

## Term Dates 2019

**25<sup>th</sup> June**

Y4 Trip to Dalby

**28<sup>th</sup> June**

New Starters – visit with parents 9.30-10.30am

**28<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 5 Taster Morning at Driffield School

**1<sup>st</sup> July**

New Starters – visit with preschool settings

**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Home Visits New Starters

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Move up Mornings

**4<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Move up day to Driffield School

**5<sup>th</sup> July**

KS1 Sports Day 10.00am  
KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm

**8<sup>th</sup> July**

Y3 Trip Wassand Hall

**9<sup>th</sup> July**

Big Sing Glee Club/Y6

**11<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Production 6pm

**12<sup>th</sup> July**

Non-uniform/Bring a bottle /FOTS Summer Fair

**15<sup>th</sup> July**

Whole School Singing and Open Evening 3-5pm

**17<sup>th</sup> July**

Driffield Show

**19<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Leavers Assembly  
9.00am

## Move Up Arrangements

Another school year has nearly flown by and the children have a lot to be proud of when they think back to what they have achieved since the start of this academic year. All of our children have made excellent progress, not only with their learning but also in becoming the best they can possibly be in all areas of school life. Our Fortnight Focus, 'be the best you can be' awards and our new CARE expectations have had a positive impact on our school culture. Our children are demonstrating fantastic manners, showing excellent attitudes to learning and are caring towards each other. To prepare the children as well as we can for the next stage in their journey, we have booked in two transition mornings where the children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and teaching assistant. The first will be the morning of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July followed by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Allowing more than one visit can ease anxiety for some children and also allows the teacher to build up a rapport ahead of September.

We also have dedicated staff meeting time for teachers to discuss each child to make transition as smooth as possible. The children here are so lucky to have excellent teachers whichever year group they are moving up to. The staffing arrangements for September are as follows:

**Reception** – Mrs Leeks with Mrs Hayhurst and Mrs Pickles

**Year 1** – Miss Midgley with Mrs Lucas

**Year 2** – Miss Robinson with Mrs Walker and Miss Shipley

**Year 3** – Mrs Lewer/Mrs Webb with Mrs Oxlade and Mrs Drewery

**Year 4** – Miss Smith with Mrs Brewster

**Year 5** – Mr Nevet with Miss Small and Mrs Caslake

**Year 6** – Miss Elliott with Mrs Atkins

The teachers are looking forward to meeting their new class next week and continuing to work in partnership with you in the next academic year. The children and teachers alike are also enjoying their final weeks with their current classes, learning new things, developing skills and making lasting memories.

## Driffield Show

Driffield show will be in term time, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council have agreed that attending the show could be deemed an 'exceptional circumstance' due to the nature of the show forming part of our local cultural heritage. This means that children from our school and schools within our cluster will be permitted to attend, with the absence being classed as authorised. We have discussed this again as a cluster of schools and we want to continue to support the heritage of our local area. There is a letter attached to confirm the arrangements for this year and for you to complete so that we know what your child/children are intending to do on the day.

## Breakfast Club

Due to the popularity of our Breakfast Club and the subsequent increase in staffing arrangements, we will be increasing the prices as of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. Our new cost will be £3 from 8.00am (including breakfast) and £1 from 8.30pm (not including a breakfast). We do hope you continue to support our Breakfast Club as our staff offer a brilliant service which the children thoroughly enjoy.

## Open Evening

Our Open Evening will be on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. Weather permitting, the whole school will be singing on the playground at **3.00pm**. We would love to see you at **3.00pm** and we are sure this will be a brilliant start to the evening. The evening is an opportunity to come in and let your child show you their books and work, speak to their teacher and also meet next year's class teacher. Alongside this we are also celebrating the arts. The timetable for the evening is shown below:

3.00pm - Whole school sing on the playground (weather permitting)

3.20pm - STEAM homework on show in the hall

3.45pm - Performances start on the stage (Year 6 dance, Glee Club, musicians)

3.20- 5.30pm - To have a look at classrooms and view work, speak to class teachers and meet next year's teacher.

If you do not wish to go into the hall to view the performances, you can go straight to the classrooms, but if you could avoid walking through the hall when the children are performing that would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming you on the evening and hope to see lots of you there.

## Attendance

As you are aware, attendance at school has been something that has tightened each year, with restricted holidays and fines imposed. This year, as in previous years any child who has an attendance record of 90% or below will be classed as a persistent absentee. This means that parents/carers will be invited in to school to put an attendance action plan in place and if any of the objectives fail to be met then the Educational Welfare Officer could become involved and this leads to a further action plan. We are here to help and prevent anyone from having to go through that process. We monitor attendance in school and send a letter out to any parents/carers of any child who has an attendance record of 93% or less. **Please do not worry about this letter, it is only to highlight your child's attendance and hopefully allow them to avoid reaching the 90% mark.**

As in any maintained school in the East Riding, the Headteacher will only authorise absence in line with the East Riding Behaviour and Attendance Partnership 'Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances Policy'.

Headteachers cannot authorise school absence purely for the reason of a family holiday. If your child accrues 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (one days absence equals two sessions) you may be liable for a penalty notice from the Local Council. If your request for authorised absence is declined, and you still take your child out of school a penalty notice could be issued by the Local Council. The school does not receive the money from any fines.

## Reminders

### Arrangements for Collecting Children from School

We have had an increase in calls during the school day informing us of arrangements for who the children are going home with at the end of the school day. Where possible could we ask that these plans are made before the start of the school day and that the class teacher is informed if there are any changes to the norm. We understand you may need to make emergency last minute changes during the school day and will need to ring to inform us.

Could we also remind parents/carers that the school gates are locked around 3.30pm. We have had a number of children still playing in the playground beyond this time, which then prevents us from locking the gates to ensure the children at after school clubs are safe on site.

### Water Bottles/Sweets

We have noticed that a lot of children are bringing juice to school in their water bottles. Could we please ask that children only bring water in their water bottles, unless there has been a prior arrangement made with the class/head teacher based on specific reasons as to why they need to bring juice.

Sweets are not allowed in lunch boxes for lunchtimes nor are they allowed to be brought into school and eaten during the school day.

### Book Bags

A lot of our KS1 children have started bringing large rucksacks to school. We kindly ask that the children bring book bags and a draw string PE bag. We struggle for space in our cloakrooms so we would not be able to accommodate every child bringing a rucksack. In addition to this, the staff put all the children's letters in their book bags which are kept in their drawer so having a book bag in school makes this process easier and ensures you do not miss out on letters/information.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with the reminders explained above.

## Date Change

Please note that the May Bank holiday next year which was on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May has now moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This is to be in line with VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. School will be open as normal on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and closed to children and staff on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This has now been updated and changed on our term dates on the school website.

## Cashless Payment System

Following consultation with parents/carers we received a significant majority of votes to move towards a cashless payment system in school. You will receive a letter in the coming weeks outlining our move to a cashless system. We hope that it will be seen as a positive and a much easier way of making payments into school.

## News from the FOTS

### Morrisons Foundation

We have been awarded a grant of £4,000 from the Morrisons Foundation to spend on three specific areas. These are things that the school identified at the start of the academic year as being on their wish list.

- 5 new iPads;
- a subscription to Mathletics, which is an online maths resource proven to increase children's levels of engagement, confidence and motivation and to improve attainment and progress in maths;
- £1,000 on new books for the library.

Each class will be involved in choosing the new books for the library. The children will be asked to come up with a wish list of reading for pleasure books they would like to see in the school library. These could be books they want to read, books they have read and would recommend to others or books on a particular theme or topic of interest to them. This is a lovely opportunity to talk about what books you have enjoyed together as a family and what you would recommend to others.

### Our Fundraising Focus

As three items on the school's wish list have been met by the Morrisons Foundation grant, the Friends of the School are turning their attention to helping the school improve two of the outside spaces. The area where the maze used to be and the stage area next to it. This will be the main focus of our fundraising efforts going forward alongside supporting the school's annual pantomime trip.

### Ice Cream Friday

Thank you for continuing to support Ice Cream Friday every week. We are selling an average of 110 ice creams a week, which is wonderful. The children really look forward to this Friday treat and we are pleased the rain has stayed away and we haven't had to cancel any yet.

### Father's Day Secret Shop

Our Father's Day secret shops were a big hit with the children, we sold 217 gifts over the two days. It is always a pleasure to hold the secret shops and it is lovely to watch the children choose their gifts so carefully. Thank you for your support.

### Summer Fair – 3:30 -5:30pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

We are looking forward to the summer fair this year. We have plenty of stalls and games organised for the fair and it's going to be a really fun event for the whole family. However, we still need your help to make the fair a success. Can you:

- **Help on a stall?** (see Jo Kelly and her clipboard to sign up)
- **Bake a cake?** (please bring to school on the morning of the fair)
- **Donate to the raffle or toys & children's books stall?** (donations can be dropped off at the school office)
- **Fill a jar for the Jolly Jar Tombola?** (don't forget to include your child's name and class on a slip of paper to enter the prize draw)



