

Newsletter

Thursday 23rd May 2019

Term Dates 2019

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

4th June

6pm Governors PAT

5th June

Y1 Trip Bridlington Animal
Park

5th June

FOTS Meeting 7pm at
school

7th June

STEAM afternoons start
on a Friday

12th and 14th June

FOTS Father's Day Secret
Shop

15th June

Cross Country Y1/2

17th June

Year Reception Trip

19th June

6pm Full Governors

24th June

New Starter's Evening
6pm

Summer Term Learning

All the children have started the summer term exceptionally well and are working hard to achieve their goals in all areas of school life. We are extremely impressed with the focus and positive attitudes to learning that our children are demonstrating. Across school, there is a lot of creative and inspiring learning happening in all areas of the curriculum, including outdoor learning. Remember to have a look at our Twitter feeds to see the latest updates. The children will also be able to share with you what they have been learning at school; plus, the Summer 2019 Class Curriculum Newsletters, available on the school website, are full of information linked to teaching and learning for this term.

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, please ensure that children are fully prepared for being outdoors as the warmer weather arrives by providing them 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 clothes have their name clearly marked inside them. Thank you.

SATs

We were all very proud of our Year 6 children during the SATs tests. The children remained focused throughout, and the SATs Breakfast proved to be a great way to relax prior to each morning of testing. Thank you to all of the staff throughout school who have taught the Y6 children and contributed to their progress and achievements. A special thank you to Miss Elliott, Mrs Atkins and Miss Small for their positivity and hard work during the children's final year and in the lead up to the SATs. We are also very grateful to our dedicated volunteers Mrs Bjorndal and Mrs Lilly who have come into school every week to support and help groups or individuals, including SATs Club. We are really lucky to have such an experienced team supporting our children. Thank you to all of our Year 6 parents who have supported their children admirably throughout. We never put undue pressure on any of our children, but they want to do their very best and they do feel the weight of the tests. Although Year 2 SATs are much more informal, we would also like to say a big well done to the children for focusing so well on their quiz's and to the Year 2 staff team, Mrs Hoyle and Mrs Oxlade, for making the tests fit smoothly into the daily routine.

Preparation to allow children to feel they can access the tests is essential, however we put great focus and importance on broadening our curriculum and ensuring we develop skills through each and every year in all subject areas. In all year groups we offer a range of educational visits, themed days, clubs, play and lunch activities, STEAM activities – and much more.

Careers Mornings – Thank you!

The children were inspired after the Careers Mornings and it opened up their minds to possibilities and opportunities. We feel it is important to show our children that their learning in school today helps to shape their future. Our volunteers shared a wide range of careers with our children including: an Occupational Therapist, Environmental Health Officer, Animal Health Officer, Rare Book Seller, Fitness Instructor/ Personal Trainer / Nutritional Advisor, Mechanic, Police Officer, Geologist, Joiner/Carpenter and General Manager of Industrial Site Services. We are extremely grateful to all of the volunteers who gave up their time to talk to the children about their careers, without their support these mornings would not have been possible.

28th June

New Starters – visit with parents 9.30-10.30am

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Year 5 Taster Morning at Driffield School

1st July

New Starters – visit with preschool settings 9.15-10.15am

2nd, 3rd and 4th July

Home Visits for New Starters

3rd and 4th July

Move up Mornings

4th July

Year 6 Move up day to Driffield School

5th July

KS1 Sports Day AM
KS2 Sports Day PM

8th July

Y3 Trip

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 9.00am

Pupil Voice

We would like to thank the staff involved in leading our Pupil Voice groups for their time and commitment in enabling the children to be involved in making a difference to our school and beyond.

Pupil Voice

In school we have many pupil groups including: School Council (led by Mrs Lewer), JTAs (Junior Travel Ambassadors) (led by Miss Elliott), Health and Safety Ambassadors (led by Mrs Hoyle), Sports Crew (led by Miss Robinson) and Eco-Warriors (led by Mrs Webb). Each group has written a short update of what they have been up to over the past few months.

School Council

The school council has two student representatives from each class. Our main aims are to try to make the school the best it can be, making sure that everyone is safe and happy in school. We also organise events to raise money for charity, such as Red Nose Day which raised over £500 –so thank you everybody for your help and support. As a school council, we have looked for things that we would like to improve and have used these as ideas for our fortnight focus. Currently we are working on ideas for the old maze and stage area outside so please encourage your child to put their ideas down on the school council board.

JTAs

As JTAs we take our role very seriously. We've been very productive this year and have enjoyed organising fun events for the rest of the school such as decorating our bikes in a Halloween style. Also, we've recently run a colouring competition for children in KS1 to promote staying safe near the railways. The winners were pleased to receive a National Rail sticker book. We have worked closely with Christian and our local PCSOs to help children 'be bright and be seen'. As part of this event we gave out free lights to anyone who rode their bikes or scooters to school. Our assemblies have promoted being more active in the way we travel to school, the importance of wearing seatbelts in vehicles and explaining the consequences of not wearing a helmet when riding a bike. We are very much looking forward to organising further events and activities during this summer term.

Health and Safety Ambassadors

We have been busy at our meetings with a range of tasks including organising an action plan, carrying out these actions and planning our next steps. We have carried out a number of Health and Safety assessment walks this year and have given our findings to Mrs Burkinshaw. We then find out how any risks have been dealt with and monitor these. We led an assembly to inform the school about the fire alarms procedures at different times of the day. We also invited a member of the RNLI into school to teach about water safety in another assembly. We are currently running a competition where we are asking for poster designs to display information about water safety.

Eco-Warriors

Two people from each year group were selected in our Eco-Warriors election. To get things started at our first meeting, the team went out into the school environment to look for what we are doing well and what we could improve. As a result we came up with a detailed action plan with a list of achievable targets. So far we have provided recycling in the staffroom, led an assembly to inform the school about environmental awareness, organised a poster competition, hosted an environmental day to raise awareness of recycling and applied with a local company for some paint to treat our wooden structures. The team will also be constructing some composters for the garden area and contacting the local council to discover more about our recycling options. Next half term, the team will also be meeting with the school council to discuss the possibility of a new friendship bench. In the computer room there is our Eco display to keep everyone updated on our progressions throughout the year.

Sports Crew

We have been busy organising various sporting events. We held a challenge to skip to be fit. In the summer we are planning to hold a running challenge. In school we have coaches who come in (Fiona Tuplin and Miss April) to teach us hockey, tennis, dance and basketball. In the future we hope to: get people more active, compete in an inter-school football tournament and organise separate areas for different sports.

STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths)

During the summer term your child will be taking part in different STEAM activities on a Friday afternoon. The teachers, led by Mr Nevet our STEAM lead, have planned exciting and inspiring sessions linked to this year's theme **The Natural World**. The children will be arranged across KS2 in mixed aged groups for their session and will work with different teachers. KS1 are also taking part in the STEAM sessions this year and will run their own version of STEAM sessions on a Friday afternoon. Their learning is also based on **The Natural World**. We had really positive feedback from the children over the past two years who thoroughly enjoyed their STEAM sessions that were based on Survival and Forces and Construction. Several of our Governors also join us for the STEAM afternoons, thereby increasing the adult pupil ratio, allowing even more of a hands on experience for the children. We benefit greatly from the Governor's skills and knowledge in this area. Look out for further information your child will bring home linked to this exciting learning opportunity.

KS1 Request

We are currently developing and refreshing our KS1 shared area. To support us in this task we are kindly asking for any donations you may have of the following unwanted items: cars, car mats, play food, play purses, shopping baskets, trains to fit wooden train track and playdough cutters/shapes/mats. Any of these items would be gratefully received either at the Year 1 entrance or at the main reception. We thank you in advance of your support.

