



Newsletter

Friday 2nd December 2016

Term Dates 2016/17

5th December

Sainsbury's Fair Trade assembly

7th December

KS1 Party Day and Secret Shop (9th also)

8th December

KS2 Party Day

9th December

Secret Shop, Dress rehearsal for performance

12th December

PM and evening performances of Lights, Camel, Action!

13th December

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14th December

Christmas lunch

15th December

Pantomime visit – whole school

16th December

Carol service, Christmas Jumper Day and break up

3rd January

Teacher INSET Day – School Closed

4th January

School re-opens for children

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone that backed this amazing charity – I am sure everyone is moved when you see the difference it makes to so many children across the country.

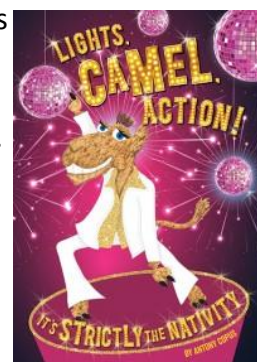
As a school we raised a massive **£300.42** through donations and cake sales. Well done everybody! We also raised £44 for the Poppy appeal, another very worthwhile charity.

Christmas Production

Your child will be bringing home a letter regarding tickets and how to book these. We have put an additional performance in this year to ensure we avoid too much demand, and spread out the volume of adults in the hall.

The ticket prices stay the same and cover performance license, drinks and mince pies and this year a special festive surprise for the children – my lips are sealed until the day!

A tremendous amount of work goes into this, and I look forward to you joining us for 'Lights, Camel, Action!' on the 12th and 13th.



Christmas Jumper Day

Last year Text Santa backed the appeal for funds to support young children around the country, and we supported it by wearing Christmas jumpers on the last day of term and promoting the charity.

This year Save the Children are taking over the running of the Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 16th December. Again we will encourage everyone in school to wear their jumpers and celebrate the last day of term whilst supporting another worthwhile charity. I think it's particularly important at this time of year that we remind children of the true spirit of Christmas, and that helping people less fortunate than ourselves is such an honorable thing to do. You can donate via the website: www.christmasjumperday.org

I will provide the link via the app and Twitter feed also.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Parking

As the weather worsens and we move towards a particularly busy and exciting time in the school year, I would like to ask for the support of the whole school community in keeping the roads outside school a calm and safe environment for our children.

The congestion at the beginning and end of the day causes constant frustration and disquiet for pedestrians and drivers alike, however over the past few weeks this seems to have intensified, resulting in numerous conversations with parents and residents. We receive many first hand reports of what is perceived to be inconsiderate driving/parking, and try wherever possible to act in the best interests of the pupils and in a conciliatory and even-handed way. The car park outside school is used by staff and it is important that people are not blocking off spaces in their bid to get out. There are many residential streets within a short walk that are perfectly accessible for school if you set off a couple of minutes earlier in the mornings or evenings.

We are aware of reports being passed to both the police and Driffield and Wolds Weekly, and we continually muted our unhappiness with cars blocking crossing places opposite the Spar. We appreciate that we have no jurisdiction or control over the public highway, and everyone connected with the school and the locality recognises that the access and parking around school poses an on-going problem; while this may not be entirely 'solvable', it seems certain that it can be somewhat mitigated by everyone displaying due patience, consideration and care. Your support in this area is very much appreciated.

Friends of the School

Secret Shops will be happening in school on the 7th and 9th December, organised by the Friends' to allow children the opportunity to buy something as a gift that is a surprise! This is a really nice way of children developing a bit of independence and thinking of others.

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!



Twitter/App

I know many of you follow the school and staff accounts on Twitter – this has replaced our blog for sharing with you the events across the week. It is a fantastic way of keeping in touch with you and for you to interact with it also. Please if you are not following us do make an account, on your phone, tablet or PC, and take advantage of positive uses of social media (**@HuttonCran**)

Also we have many parents with the school app, but many more still without it. This is our way of alerting you with messages and also a way for you to read letters, check out lunches, dates and the website. It is a fantastic tool that costs us money but is free for you – please download and ask for the username and password today!

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Mornings

Children can come into school from 8.45am, with school starting at 8.50am. Please can you try and ensure your child does not arrive before this, as well as it being cold and miserable there is no supervision outside until the school day starts.

CSkip 2 B Fit!

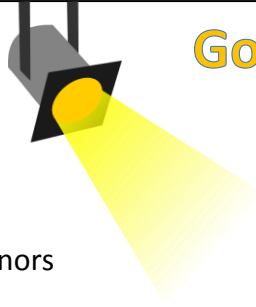
I am so disappointed that I wasn't here to witness the skipping workshops – it sounds like everyone loved it, including staff and parents!

It is lovely to see children skipping on the playground – ropes everywhere! We are having a fitness drive this year in PE and Games and around school, ensuring children are having fun but are developing even more stamina.

Governors

Below you will see our very own Governor Spotlight! We thought it would be good for you to hear from governors about their role in school, be able to even more easily identify them, and find out why and what their involvement is in school.

Our first governor is our Chair, Ray Sharpe. We will go through the whole Governing Body over the course of the next 12 months, and more information about governors is available on the school website.



Governor Spotlight!

Name: Ray Sharpe

Role: Chair of Governors

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

Growing up in Gloucestershire, I became employed by the leading national garden centre group. This led me to work throughout England including Swansea, Wimbledon, Newcastle, Reading and York. Now I operate my own garden centre, with my wife. I try to make time to enjoy the great outdoors, exploring new places and meeting people.

I thought you were going to ask me for my favourite film!..... I'm going to give it to you anyway - it would definitely be the original Pink Panther films with Peter Sellers, they have had the whole family crying with laughter on many occasions!!



Why did you decide to become a governor?

Our son goes to the school, but I knew nothing about primary education. The best way to find out was to get as involved as possible. Being part of the governing body team that positively challenges and supports the school is a huge bonus.

What kind of things have you had to do in your role as a governor?

Governors do not get involved in the day to day running of the school but I regularly attend meetings at school where we agree policies, assess leadership and educational performance, as well as looking at financial issues. I also go to termly meetings at County Hall in Beverley and a variety of governor training events. I absolutely love visiting the school with its inspirational and caring attitude to learning.