

Welcome back!

The last 6 weeks have flown by (mostly?) and I hope you all had a lovely summer break. We had an amazing year last year, but we are all excited to make this year even better. The children have come back settled and happy, and our Reception children have started enthusiastically too. The children are looking incredibly smart, and it is nice to see so many wearing plain black shoes, thank you for supporting the uniform code.

Staff have been working hard to prepare for the new school year, setting up classrooms and planning engaging lessons for the weeks ahead. Three of our classrooms now have 65" touch screen TVs to replace our ageing interactive whiteboards. This technology is a big step up and should be a wonderful resource. We hope to be in a position to purchase screens for the other classes this year or next. Our Outdoor Classroom area has now been fenced off, and we aim to start using this resource for enhancing learning outdoors with activities such as den building, whittling and fire building (don't worry, this is teacher led!)

This newsletter is mainly to remind you about a few things that happen in school, particularly for our new parents. You will shortly be receiving a class newsletter with information about the term ahead.

I hope that as parents you feel that you receive enough information about what happens in school and are clear and confident that we always have the best intentions to improve the school and make it a better place for your children to come to. However we are always open to your opinions and views so please feel free to phone or pop in for a chat, and I am always available on my email – khenderson@huttoncranswick.eriding.net.



We need you! Last year we asked for parents to tell us about skills they may be able to share with us, or the times where you might possibly be able to come into school and hear children read. We do still need you, so if you can call into the office and make yourself known that would be fantastic, particularly if you have DBS clearance.

All parents are automatically part of our Friends of the School group also. There is an upcoming AGM, dates to be provided. Please feel free to come, or visit the Friends section of the website and get in touch.

Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated.

What about nominating a grandparent to hear some readers? Do you have someone in your family who you think would be perfect? Do let us know!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH?

Any Parent/Carer or Grandparent who would like to come to school and enjoy dinner with their children is welcome to do so from next week. Just telephone the day before to reserve a meal – we are limited to 6 adults per day and the menu is sent home and is also available on the website.

Adult meals cost £3.20. Children's are £2.20. It is excellent value, and by educating children away from a diet of crisps and processed food we are together building a lifetime of good eating habits and healthy hearts. It would be lovely to see you in school; your child will pick you up from the office and will escort you to the hall to experience some of Diane's delicious food.

DINNERS MUST BE PREPAID and money must be sent to the classroom in a labelled envelope. PLEASE DO NOT SEND LOOSE MONEY!



New adults in school

Mrs Scholes started today in the school office working alongside Mrs Longden. Many of you will know Jo as mum to Matthew and Ben, and I am sure she will be a great asset to school. She has a great deal of experience working for the NHS and it also great to have someone with an affinity for the school.

Miss Robinson will be with Year 4 and Mr Nevet throughout most of this academic year. Stephanie is completing the Schools Direct Initial Teacher Training course.

Mrs Wilson is our new Kitchen Assistant, a big welcome to her in joining our catering team.



Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is very important at Hutton Cranswick as it plays a vital part in a child's learning and helps them to achieve further.

We will continue to operate a flexible opening of 8.45am, which means your children can come straight into their classroom at this time and the teacher will be there. The school day officially starts at 8.50am. If you need to speak to your child's teacher please speak to them before 8.50am or after the school day as we will be starting lessons promptly. If you have an urgent message, please see Mrs Longden or Mrs Scholes at the front desk and they will pass on to the teacher.

It is still currently the case that holidays/days off are counted as unauthorized absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. The fines remain based on 5 days of accumulated unauthorised absence, per child, per parent. If in doubt please do not hesitate to contact me, or the office, before making a booking.

Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taken on Monday 26th September. If you would like younger siblings in the photograph, these will happen at the beginning of the day. More information will come out soon.



Uniform

It is always appropriate at the beginning of term to thank Parents/ Carers and pupils for their overwhelming support and backing for the school uniform. It is expected that all children will wear the school colours; a royal blue **NOT NAVY BLUE** sweatshirt or cardigan over a yellow or white polo shirt.

Children must be dressed appropriately for a day's schoolwork. Sportswear, tracksuits, jeans, colourful trainers/boots etc are not suitable. Clothes which are excessively short, long, tight or baggy are also unsuitable. Nail varnish is also not allowed.

Children need to be prepared for indoor P.E. every day and need to keep their indoor P.E. kit in school from Monday to Friday. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 also require a warm outdoor P.E. kit with a **change of footwear** with a good grip. Letters will be sent home with your child should they not have the correct equipment on more than one occasion.

No jewellery is allowed except a watch and a pair of small stud ear-rings; a permission slip must be completed and returned if any parent wishes their child to wear ear-rings. Tape must be worn for PE to cover any stud earrings.

Your support for this is greatly appreciated and makes the school function well.

After School Clubs

After School clubs will start again next week. A letter will come home with your child tomorrow outlining the clubs available.

Reception children will have only external clubs available to choose from in this first term as we find they are normally tired enough by 3.20pm!



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School Information

Very soon you will be able to access our brand new app from iTunes and Google Play stores. The app will have newsletters, diary dates and allow us to send messages – so when you do download the app please make sure push notifications are turned on!

The school website is a great source of information – please have a good read.

Our staff and school Twitter feeds will keep you very much updated with the life of the school – please follow your child's teacher and the school account.

If you can't find what you need, just ask us and we will point you in the right direction!