Break up for half term

**31<sup>st</sup> October**

School re-opens

**16<sup>th</sup> December**

Break up for Christmas

**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

Training Day – school closed to pupils

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

School re-opens

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Break up for half term

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

School re-opens

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Break up for Easter

**24<sup>th</sup> April**

Training Day – school closed

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

School re-opens

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Break up for half term

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

School re-opens

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

Break up for summer

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

### **2015/16 comes to an end...**

What an amazing year we have had in our school, with so many successes to share. Here are a few:

- Winning several sporting events across all age ranges, having 92% of KS2 children attending a sporting club and competing in county-wide competitions – meaning we have secured the School Games **Gold** Mark! This is an amazing achievement considering two years ago we had virtually no sport clubs and failed to attend virtually any tournaments or festivals.
- Academically our children have performed better than national average in EYFS, phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATs (17% higher in KS2!) Our results put us into the top 20 schools in the East Riding, which is impressive considering the even higher expectations (and it's fair to say unrealistic expectations) that the DfE have set.
- We have secured nearly £20,000 worth of funding over the course of the year to develop our outdoor area, including our tyre park, and in September we will have a discreet Outdoor Learning Area that will be fenced off for purposeful outdoor learning that can push our curriculum that little bit further (e.g. whittling, den building, fire building etc.)
- The rate of outstanding teaching in our school has reached an all-time high, and our school is moving closer all of the time towards becoming an outstanding school in all areas – this is very hard to achieve but we will always push that little bit harder. Our teachers are becoming Specialist Leaders of Education (SLEs) which means their practice is of such a high standard that other schools are funding us to allow our SLEs to raise best practice in their schools too!
- Children are telling both us and people from outside our school regularly how much they are enjoying learning here. In fact in our most recent visit, the feedback praised, **"The eloquence and confidence of all pupils in talking about their work and progress and the impeccable behaviour/attitudes to learning of all pupils."** This is high praise indeed and should make you as parents so incredibly proud. The presentation and quality of work in books is exceptional, and when the children get asked what they can improve they reply even more challenge!

These are a few highlights – I could go on and on! We say goodbye to a superb group of Y6 pupils tomorrow but look forward to welcoming a new wave in September. Our school is a great school to be in, and your feedback is very positive too – thank you for all that responded with praise and thanks after reading your child's academic report. I'm ready for 2016/17 already – enjoy your children over summer and please stay safe.



## Introducing...the Hutton Cranswick APP!



Our website has lots of great information, and our text message service has helped us in several areas. However it has not been without glitches and our provider for some reason has struggled to ensure everyone gets the message.

So we have decided to launch our own APP to be available for download in September for Apple and Android smartphones. The APP will contain newsletters, calendar, links to key documents but most importantly will allow us to send out message/push notifications to all parents with the APP. I will release more specific details when we return, but I hope you will see this as a positive move to improve further our methods of communication.

## Introducing...the new Hutton Cranswick Sports Jacket!

Hopefully most of you will have seen the new style jacket at the Summer Fair last week. We have asked H&K Embroidery to add it to their repertoire of school based products for the next academic year. The jackets are showerproof, smart and dual purpose – to be worn to come to school but also can be used for PE and Games too meaning less hassle to ensure hoodies etc. are packed with PE Kit.

H&K will also allow personalised initials for free on the front. I am sure these will be popular (indeed Mr Nevet, Miss Midgley and I are already wearing ours!) and are very competitively priced compared to buying jackets from a shop – the uniformity aspect is also handy for school trips. You can order these now from the H&K Embroidery website - <http://www.handkembroidery.co.uk/>



## (Fun) Homework for Summer

I am a very firm believer in homework being kept short, sweet and practising basic skills. It should be about spending quality time reading with parents, spending a little bit of time rehearsing basic spellings and times-tables and some practise of math strategy (Year 6 often get and ask for more in preparation for SATs). Other than that, homework should be spending time with family and friends, playing sports and finding other hobbies that add to broader life skills for future years. So this summer, why not join in with the Spread a Little Happiness trend and try and complete as many of the 50 things below. The evidence of this would be through selfies and pictures that you can tag us to on Twitter (@HuttonCran).

I will try and complete as many as I can— and the teachers will be encouraged to send any pictures of them completing the list too. I wonder if we could get all 50 between us?

# 50 Things To Do This SUMMER

1. Paddle in the sea or shallow river with a friend
2. Walk barefoot in the dewy morning grass
3. Shelter under a tree in the rain
4. Do bubble paintings - straws, paint and washing up liquid
5. Paint a picture on an iPad using APP (Fingerpaint Magic APP 79p.)
6. Make a seasonal fruit smoothie (even better go fruit picking for it)
7. Cook sausages on a BBQ, Fire pit or open fire
8. Go for a walk and take a picnic for halfway
9. Play the colour car game
10. Visit a museum/art gallery
11. Go to the local library
12. Go on a bus/train ride
13. Have a water bomb fight
14. Cream pie friends
15. Run under a water sprinkler
16. Go sand dune jumping
17. Watch a full sunset
18. Watch a full sunrise
19. Make a bee bath and watch the bees
20. Try to catch a butterfly
21. Do a butterfly painting
22. Learn a new song
23. Learn a new poem
24. Make a pop video to a summer song
25. Dress up like a pop star
26. Go on a bear hunt
27. Make your own musical instruments
28. Make fruit cocktails complete with mini umbrella
29. Make your own muffin pizzas
30. Go to an outdoor show/fair/market
31. Visit somewhere in your locality
32. Visit a different locality and send a postcard from there
33. Have a mad hair day
34. Wear PJs all day
35. Camp (outside or in)
36. Ride a pony (Make a pool noodle one)
37. Have a topsy turvy day (Breakfast for dinner, pudding first)
38. Have a day without electronics
39. Find an unusual place to read a book
40. Make real lemonade with real lemons
41. Create tropical setting in your home or garden and have a tropical day
42. Have a sing a long day - sing instead of say
43. Take someone out for the day
44. Have a cinema day at home
45. Make popcorn from corn
46. Dance in the moonlight
47. Go out sketching your area
48. Invent your own ShaBang - #summerselfie
49. Make a pic collage of your summer
50. Write a list of 50 summer things to be thankful for (approximately one per day)

www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk