

Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2020

Term Dates 2019/20

13th January

Staff led after school clubs start this week

15th January

FOTS Meeting 6.30pm

15th January

Year 3 Weekly Swimming sessions start for 10 weeks

24th January

Scooter Training Y2

3rd February

KS2 Writing Workshop

2.30pm

KS1 Writing Workshop

6.00pm

KS2 Writing Workshop

6.30pm

4th February

KS1 Writing Workshop

2.30pm

6th February

Y5/6 Victorians Trip to Hull

7th February

Sign2Sing 3pm

11th February

Safer Internet Day

11th February

L&M Governors 6pm

12th February

PAT Governors 6pm

14th February

Last day before half term

24th February

Children return to school

24th February

Fairtrade Fortnight Starts

27th February

Big Talk for Parents 5.30pm

Happy New Year

The children have come back to school after the Christmas break with fantastic attitudes to learning and have had an impressive start to 2020! All of our classes have hit the ground running with their new HCCPS Learning Challenges.

We are looking forward to another busy, productive and successful term ahead.

Please have a look at the term dates on this newsletter and the calendar dates on our website for future events and enrichment opportunities that have been planned in for the children.

Sign2Sing

We have signed up again to take part in Sign2Sing, the children really enjoyed taking part last year and it was a great way to raise funds for projects that support the deaf community. It is an opportunity for the children to learn sign language to a well-known song and to promote sign language as a communication tool and make music more accessible to those who cannot hear it. We will be performing our song to you all on Friday 7th February at 3pm in the playground. We will open the gates at 3pm and you can watch the children perform. Following singing the children will return to classes to collect their bags etc to leave as normal at the end of the school day. If the weather prevents us from performing outside we will make alternative arrangements on the day. Please join us at 3pm on the 7th of February as we would love to see as many parents/carers as possible. On the day we will also be asking for a £1 donation to fundraise for Sign2Sing and support them with their projects.

Friends of the School

The first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 15th January at school, at the earlier time of 6.30pm. This is always a very productive meeting and the FOTS decide on exciting events for the coming months. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and share your ideas. We would like to thank the FOTS for their continued hard work and support and we look forward to seeing you and the children at the events in 2020.

Polite Request

As we have children with nut allergies in school we ask if you could please avoid sending your child to school with nuts in their packed lunch or for parties/birthday treats. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Dove House Hospice

Thank you for your donations to Dove House Hospice which the children brought in before the holiday, for Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £124 to go towards such a worthy cause. We really appreciate your support.

School APP

Please download our free APP, if you are an Android user, go to Google Play and search for School Jotter. If you are an iOS user, go to the App Store and search for School Jotter. You then need to find our school name and select. On the APP there is a section for news, newsletters, the school calendar, notices and a gallery. The APP is our main source of communication for short notices/messages and is ideal for last minute information. We would recommend that you download it to be fully up to date with what is happening in school.

Term Dates 2019/20

5th March

Big Talk for Children

5th March

World Book Day

9th – 13th March

Sport Relief

16th March

STEAM Museum from
2.30pm -5.00pm

18th March

Full Governors 6pm

20th March

Height and Weight Checks
YR and Y6

23rd March

Parents Evening

26th March

Parents Evening

30th March

World Autism Week

30th March

NSPCC Workshops for
children

30th March

Y3/4/5 Production 6pm

1st April

Y3/4/5 Production 2pm
and 6pm

3rd April

KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
9.00am

3rd April

Last day before Easter
holiday

20th April

Children return to school

28th April

Class Photographs

8th May

Bank Holiday

11th May

Year 6 SATs Week

Learning Letters and Knowledge Organisers

Our Class Curriculum Newsletters will be sent home next 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 Spring term that the children will have the opportunity to develop and further their knowledge and skills in. 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.

In addition to our Class Curriculum Newsletter the children will also be given a Knowledge Organiser for their Learning Challenge that will be stuck in Homework books for KS2 and Reading Records for KS1. The Knowledge Organiser has vocabulary, facts, key people and information from the Learning Challenge that your children will be learning about. They will help to ensure children remember as much as they can about their Learning Challenge. At home, you could talk through all of the information and replicate the things we will be doing at school, such as covering up some of the key vocabulary and asking them to identify the word from the definition; or remembering the definition if you give the word. You could ask them to write a sentence about a key figure, or draw a picture/diagram with key information in it. You can use them as you wish, the ideas above are just suggestions. We want children to have a good general knowledge of a range of subjects by the end of their primary school life.

Snow: Important Information

In extreme cases of snow and/or ice, there may be no option but to close the school if there is a severe health and safety risk. A severe health and safety risk would be presented if insufficient staff could reach the school or indeed the health and safety of staff meant that they should leave early. In the event of severe weather, a decision to close the school for pupils will be made by 7.30am. The Headteacher will contact Radio Humberside and Viking Radio to ask them to broadcast the information. Updates will be posted on Twitter and in the notices/news section of the school APP.

Playground areas are gritted if practical before 8:30am and when not, by morning break. All safe routes around the site and across the playground have been identified and will be gritted before giving access to the site. At playtimes a decision as to whether children are allowed outside will be made by the senior teacher on duty in conjunction with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. If the field is covered by thick snow pupils may be allowed to play on the field, make a snowman and throw snowballs. Those not wishing to throw snowballs will be asked to stay on the playground. The school believes that playing in snow is part of a child's life experiences, and as we have had so little in recent years, should be enjoyed! Closing a school at short notice, including closing mid-way through a day, or deciding on a late opening poses considerable difficulties for parents and will only be taken as a very last resort. A complete heating failure in the winter and/or a loss of the water supply would however result in the school having to close. Good communication is essential.

Parents/Carers are asked to be responsible and plan more time for their journey, ensure children have suitable footwear for having to walk further and are wrapped up well to keep warm. Parents should not expect to be able to park close to the school at these times. Parents and visitors are expected to use the gritted paths rather than walk across the snow and ice. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, should we be faced with any severe weather this year.

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.

Parish Council Flag Competition

Before the summer holiday all of our children took part in a competition organised by the Parish Council, to design a Village Flag. We had some fantastic entries and the children worked hard to produce some amazing designs. Mr Richardson (Chair of the Parish Council) and Mr Teare came to present the prizes in assembly this week for our winners and runners-up. These children then had the opportunity to go outside and see the flag flying. Well done to all of the children who took part and especially to the winners. We would like to thank the Parish Council for arranging the competition and involving us.



Writing Information/Workshops for Parents

We have decided to run KS1 (**Year Reception – Year 2**) and KS2 (**Year 3 – Year 6**) Writing Information sessions which will be full of ideas and ways you can support your child with their writing. We feel that writing is often an area of the curriculum that many children are less confident in. In school we develop and find ways to engage children further and give them the tools and confidence they need to be successful with their writing. These workshops would be a great opportunity to share with you how we teach writing in school so that the children will then have the support they need at home and at school.

We will be running two sessions for each workshop. The KS1 Writing Workshop will be held on Monday 3rd February at 6.00pm and Tuesday 4th February at 2.30pm. The KS2 Writing Workshop will be held on Monday 3rd February at 2.30pm and 6.30pm. The workshops will be led by our KS1 and KS2 teams and will last for approximately 30 minutes. Please complete the reply slip below to book a place. We look forward to seeing you there.

Writing Information/Workshops

Please tick below which workshop you would like to attend and how many seats you will require and return to school.

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| KS1 Writing Workshop Monday 3 rd February 6.00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | I require _____ seats. |
| KS1 Writing Workshop Tuesday 4 th February 2.30pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | I require _____ seats. |
| KS2 Writing Workshop Monday 3 rd February 2.30pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | I require _____ seats. |
| KS2 Writing Workshop Monday 3 rd February 6.30pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | I require _____ seats. |

