

Term Dates 2017/18

4th October

KS2 Biathlon

11th October

Y5/6 Football tournament

13th October

Annual Fun Run!

14th October

KS1 Cross Country at Driffeld Junior School

20th October

Y3/4 Football tournament

24th October

Open Morning

26th October

School closes for half term

27th October

School Closed INSET Day

6th November

School re-opens

13th November

Anti-Bullying Week

15th and 16th November

Parents' Evenings

17th November

Children in Need

22nd November

Full Governing Body meeting

22nd December

School closes for Christmas

Garden Celebration!

We have only had our school garden now for 2 years, yet it has continued to grow both in maturity and use. Last year we were awarded a Silver Gilt by the Yorkshire in Bloom judges – this year however we went one better with the GOLD award!

This is an excellent achievement, and one that would certainly not have been possible without Mrs Lucas and her family, as well as our enthusiastic band of gardening club members. I hope those of you who received some of the produce from this hard labour enjoyed it all immensely!

Achievement Assembly

Parents often ask about the awards the children receive at Achievement Assembly (and I know that not all children are very communicative when they return from school!), so I like to remind you of these in the autumn term. The assembly follows this general format:

Teacher mentions: Each class teacher discusses their week with the children, and often the whole class or small groups receive a special mention. These children bring in work or demonstrate the reasons why they were mentioned and get a large round of applause.

Presentation: Each week a different area of the curriculum is chosen for presentation, and one child in each class is chosen to have their work displayed in the hall that week as a good example for everyone else.

Star of the Week: This award is given to the child who has displayed either an amazing attitude to work, or shown kind behaviour to others – generally a leading light in their class!

Pen Licence: These licences are issued generally to KS2 children (although not exclusively), whose pencil handwriting is so neat they can change to writing in pen. As with any licence, it can be revoked if standards slip...

Raffle prizes: When children achieve their targets in the past we have pulled raffle tickets out for those children to receive an award. This is currently being revamped and moved towards whole class rewards – coming soon!

Home mentions: We acknowledge certificates, awards, badges etc. that the children are proud of achieving out of school within the previous week or two.

Top Table: Our lunchtime supervisors choose a child from each class to sit on the beautifully adorned top table on a Friday! These children have shown excellent manners, kindness and superb behaviour.

Always Child: This is given out each month, not every week. The 'Always' child is someone who is always considered to be seen doing the right thing, or quietly working hard, or generally always showing kindness to others. Their picture is displayed on the beautiful piece of oak in the reception area.

Birthdays: We normally finish assembly by singing 'Happy Birthday' to the children who have enjoyed a birthday during the week.

Are you eligible for the Free School Meals grant?

Claiming free school meals for one child could save you over £400 per year, and for every pupil in a primary school receiving free school meals the government gives the school an additional £1,320 a year, known as the Pupil Premium grant.

Currently, every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a universal free school meal regardless of the family income, but not all will be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant. To qualify for free school meals and the Pupil Premium grant (or currently just the Pupil Premium grant for Reception and KS1) you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Receive income support/income based job seekers allowance or income related employment and support allowance;
- Be entitled to child tax credit but **not** receiving working tax credit and your annual income must be below the government set threshold;
- Receive support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Receive the guaranteed credit element of pension credit;
- Be entitled to the 4 week run of working tax credit due to employment ending

To find out if your child is eligible for free school meals or if your school can claim the Pupil Premium Grant for Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 pupils you can telephone the East Riding team on (01482) 394799 or by completing the online form: <http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>

Date Changes

Please notice a couple of date changes from the last newsletter. The Fun Run will now be on 13th October and the KS2 Biathlon is next Wednesday 4th October.

As ever, we will continue to support the biathletes by paying their £2 entrance fee. It would be great to see more KS2 pupils take part as this is a unique opportunity to track improvement as the biathlons occur across the year and the children get a full print out of results.

We also need at least 3 to complete a team entry from each year group (e.g. 3 x Y3 girls, or 3 x Y6 boys).

After School Clubs

Our club leaders have always taken a register at the beginning of each club and now we also ensure children are reminded at the end of the day where they need to go, escorted if needed.

We have had some children recently who have been picked up by parents prior to a club starting – please can we ask you let us know in advance that your child will not be attending a club as they will be expected and will be looked for by staff members if they have not appeared as normal. It also help with the organization of the activities to know if some children will be missing.

Thank you.

We are golden!

For the second year in a row we have been awarded the Gold Standard by the Schools Games Award. This reflected the large percentages of children that we have taking part in extra-curricular clubs, and also the numbers representing the school in inter-school competitions too.

A big thank you to Miss Midgley and all of the staff who contribute to providing such a fantastic array of clubs.

