



Thursday 16th July 2020

Aspire, Believe, Succeed - Together We Achieve

We have reached the end of another successful yet extremely challenging school year. This year has been very different to previous years but we have remained strong together as a whole school community, when faced with the challenges of Covid-19. Up until the 20th March, the academic year was full of enjoyment, it was positively busy and proving to be yet another successful school year. The children were working incredibly hard and we know that they have continued to do so, whether they have returned to school, or if they have been learning at home. The children should be extremely proud of their achievements and how they have dealt with the unprecedented situation we have all found ourselves to be in. A huge well done to the children – they truly deserve praise for all their efforts! Our staff are looking forward to starting a new chapter and working with their new classes in September, whether they are moving up with their class or working with a new class. We cannot wait to see all of our children back in September – it will be heartening to have our whole school community back together again.

We would like to thank all of the staff for everything they have done this year, especially during recent months. They have continued to deliver in all aspects of school life and we could not wish or ask for a more passionate, enthusiastic and dedicated team. We are really lucky at HCCPS - they truly are the best! A sincere thank you to all of the staff team. Thank you also to our Governors for their hard work, continued support and challenge in driving the school forward. We look forward to continuing this partnership in September.

We truly thank our parents/carers for being supportive, understanding and showing patience during these challenging months. Your support means the world to the staff and school. We look forward to continuing our strong collaboration with you in September, on our journey to becoming the best school that we can be.

Thank you to the whole school team: children, parents/carers, staff, volunteers and governors for your hard work, dedication and commitment to our school. We are extremely lucky to have such a positive and supportive school community.

Term Dates 2020/21

7th September Staff Training Day

8th September Children return to school

20th October L&M Governors Meeting 6pm

22th **October** Last day before half term

23th OctoberStaff Training Day

2nd November Children return to school

10th November PAT Governors Meeting 6pm

24th November Full Governors 6pm

New Appointments

We shared with you in our last Newsletter our new HLTA, TA and Midday Assistant appointments. We have also appointed Rowena Gwatkin to join our team as a Teaching Assistant, who will be based in Year 3. We look forward to welcoming our new staff and know they will add further strengths and skills to our already strong team.

Fond Farewell

Last week we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Drewery and Miss Robinson. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Perry who will be leaving us this term. We would like to thank all three members of staff for their hard work and commitment during their time here and for the difference they have made to the children. They will be missed at Hutton Cranswick CP School and we wish them the best of luck for the future in their new ventures. We know they will be a great success.

A Message from Tophill Low Nature Reserve

We are delighted to offer your school community the opportunity to visit our Tophill Low Nature Reserve which re-opens on 20th July. Following the re-opening, we are providing family workshops on specific dates over the summer holidays. These are free of charge and allow families of up to 6 people to take part in socially distanced activities on our reserve, including pond dipping and mini beast hunting! Places are limited to 4 family groups per session, and full details of the dates can be found on our website.

https://www.yorkshirewater.com/education/tophill-low-family-workshops/

Leavers

We would like to send our best wishes and good luck to our Year 6 Leavers. The children in Year 6 have had a brilliant seven years and the staff have very fond memories of their time with us. During their primary school life they have achieved many things and made great strides academically, socially and emotionally. We are going to miss the children and we know it will be a very different place without them, as they have been great role models for the other children in school. We wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their journey and we are confident that they will go far, due to their positive attitudes, drive and commitment to being the best they can be. We are sorry we were unable to give the children the 'send-off' they really deserved, but we know that they will have appreciated Miss Elliot and Mrs Atkins hard work and great efforts to ensure their final half term was a special and memorable experience. All the very best of luck in everything you do Year 6 – you are without doubt a group of very talented, polite and caring children with a lot to offer. Dream big and you will achieve great things!





Learning

In terms of learning over summer, some parents have asked if we will be sending home additional learning. We will not be sending additional learning over the summer. However the previous Learning Packs will still be available on the school website if parents/carers wanted to go back over some of the work that they did not get the chance to complete. There is also the opportunity to complete the Oak National Academy work from their website, which there is a link to on our website in the Home Learning section. On their website there are video lessons and activities to complete for English, Maths and several foundation subjects. Reading is also the other key area to maintain. We will not be sending out school books over the holiday as we need to organise our books in preparation for September. However using reading books, magazines, newspapers etc that you have at home, you can spend some time discussing the meaning of words, character choices and behaviours and just asking general comprehension questions about what has been read. This will support the children's reading development. Please do not worry unduly about the learning that the children have missed during the time they have been away from school. As promised in previous letters, we will be planning carefully when the children's return in September focusing on the gaps in their learning and content that needs to be covered to ensure our children make the progress needed.

Happy Holiday

On behalf of the whole school team we would like to wish you and your children a lovely summer break. We look forward to welcoming them all back in September for a new exciting chapter. We are sure they will return refreshed, ready to learn lots of exciting new things and make more long-lasting memories.

