

Term Dates 2019/20

18th September

Y6 Visit the WI Hall WWII
Bags to School Collection

19th September AM

Individual Photographs

19th September

Pirate Day

20th September

Reception Class Photo for
Newspaper

20th/23rd September

Y6 Cycle Training Group 1

24th/25th September

Y6 Cycle Training Group 2

27th September

Fun Run PM

14th October

New Starters Evening 4pm

14th October

Y6 Robinwood Information
5.30pm

16th October

Flu Vaccinations – whole
school

17th October

Y5/6 Visit to Tophill Low

18th October

Open Morning

21st October

L&M Governors 6pm

22nd October

PAT Governors 6pm

24th October

Last day before half term

25th October

Staff Training Day – school
closed to children

Aspire, Believe, Succeed – Together We Achieve

Welcome back to the new school year 2019/20!

We hope that the children have had a sunny and fun-filled summer holiday.

The start of a new academic year is always a great opportunity for the children to positively set new goals and challenges, in order for them to be the best they can be in their new class and all areas of school life. We have certainly seen the children settling well into their new classes and would like to welcome all of our new starters. The staff are looking forward to learning new things and sharing enhancing and enriching experiences with the children this academic year.

Homework

On the back of this newsletter is a home learning overview sheet, which outlines our expectations. There are a few tweaks to the outline sent home last year based on feedback from parents/carers, staff and children. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any queries about any of the information on the sheet.

Clubs

Clubs run by the teaching staff will start next week. If you have not heard your child has a place. Please remember for Breakfast Club you must book your child in using the booking sheet available from the office or by phoning school at least 48 hours in advance.

After School Club

Unfortunately Crantastic Kids, which was going to be an independent after school club, will no longer be going ahead. As a school we have a duty to signpost to local provision. Currently Fountain Farm have spaces available for after school provision. Many of our children attend Fountain Farm and are all collected from the Reception classroom at 3.20pm.

Cashless Payment System

You should have received an email about setting up your cashless payment account. If you have not yet received an email, please call into the office to check we have the most up to date email address for you.

Awards

We are delighted to share with you that we were awarded Gold in the Sports Games Mark for another year. Thank you to Miss Robinson and Miss Midgley for all of their hard work and dedication in enabling our school to continue to offer sport provision of this standard. Well done to all of the children who have participated in our sports this year.

Miss Elliott and our JTAs (Junior Travel Ambassadors) have also achieved Gold in the Modeshift award for a second time. Working with Christian Jordan (Road Safety Officer) to organise many events last year and promote safe travel to school has resulted in this fantastic achievement. Well done to the children and all involved. Our final award to share with you is the Silver Gilt Award, awarded by the RHS Village in Bloom judges. Mrs Lucas and Mrs Pickles have worked so hard to ensure the Gardening Club is successful and enjoyable. The children have ensured the garden looks fantastic and they have also learnt a lot. Thank you to Mrs Skipp for her help at Gardening Club.

We are sure you will agree that these awards reflect all of the additional and enriching activities and opportunities that are available at our school. We are extremely grateful to the adults and children who put the extra work in to make them happen.

Dogs

We have had an increase in the amount of dogs that are tied up at the school gates at the start and end of the school day. We kindly ask that dogs are not left tied up or unattended. This will avoid any incidents in the future and ensure all children feel safe coming to and leaving the school site. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

First Aid Forms

We will be no longer sending home first aid forms for minor accidents. Forms will be sent home for serious accidents such as a bump to the head, eye injuries, possible fracture, deeper cuts etc. On these occasions parents/carers are also contacted by school to inform them. We will encourage the older children to inform you of any minor accidents and the KS1 staff will communicate with parents/carers when necessary.

Fun Run

We will be holding our annual Fun Run on Friday 27th September. This year David Proudfoot of Specsavers has generously donated two Hull City tickets for a game to be held in October. This year we are changing the way the children can win the tickets. Any child who collects sponsorship will be in with the chance of winning the tickets, not the child that raises the most sponsorship money. All names will be put in a hat and drawn at random. All sponsorship money raised will go towards resources that enhance the outdoor environment of school. On the day of the Fun Run the children can bring their change of clothes, in a named bag, to change into after lunch. This could be fancy dress, sports kits or whatever the children prefer. We are looking forward to the children enjoying themselves whilst exercising!

Uniform

At the start of a new school year we feel it is an ideal time to remind parents/carers and children themselves of our uniform policy. The uniform is an important part of our school identity and helps children to feel a sense of belonging.

Our Uniform:

- * Royal blue embroidered sweatshirt or cardigan
- * White or yellow polo/cotton shirt
- * Grey, black or navy skirt, shorts, pinafore dress or trousers (not ski pants, joggers, jeans or leggings)
- * Black shoes
- * Grey, black, navy or white socks/tights
- * Blue/yellow checked summer dress

Indoor PE Kit

- * Royal blue, navy or black shorts
- * Yellow printed T shirt
- * PE Bag—drawstring

Outdoor PE Kit

- * Warm sweatshirt/sweater
- * Trousers, jogging pants or track-suit bottoms
- * Trainers

Please ensure all items are clearly named.

Uniform can be purchased from our local online provider: <http://www.handkembroidery.co.uk/> who also have a shop at 95 Middle Street South, Driffild.

Jewellery, other than a wrist watch, must not be worn to school. We would prefer young children not to have their ears pierced, but if this is the case, they must wear only plain stud earrings which must be removed (where possible) or taped over for PE lessons.

We would prefer the children to have a suitable, age appropriate hairstyle rather than extreme hairstyles such as hair colouring, shaved lines, stars, tramlines, shaven heads, Mohican or any other style that could be a distraction from learning.



Pirate Day

We will be holding our very first whole school Pirate Day on Thursday 19th September. One of the main aims of the day is to inspire our children's writing. All classes will complete written tasks that will use pirates as the main theme. The children will take part in other activities such as making a pirate hat, designing ships/rafts to hold treasure and creating whole school collages for pirates and parrots. The children will not need to dress up on the day as there will be plenty of learning opportunities and activities to immerse themselves in which will ensure a different, enjoyable and enriching learning experience.

First Savers Bank

We operate a First Savers Bank in school every Tuesday and one of our school governors, Mrs Audrey Bjorndal, gives up her time to make this happen. It is open in the Year 6 classroom through the Computing Suite from 8.30-9am and is a great way to encourage children to save and learn about money.

Children can pay in as much or as little as they like and certificates are given when a child reaches certain milestones in their savings. Any child opening a new account is given a free 'piggy' money box to help them save, and throughout the year there are competitions where prizes can be won.

We would love to open more accounts for children, or even siblings that do not attend the school. If you have any queries, call in on a Tuesday morning for a chat.

Curriculum Newsletters

Our Class Curriculum Newsletters have been sent home this week. The information in these letters is a great way for you to see what your child will be learning this term so you can support them on their learning journey.

There are many exciting HCCPS Learning Challenges selected for the Autumn term that the children will have the opportunity to develop and further their knowledge and skills. Staff will always seek opportunities to use the outdoor environment in school, which we are extremely lucky to have, to enhance learning further. In addition to this, staff also plan in opportunities for trips and welcome visitors who are experienced in specific areas to support learning. These opportunities enhance and deepen learning and understanding, often through a hands on approach. If you feel you could contribute to the Learning Challenge or know of anyone with specific skills or knowledge in particular areas then please get in touch and let us know.

Twitter

Our school website and APP are a fantastic method of communication and also an excellent way of having dates, letters and messages sent to you. Our APP can be found via the School Jotter APP. Once you have downloaded School Jotter search for our school name/postcode. Please ask at the office if you are having any difficulty in downloading the APP. We have a school twitter account (**@HuttonCran**) which is a really useful way of sharing information and also allows you to see instant updates on activities that are happening throughout the school day. Each of our teachers also have an account – please follow them.

Mrs Leeks (**@MrsLeeks_HCPS**)

Mrs Hoyle (**@MissH_HCPS**)

Miss Robinson (**@MissR_HCPS**)

Miss Elliott (**@MissE_HCPS**)

Mrs Burkinshaw (**@MrsB_HCPS**)

Miss Midgley (**@MissM_HCPS**)

Mr Nevet (**@MrN_HCPS**)

Mrs Webb / Mrs Lewer (**@LewerMrs**)

Miss Smith (**@MissS_HCPS**)

Photograph Consent

An updated photograph consent sheet for all children from Y1 onwards has been sent home today. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

Mathletics

This week we were very excited to launch the online Mathletics platform. Mathletics supports children both in the classroom and at home, through interactive activities, games and challenges. The children had a special assembly where a member of the Mathletics Team came to show them how it works and what they can access on the site. We are very grateful to The Friends of the School, who have funded Mathletics for two years, so all the children from Y1-Y6 can use it. Please look out for your child's login details (Y1- in their Reading Record, Y2 in their spelling book and KS2 in their homework book) and support your child to access and use the site.

School Environment

We have made several improvements to school over the summer holiday. The work we have had completed has resulted in an improved learning environment for our children. We have had brand new LED lights fitted almost throughout the whole school which have made such a difference to the lighting in school. Year 5, 6 and the computing suite have had brand new ceiling tiles fitted. We have also had classrooms and doors painted in some areas of school. Our Reception classroom has had the flat roof replaced and we have had several new windows fitted in school. We look forward to you seeing the completed work in and around school and I am sure you will agree it has considerably improved the environment.

Our main focus now will be on enhancing the outdoor environment alongside other ongoing internal developments.

