



Together We Achieve

# Newsletter

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Term Dates 2016/17

**18<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need

**22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Fair Trade Ambassadors visiting  
Sainsbury's

**23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Y5/6 York Museum visit

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs)  
assembly, Road Safety Week

**26<sup>th</sup> November**

Christmas Fair at Foreman's, 10-  
4pm

**28<sup>th</sup> November**

Skip2Bfit Workshop (including  
parent session after school)

**5<sup>th</sup> December**

Sainsbury's Fair Trade assembly

**7<sup>th</sup> December**

KS1 Party Day and Secret Shop (9<sup>th</sup>  
also)

**8<sup>th</sup> December**

KS2 Party Day

**12<sup>th</sup> December**

PM and evening performances of  
Lights, Camel, Action!

**13<sup>th</sup> December**

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**14<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas lunch

**15<sup>th</sup> December**

Pantomime visit – whole school

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

Carol service and break up



## Anti Bullying Week



This week is Anti Bullying Week. Schools across the country use this week to highlight what bullying means, how to deal with bullying, the impact of bullying and how everyone can help. The theme of the week is: Power for Good!

### What is bullying?

Unfortunately, the term bullying does get used for behaviour that is not acceptable in a one off incident, or incidents that are very wide apart. If a child is aggressive or mean towards another child, then this gets dealt with accordingly in school, with appropriate sanctions. Bullying is when this unwanted, aggressive behaviour is **repeated frequently over time**. We teach the children this in school, and help them differentiate between bullying and when someone behaves inappropriately or if they have a fall out.

### What will each year be doing?

**Reception** How other people feel when someone is unkind, sharing, storyboard

**Year 1** Helping Hands – 5 things to help out others, use our Power for Good!

**Year 2** Leaflets about inclusion and being kind to others on the playground

**Year 3** E-safety and sharing personal information – Hector's World  
[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/hectorsworld/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/)

**Year 4** Staying safe online, avoiding sending/receiving messages  
<http://www.childnet.com/>

**Year 5/6** Cyber bullying, chatrooms etc. Producing a song to warn of the dangers/what to do

Like last year, our Achievement Assembly next Friday will be an opportunity to share our learning from the week. We will also update the section on our website called 'HCPS vs Bullying', and use this as a resource throughout the coming year.

We are very proud of the way children in our school behave towards each other, indeed their positive attitude to learning and to working together is something the children receive high praise for when any visitors ever come to school.

## Open Morning

Just to say thank you to all family members that were able to attend our annual Open Morning. We had 80 adults through the door which is amazing – we only had 32 at the very first Open Morning 2 years ago!

The feedback as ever was overwhelmingly positive, with comments such as:

***It was lovely to talk to the teachers and adults in a more informal way.***

***The displays around school were great, engaging with a real variety.***

***Thank you – all of the children in the school were so well-mannered and polite!***

***The displays boost confidence when the children's work is displayed – lovely!***

***A brilliant idea and great for new parents to see what is ahead. Lovely to see the 'Friends' provide drinks. Thank you!***

The only couple of comments about improvements were regarding late notice. If you didn't have enough notice, please make sure you are checking newsletters on the website or app – two letters with information went out for the morning prior to it, the first one on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September which was nearly 4 weeks before the date of the Open Morning.

All parents were highly impressed with the engagement and behaviour of the children. Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming you into school again.

## Friends of the School

The Friends of the School AGM meeting was held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. The Friends' elected a new chair and vice – Emily Proudfoot and Emma Skipp. The committee and school wanted to thank Claire Reed for her time and effort in the post of Chair and are pleased that she will still be a valued committee member.

As ever, if you would like to volunteer your time or any ideas you may have, it would be fantastic to hear from you. Their hard work has resulted in funding our exciting pantomime visit to see Aladdin at Parkway Theatre in Beverley!



## The park and the Parish Council

At the most recent Parish Council meeting it was decided that the big log climber in the park on the green was to be taken down on safety grounds. Over the course of this past year there have been two incidents where children have hurt themselves on the equipment. Whilst these accidents do of course happen, the height of this climber is something that needs consideration as so many of our children use the park on such a regular basis.

The regular safety checks the Parish Council instigates have shown no concerns, and whilst measures could be taken to alter the equipment it has been decided to replace the log climber with an alternative, one that is challenging and fun but which is more appropriate and safe for the age of children using the park.

We are delighted that the Parish Council are being so proactive in ensuring safety, and we have been asked to help them choose the replacement equipment. This half term our School Council will meet with Parish Councillors and organise ways in which everyone's ideas can be heard.

# Shhh! Christmas is coming...

Christmas is coming, faster than ever it seems! This means that we will be soon starting the job of rehearsing and preparing resources for our production – ‘Lights, Camel, Action!’

As always, any help you can provide with costumes and rehearsing lines is always appreciated. This year we have scheduled in an extra performance (dates on the first page), mainly so we can spread the number of adults across the sessions. It was very full and warm in the hall last year, we hope this way it will be more comfortable for everyone.

Our Year 6 children will be producers, runners and technicians as usual, with their performance coming in the summer prior to leaving the school. It is an exciting time for all of the children, and we look forward to welcoming you into school to enjoy the finished production.

## PE Kit

A reminder to all for our winter PE requirements.

All children should have joggers, jumper (or sports jacket) and a change of footwear.

We will try and get outside as much as possible between now and Spring, so having this equipment in school at all times is essential – PE times may change if the forecast does!



## Sporting Success!

We have continued to work hard following the award of our Sportsmark Gold for PE and Games. So far our Y4/5/6 football team won the Driffield tournament, and only lost one game in the East Riding event.

Our Y3/4 team also only lost one game in the Driffield tournament, losing in the semi-final. Our Y4/5/6 hockey team finished runners up in the last tournament, despite freezing conditions. And our girls attended trials for a Driffield team, with Connie Murray representing the cluster at the girl's event.

Y1/2 children attended Cross Country, finishing in high places, and the biathlon would have had a team finish if we had a couple more children attend.

Well done everyone – the bar is now set so high!!

## WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Over the course of the last couple of years we have provided workshops on the following:

Phonics  
E-Safety  
Reading – including reciprocal reading  
Assessment – including life without levels  
Writing  
Maths - calculations  
EYFS  
Tapestry – online learning journey

The attendance at these workshops has been hit and miss, and we want to offer these opportunities to parents, and we are open to your suggestions.

I will shortly send out a poll via the app, and I will put it on the website too. If you could complete it we can then work from there to provide you with the best possible information. Thank you.



## Much Ado Drama



You should by now have received a letter about a new after school club on offer at the school, on Thursday's from 3.20-4.20pm.

As we are a small school, our staff can only put on so many clubs therefore we have tried to supplement what we offer by allowing outside clubs work on our site, with a fee charged to you as parents by them. Never before have we had a drama club! The club will result in filming and performances and should be of real interest for our budding actors of tomorrow!

Thursday is a free taster – please let the office know as soon as possible if your child can attend.