



Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017

Term Dates 2017/18

11th and 12th September
Y6 Bike Training

12th September
Judo taster session for Year 2

13th September
Roald Dahl Day

15th September
Individual school photographs

24th October
Open Morning

5th October
KS2 Biathlon

7th October
Fun run

26th October
School closes for half term

27th October
School Closed INSET Day

6th November
School re-opens

17th November
Children in Need

17th October
Year 3/4 Football tournament

22nd December
School closes for Christmas

More dates in the next newsletter, and dates will be accessible on the app and on the website.

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely summer break. It has been great to welcome back the children to a new school year, who have come back enthusiastic and happy. Our new starters in Reception are getting used to their new routines and are settling in well. Walking around the school, it is nice to see how smart all the children look in their uniforms and how keen they are to learn in lessons. After a successful 2016-17, we are looking forward to working with you to make this year even better!

Staff have been working hard to prepare for the new school year, setting up their new classrooms and planning exciting and engaging lessons for the weeks ahead. I can't believe how good the school looks considering the work and temporary arrangements, so I must thank the staff greatly for their efforts. We also welcome a number of new staff this year:

- Miss Elliott (Year 6 teacher)
- Mrs. Brewster (TA in Year 5)
- Mrs. Caslake (TA in Year 3)
- Miss Robinson (Year 4 teacher)
- Mrs. Dyson (Midday Supervisor)

This newsletter is mainly to give you a few reminders and information as we normally do at the beginning of a year. As ever, I will be contactable in school or via email at khenderson@huttoncranswick.eriding.net. If you have any concerns at all do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher straight away, and myself or Miss Midgley (Acting Deputy Head) will also be available.

Volunteers?

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!

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.

Remember...the new Hutton Cranswick Sports Jacket!

Hopefully most of you will have seen the new style jacket at the Summer Fair last 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. A few children already have them, and they look very smart, 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/>



Breakfast Club

Our daily Breakfast Club is becoming more popular than ever. In order to fully cater for the children, and for us to double staffing when it is required, it is essential to book in advance. You can still book in a slot the day before, but ideally if you can let us know for the week or for repeated occasions across the term this will help with the logistical planning – you should receive a booking form and this needs completing as soon as possible.

Breakfast Club starts at 8am and costs £2 per day. Remember if you need to leave your child early, they can come from 8.30am for only 50p if they just need supervision before the start of the school day. We do not provide supervision outside, so children should not be on the site without an adult prior to 8.45am.

The APP – a reminder!

We have had 191 downloads of our school app, which is fantastic! This is a really good way to receive letters, text communication, year group information etc. in one place.

We have a list of people that have told us they have access to the app. From next week we will be targeting parents to ask you to download it, so if you have it but aren't on our list then please let us know ASAP – especially new parents.

If you don't have it, it is easy! All you have to do is search for Hutton Cranswick Primary on the Apple and Google Play stores and download to your phone. When it is downloaded, email me on khenderson@huttoncranswick.eriding.net or call into the office to receive your username and password.

And remember to **allow push notifications**.

As the year progresses, 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 or follow the link on the school website.

Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taken on Friday 15th September. If you would like younger siblings (who are not at school) in the photograph, these will happen at the beginning of the day so come to the hall at drop-off time.



Music Tuition

Violin lessons will now be on a Friday afternoon, and started today. Woodwind and brass lessons will recommence week beginning 18th September, with flute/clarinet on Tuesday afternoons and trumpet on Wednesday afternoons.

Fees are £50 per term and you will receive a bill in due course if your child is registered already for music lessons.

After School Clubs

After School clubs will start again in week three of the term (week commencing 18th September). This coincides with all areas of the school being back to normal! A letter will come home with your child next week outlining the clubs available.

Our external providers of Judo will continue on Tuesday mornings before school, and Mark Barber Football School will be starting a football club which can be paid for through them. This will replace Goal Sports this year.

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!

Looking forward...

Every year we look closely at how well the school is working, and ways in which we can make it even better. This year you will start hearing about changes, such as:

- Story time every day, including weekly in the library (shortly due for renovation!)
- New target system, linked to teamwork and whole class engagement
- Changes in teaching of reading, reading journals and more!
- STEAM becoming an even greater focus, including outdoor learning
- And much more!

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.