

Term Dates 2019

30th April

Class Photographs

1st May

FOTS Meeting 7pm

2nd May

Y2 Pizza Express Visit

2nd May

KS2 Careers Morning

3rd May

KS1 Careers Morning

6th May

Bank Holiday

8th May

Biathlon KS2 4-6pm

13th May

SATs Week KS2

13th May

5.30pm Governors L&M

20th May

Y4/5 visit to Sikh Temple

23rd May

Y5/6 Food and Farming

23rd May

Y5/6 Hockey Tournament
4-5.30pm

24th May

Staff Training Day –
school not open to pupils

27th – 31st May

Half Term break children
return **3rd June**

3rd – 5th June

Y6 Residential Visit

4th June

Bags to School

Summer Term

Welcome back! We hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter break.

After a very busy and successful spring term we have started the summer term in much the same way. The children have returned to school and settled well with fantastic attitudes to learning and each other. All of our classes have had a busy first week back and hit the ground running with new learning and experiences.

In the hope that the warmer weather continues, it is important that children are fully prepared for being outdoors during the summer months. Please provide children with a named water bottle, a named hat and ensure suntan lotion is applied before school. Can you also make sure that your children's clothing, particularly coats, jumpers and cardigans, have their name clearly marked on the inside. Thank you.

SATs

Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be taking their end of key stage SATs in May. Year 2 children are tested in reading, writing and maths. Year 2 assessments do not follow a set timetable, therefore Mrs Hoyle will ensure the tests fit smoothly into the daily routine. Year 6 is much more official, and involves testing in reading, GPS, writing and maths. The tests commence on Monday 13th May and will take place daily. It is imperative that all Year 6 children are in attendance that week, so if you have any appointments please try and rearrange them accordingly.

SATs only tell us one factor of a child's ability on that one day of the year. They do not tell us some of the amazing things your children excel at in other areas of the curriculum. However they are a legal requirement and we know that each and every one of our Year 6 children are well prepared to undertake the tests. Their positive attitude continues to be amazing and we are all proud of how hard they are working.

Parent View Survey Feedback

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who took the time to complete our parent questionnaire, handed out at the Parents Evenings in March. We had a great response rate of 51 returns, which has helped to inform us of what we continue to do well and highlight areas which we can develop further. It is great to read positive feedback about the school and we are delighted that it continues to be recognised, that as a school, we place great importance on the 'whole child' and opportunities for all. We will take on board any ideas/suggestions you have made and look at how these can be incorporated and developed in school.

Again thank you for completing the questionnaire and supporting us on our continued journey to becoming a brilliant school. As mentioned in previous newsletters, through having an open and honest partnership with yourselves, it will enable us to move forward and be the best we can be. Please find attached the outcomes of the survey and the actions we intend to take in order to address the feedback given.

Curriculum Newsletters

Our Class Curriculum Newsletters will be sent home during the coming weeks. The information in these letters is a great way for you to see what your children's HCCPS Learning Challenges are for this term and find out more about what they will be learning. This will ensure you can support them fully on their learning journey.

4th June

6pm Governors PAT

7th June

STEAM afternoons start
on a Friday

11th June

Whole School Science Day

15th June

Cross Country Y1/2

19th June

6pm Full Governors

24th June

New Starter's Evening
6pm

28th June

New Starters – visit with
parents 9.30-10.30am

1st July

New Starters – visit with
preschool settings 9.15-
10.15am

3rd and 4th July

Move up Mornings

4th July

Year 6 Move up day to
Driffield School

5th July

Year 5 Taster Morning at
Driffield School

5th July

KS1 Sports Day AM
KS2 Sports Day PM

9th July

Big Sing Glee Club/Y6

11th July

Year 6 Production 6pm

12th July

FOTS Summer Fair

15th July

Whole School Singing and
Open Evening 3-5pm

17th July

Driffield Show

19th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Heartsmart

Our new whole school Heartsmart focus is called 'Don't Forget to Let Love In' and it is about helping the children to know that they are valued, that they are one in a million and that they are loved. Throughout the sessions and assemblies the children will consider who in their life makes them feel safe, valued and loved. We will be exploring the way in which children understand that they're important by looking at the 5 love languages of: kind words, kind action, good time together, gift and a hug/high five. There will also be time for the children to reflect on their value and self-acceptance. Please ask your child about their Heartsmart sessions at home.

A Message from the Friends of the School

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Easter Fair this year. We had a lovely afternoon and it was great for The Friends to work alongside Playgroup again. We bought 90 chocolate eggs for the Easter egg hunt and sold out before the end. Sorry to anyone who missed out this year, we will buy a few more next time. The Friends of the School raised **£387** after costs. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and tombola. The tombola was a big hit and sold out after an hour. A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped on the day and to everyone who supported the event.

Ice Cream Fridays will return next **Friday 3rd May** (weather permitting) and will run right through the summer term. Ice Cream Fridays has been a big hit over the last two years and we're excited to bring the Friday treat back this year. So, if the weather is nice and the rain stays away, we will be there every Friday at 3:20pm outside school selling the frozen treats. All ice creams / lollies are £1.

Events coming up:

Father's Day Secret Shop – lunchtime in school, everything £1.50. Date TBC

Fri 12th July: Summer Fair – after school. More details to follow.

Our next Friends meeting is **Wednesday 1st May**, 7pm at school.

Everyone is welcome so please come along. We are always open to new ideas and offers of help.

Careers Mornings

Thank you to those people who have volunteered to support us at our very first Careers Mornings. We are extremely grateful to have 10 volunteers on each day. We are holding our KS2 Careers Morning on Thursday 2nd May and our KS1 Careers Morning on Friday 3rd May from 9.00-11.30am. The children will learn about a wide range of careers and will have the opportunity to ask questions of their own. We are sure it will be an aspirational morning for them and the event will help to raise awareness of the different types of jobs that are on offer. We endeavor to inspire the children and show them that their learning in school today helps to shape their future.

Outdoor Gym

You will have noticed that we have had an outdoor gym installed on our field. The gym is a great addition to our outdoor facilities and will be key to ensuring we continue to promote healthy lifestyles and boost mental wellbeing, by giving the children further opportunity to take part in physical and engaging activity. We are however waiting for the flooring to be installed and have asked the children not to use the gym until this has been completed. We are asking for your support to reinforce this message to the children at the start and the end of the school day. Many thanks in advance for your support.

