

Term Dates 2017/18

6th February Safer Internet Day

7th February Swimming Gala

8th February Friends Spring Disco

9th February Break up for half term

19th February School reopens

26th February World book Week

28th February **Parents Evening**

1st March **Parents Evening**

2nd March **Cross Country**

7th and 9th March Mother's Day Secret Shop

14th March KS2 Biathlon

15th March Netball tournament

23rd March Break up for Easter

9th April School re-opens for summer

Newsletter

Thursday 1st February 2018

Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. We have a thorough programme of e-Safety work across all years in our computing curriculum, but we will be using this to again highlight dangers and concerns.

We have 'Hector the Dolphin Safety Button' installed on all of the computers in the ICT suite, and children know to click on him if they ever see anything that worries them or causes concern. This then covers the screen with an ocean scene and alerts the teacher, who can then address any concern and log it with East Riding ICT.

You can also download this at home by clicking: http://hectorsworld.netsafe.org.nz/teachers/hectors-world-safety-button/

Friends of the School

Our Friends of the School work tirelessly to arrange fundraising activities that will ultimately contribute to supporting things in school that we would struggle to do without them. Already this year the Friends' have paid for the whole school to visit the pantomime and contributed to the wonderful new things in our playground.

Upcoming events this term include:

Spring Disco on Thursday 8th February (KS1 3.30-4.30pm; KS2 4.45 – 5.45pm) Mother's Day Secret Shop on the 7th and 9th March Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 24th March

Letters will be on the way for these events, but thank you to all of our organisers. And don't forget, all parents are in the Friends of the School so don't be shy, get involved!

Dodgeball

For the third year in a row our Y5/6 Dodgeball team finished 2nd in the Driffield Cluster.

All of our league games ended in victories, meaning we qualified for the final against Garton. A competitive match saw us edged out 2-1, but the honesty from our team and the determination was a real credit. Well done!

Governor Spotlight!

Name: Audrey Bjorndal

Role: Governor (More Able and STEAM team (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths))

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

I am very much a local person as I am originally from Leven.

After attending Beverley High School I then moved to

Birmingham where I completed my teacher training in the

mid-1970s. I have been lucky enough to teach, not only in various parts of this country, but also overseas including 9 years in the US. My family returned to the UK in 1992 when my two sons attended Hutton Cranswick School. I have nothing but fond memories of that time; my sons were very happy at the school and they received an excellent start to their educational journey!

Why did you decide to become a governor?

After almost 40 years in the teaching profession I retired in 2014. I decided to become a governor as I had always felt a close link to the school because of the time spent here by my own children. I also believe that I can offer expertise, experience and support to the school and make full use of all the skills I have acquired during my many years of working in education.

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

I am seen in school quite a lot and undertake a variety of activities- from running the First Savers Bank to working with small groups of children, especially in KS2. I attend most school functions as I do think it is important that governors are visible to parents and take an active role within the school. I am currently on the PAT committee and am also a link governor on the STEAM team, meeting specific staff every term to discuss various topics which we then report on to the Governing Body as a whole. I am also link governor for Gifted and Talented pupils and in connection with this I have taken small groups of children to writing workshops and maths challenge activities.

I think my role as governor is both exciting and rewarding. I am never ceased to be impressed by the hard work of the staff and pupils of the school and hope that I can play even a small part in its continued success.

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Curriculum Information

On our school website you can continue to access information about our curriculum. You can access information about each term (the spring newsletters from each class are there), read about how we teach reading and writing, access performance data, read about how we assess your children and access a range of school policies.

If you would like to see anything else on the website, please email me on the usual address: <u>khenderson@huttoncranswick.eriding.net</u>

Please also contact us if you feel you can help with any aspect of our curriculum – we always welcome support and volunteers!

Be vigilant – be eSafe!

In the growing and ever changing world of technology, it becomes ever harder for parents to keep on top of children's use of the internet and the exposure they could have to inappropriate content. Recently, stemming from Kent, there has been warnings to parents about an app called Roblox – this is a popular game for 5-10 year olds but warnings have centered around in game messages from other people playing the game, with the content of many of these messages being inappropriate for children. If your child has this game it may be worth checking to see if they have friends they do not know, or have received inappropriate messages.

We do occasionally get reports of children accessing websites that are also inappropriate for their age, and the content can either involve violence, sexual content or horrifying images. For primary aged children this can lead to quite alarming behaviours shown in school or at home (or both), mainly through a lack of understanding of what they have witnessed.

So what can you do about it?

- 1. Check regularly what games and apps your children are playing, and check for messages and contact from unknown sources.
- 2. Up your parental safety account for browsing the internet check histories and monitor usage in a family room rather than in a room where children are alone.
- 3. Do not let your children have access to consoles, tablets or phones in their bedroom. A lot of children are accessing them when alone, or at night when parents think they are asleep. A bedroom ban would be a big step towards having an eSafe home.

Taking these measures may cause arguments or sulking, but it is worth it to know that your child is not being exposed to things that any child really should not be seeing. Your child's welfare is your first priority.



