

## Term Dates 2021/22

### **21<sup>st</sup> September**

History Specialist working with Year 5 and Year 6

### **22<sup>nd</sup> September**

History Specialist working with Year 1 and Year 2

### **23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Individual Photographs

### **23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Be the best you can be Tea Party for 2020/2021 Winners

### **27<sup>th</sup> September**

KS2 Cross County Sledmere House 4-5pm

### **28<sup>th</sup> September**

Y5/6 Football Tournament at Driffeld Secondary School 4-5.30pm

### **29<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 1 and Year 2 visit the Fire Station in Driffeld

### **6<sup>th</sup> October**

KS2 Biathlon Driffeld Leisure Centre 4-6pm

### **9<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 1 and 2 Cross Country Driffeld Junior School 10-11am

### **12<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 5/6 Hockey Driffeld Secondary School 4-5.30pm

### **21<sup>st</sup> October**

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

### **21<sup>st</sup> October**

Last day before half term

### **22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Teacher Training Day (School closed to children)

### **1<sup>st</sup> November**

Children return to school

## Welcome Back!

We have had a brilliant start to the new school year and the children have returned enthusiastic, calm and happy. We are so impressed with our new starters in Year Reception, who have quickly adapted to their new routines and are settling in really well. It is lovely to see how smart all the children look in their uniforms and how keen they are to make a great impression in their new classes. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to mix outside with other year groups and we hope this will continue for the coming year and beyond. Our older children are certainly rising to the challenge of looking out for our KS1 children. We continue to hold our whole school Celebration Assembly outside on a Friday (weather permitting) which is a great opportunity to come together as a whole school family and celebrate the success and achievements of others. We plan to hold key stage assemblies in the hall, with the intention to increase to whole school assemblies over time.

Class Curriculum Newsletters, with information regarding the children's learning this term, PE days, homework, reading and other relevant information for each class were sent via the school APP last week.

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 (@MrsH\_HCPS)

Miss Midgley (@MissM\_HCPS)

Mr Nevet (@MrN\_HCPS)

Mrs Webb / Mrs Lewer /Year 4 (@Year4\_HCPS)

Miss Elliott (@MissE\_HCPS)

Miss Smith (@MissS\_HCPS)

Mrs Burkinshaw (@MrsB\_HCPS)

We look forward to sharing our learning and experiences with you throughout the year through our APP and Twitter platforms.

## Individual School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taken on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This year we will be taking sibling group photos in school, but unfortunately are not able to accommodate pictures for those siblings not in school at this current time.

## Homework

We will be sending via the APP today an outline of our homework expectations for each year group. The overview provides information regarding our online learning platforms, which can be accessed from home, and gives further details of how much homework will be set in each class. If you have any further questions please contact your child's class teacher by email, telephone or catch them at the end of the school day.

## Could you be eligible for Free School Meals?

Everyone's situation at home is different, and sometimes changes in your circumstances can lead to you needing some additional support – particularly with the impact COVID-19 has had on the economy and jobs. Claiming free school meals for one child could save you over £400 per year, and for every pupil in a primary school receiving free school meals the government gives the school an additional £1,320 a year, known as the Pupil Premium grant. We can use this for a range of things, including helping your child in school, with the cost of music tuition, trips etc. There is no stigma attached to this for your child, which is one reason some people hold back – children are not aware of each other's circumstances and at no point does anyone know that another child is in receipt of free school meals.

Currently, every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a universal free school meal regardless of the family income, but not all will be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant. It is important to get your child qualified even if they currently get Universal FSM as they will get access to additional support straight away! To qualify for free school meals and the Pupil Premium grant (or currently just the Pupil Premium grant for Reception and KS1) you must fulfil one of the following criteria: - Receive income support/income based job seekers allowance or income related employment and support allowance; - Be entitled to child tax credit but not receiving working tax credit and your annual income must be below the government set threshold; - Receive support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; - Receive the guaranteed credit element of pension credit; - Be entitled to the 4 week run of working tax credit due to employment ending.

To find out if your child is eligible for free school meals or if your school can claim the Pupil Premium Grant you can telephone the East Riding team on (01482) 394799 or complete the online form:

<http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>

## ClubsComplete

ClubsComplete continue to provide our afterschool club and the number of children attending is continuing to grow. The children who attend the club really enjoy their time and they take part in a wide range of activities throughout the week. As communicated in a previous APP message, the club will run until 5.30pm Monday – Thursday and will finish at 4.30pm on a Friday. If you require a space for 4.30pm-5.30pm on Friday please email [headteacher@huttoncranswick.eriding.net](mailto:headteacher@huttoncranswick.eriding.net) to inform school. If there is an increased demand for this final hour on Friday, this slot will then be available for bookings. We will inform you if and when this slot becomes available in the future. Further information and the link for booking your child a place at the club can be found on our school website in the section Parents – Wrap Around Provision.

We are aware that some parents have experienced difficulties booking their child into the club, with the booking system adding children to a waiting list and stating that the club is fully booked when there were still spaces available. Unfortunately, ClubsComplete had some technical issues with the online booking system. In the event that this happens, or if you have any issues with the booking system please contact ClubsComplete by telephone or email and they will book your child in for you. If you continue to experience difficulties please contact school and we will liaise with their admin team to resolve the issue. There are 30 spaces per evening and it would be a shame for children to miss out on attending the club due to booking issues.

ClubsComplete have recruited two new members staff to lead the after-school club alongside Kirsty, who has worked with the children for almost a year now. Kirsty will continue to work with the children on a Tuesday and Friday and will be joined by another Kirsty, who will be working with the children Monday – Friday. Vanessa will work with the children on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The staffing arrangement ensures two staff members each evening. On Wednesdays the children will sometimes watch a film at the club, which will always have a U rating.

## Covid-19 Update

Although schools are no longer expected to inform parents/carers of Covid cases in school, we feel it is only right to inform you that we do have a very small number of positive cases across our school community who are now isolating in accordance with Test and Trace instructions.

From August 16<sup>th</sup>, those who are fully vaccinated or those under 18 years and 6 months are exempt from isolating if they are in contact with a positive case. **Children are therefore able to attend school even if a member of their family, or another close contact, is positive for Covid, unless they have any symptoms themselves.**

The main symptoms of Covid-19 in children are:

- A high temperature.
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

In addition to the above Government information, we have noticed that children may present with an upset tummy, sickness, headache or general listlessness. If you are in any doubt, please ring school and/or seek medical advice.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and continued support.

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Nasal Flu Vaccinations are due to take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We sent a letter via the school APP on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September with additional information regarding the vaccinations and a link to the consent form. This link will close on 29<sup>th</sup> September so please ensure you complete it before then. If you do not consent your child will not receive the vaccine in school.

### Clubs / Sport Events

We are planning on gradually introducing lunch time and after school clubs into our school day. Initially this will start with Year 5 and 6 being offered the opportunity to attend a Hockey club, led by Fiona Tuplin (Sports Coach) on a Wednesday from 3.20-4.20pm. Please complete the consent form via the following link if your child would like to take part:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerKXJoz0ZADujH1csXP8QdbdmQtitLBOCYoTltcFKWp8JfkQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerKXJoz0ZADujH1csXP8QdbdmQtitLBOCYoTltcFKWp8JfkQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We also have a few Sporting Events coming up as part of the Drifffield Sports Partnership. You can see the dates for these events in our Term Dates column on the first page of this letter. Further information for these events will be shared via the APP in due course. The first event is the Cross Country for Key Stage 2 children to be held at Sledmere House next Monday. We are looking forward to the children being able to take part in these events again and having the opportunity to enjoy and excel in sporting elements of the curriculum.

### Parking / Dogs

We would like to remind parents/carers of our polite request to avoid parking in the school car park at the start or the end of the day (this includes drop off at Breakfast Club). Moving in and out of the car park area, at busy times of the day, makes crossing the road to The Green unsafe. We kindly ask those people who travel by car, to park away from school and walk from their cars. This will avoid unnecessary parking and ensure all children are a lot safer during these busy periods. Parking is very limited at the front of school, and for this reason we ask that people avoid parking at the front of school, so that staff, many of whom live outside the village and have to travel to school by car, can park close to the school. We also ask that parents/carers do not bring dogs into the school grounds or leave dogs tied up or unattended at the school gates. 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.