



BISHOP WILTON C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you all enjoyed Summer. I have enjoyed hearing about holidays and happy times.

Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome our new pupils to school. Welcome to Natasha in Nursery and Grace, Adam, James, Madeline and Alastair in Reception. We have also welcomed Tiger (Y1) to Mrs Mackenzie's class and Alfie(Y3) and Lucie(Y4) to the junior class. We hope you will be very happy in our school. We will also be welcoming Daniel to Year 4 in a couple of weeks. The Quinney family will now return to school in January. Currently we have 41 pupils on roll.

A warm welcome back to all our pupils, parents, governors and staff.

New Member of Staff

A warm welcome to Mrs Kathy Jones, who started work in our school office today. Mrs Jones will work in the office every Friday. We are very pleased to welcome her to our staff team.

Bishop Wilton Show

The Bishop Wilton Show was a very successful event. There were lots of entries and trade stands and certainly lots of family fun. The children's tent had an excellent representation of entries to each class and as last year our pupils featured highly in the prize categories. Our school won the Rivers Cup again for the most points awarded to a particular school and also a number of individuals gained prizes for their individual entries. Charlotte Douglas won the Scarborough cup for the most outstanding infant exhibit and Alex Cargill won the Sampson Cup for the outstanding junior exhibit. Well done to all the children who entered. It was commented on at the show that the standard of entries is rising each year.

School Results

Since we are a small school with fewer than 10 pupils in Year 6, our end of Key Stage 2 results are not shared in the same way that schools with 10 or more year six pupils are in league tables etc. Our end of Key Stage 2 results were excellent -100% level 5 across all subjects. This is well above average.

Further New School Technology

A third Interactive Whiteboard was fitted into the Foundation Unit during the Summer Holiday. This means that children from Nursery - Y6 are now benefiting from computer generated interactive programs and resources during their lessons. We also installed a new mini computer suite in Mrs Mackenzie's classroom and an additional computer to Foundation.

School Website

In the next couple of weeks you will be able to go online to access a range of updated information about the school such as dates, events etc. Please be patient during this time.

New Carpets and Blinds

You may have noticed our new look classrooms, or heard about them through the children. The new carpets, furniture and lino make the classrooms look comfortable, modern and smart. The new benching for the mini IT suite in Mrs Mackenzie's room is a great improvement. Sincere thanks to all the parents who helped to move the furniture out of the classrooms (*and back again!*) to allow all this to happen. Thanks also to Mrs Lee for her patience, support and hard work with cleaning the school ready for the new term.

French

We are pleased to inform you that the children will again benefit from French tuition with Emmanuelle Dowsett every Thursday afternoon. As you may already know, Emmanuelle is a native French speaker and has become a valued member of our staff. Mrs Dowsett is keen to carry on her After School French Club also, so please continue to support this. Any new members would be made very welcome. Please see the letter which is attached.

Sports

School Sports Support will continue to assist us with our P.E. Curriculum this year. All children throughout the school will need their outdoor P.E. kit **every Thursday** as last year. The opportunities in French and Sports this term will enhance our curriculum and allow the release of classroom teachers as required by the 'Workforce Remodelling Agenda' (PPA – Planning, Preparation and Assessment Time). Sports Club will continue on Tuesdays after school. Please see the letter which is attached.

Wraparound Care

Kiddies Corner at Wilberfoss is still willing to accept our pupils before and after school as outlined in previous letters. If you want to use this facility of breakfast and after school club please let me know and I shall provide you with further details and Catherine Hyde's telephone number. A taxi service will transport the children from Wilberfoss to our school and vice-versa in the afternoon.

St. Edith's Day

The junior pupils have been invited to attend a Eucharistic Service at St. Edith's Church on Friday 15th September at 11.00am. If you are happy for your child to participate please sign the attached proforma. Any parents, friends or governors who would like to attend the service would be very welcome.

Schools Music Service

Violin tuition will continue with Miss Heap on Thursday Mornings. If your child is a violinist, please try to encourage them to remember to bring their instrument each Thursday. Revised fee charges are in the course of production.

Free recorder/musicianship and music reading tuition will begin for the whole junior class from October with Mrs Halley and Miss Lumb of the Schools music service.

Art

Mrs Clark will run her Art Club this term for junior children from 3.15 - 4.15pm every Monday beginning on Monday 11th September. Thank-you to Mrs Clark for volunteering her time. Proforma attached.

Head lice

As often happens after a holiday, there have been a couple of children who have come back to school with head lice. Please could all parents check the hair of their children thoroughly, particularly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. If lice or eggs are found please don't send your children to school until the problem has been dealt with. A treatment with an effective lotion or shampoo is the usual treatment along with regular wet combing to remove further lice once hatched from eggs. Regular wet combing with a head lice comb over a considerable length of time after an infestation is recommended. Sometimes the problem continues in schools when hair is shampooed with lotion only once and parents assume that is enough to deal with it. The shampoos can kill the live lice, but days later, eggs, which remain in the hair, can hatch and new lice appear. Wet combing to keep removing these is vital. Please remember to check yourself and others living in your home and treat appropriately to minimise the chances of re-infestation.

Tesco Sport

We would like to let you know that we are taking part in the Tesco Sport for Schools and Clubs Scheme. Just like Computers for Schools you can collect vouchers at Tesco to pass onto us. We can then exchange them for a broad range of sports equipment or if we get enough vouchers, professional coaching sessions. The scheme is running from 11th September until 5th November 2006. As ever we really appreciate your help.

School Dinner Money

At the beginning of each year the East Riding informs us of the need to raise our school dinner charges. We have had no notification as yet to inform us to raise our dinner money price. This means that a school dinner will remain at £1.60 per meal. School dinners continue to be good value for money, particularly in light of the revised healthier menus and improved suppliers. I hope many families will continue to support the service.

School Uniform

The children look very smart indeed in their new uniforms. Please ensure that all items of uniform, bags, coats, shoes, plimsolls etc are clearly named so they are retrievable when they go astray. Pupils sometimes accidentally take home a P.E. t-shirt or shorts of another child and need to return it. Obviously this is much easier if everything is clearly named.

P.E. Kit

Since the weather can be unpredictable at this time of the year, the staff and your children would greatly appreciate it if they had P.E. kit in school for a variety of weather conditions. This means they need a P.E. t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls and also suitable outdoor wear for the Autumn Term such as warm jogging bottoms and sports sweatshirt, or a tracksuit and trainers. For hygiene reasons it is not suitable to allow children to wear their school uniform sweatshirt or polo shirt throughout the day and continue to wear it for P.E. without changing once more. This becomes a problem more and more as they get older. Please encourage pupils to bring the correct kit on P.E. days, which will be:

Reception and Years 1 and 2 – Thursday (and Tuesday if attending After School Sports Club)
Juniors – Tuesday and Thursday

Free Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

You may have heard about the Government's School Fruit and Vegetable scheme for infant pupils. I am pleased to inform you that we are able to continue offering free fruit to children at morning playtime. All children from nursery through to Year 2 receive a piece of fruit and usually we are also able to give fruit to the junior children.

Individual School Photographs

Tempest will be in school on Friday 6th October to take individual photographs. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Topics for this Term

Junior Class

Literacy - Literacy Strategy Guidelines

Numeracy - Numeracy Strategy Guidelines

Science- Materials

Geography- Water

R.E.- Christmas Festivals

ICT- E-mail / Text and graphics

DT- Building Shelters

Music – Dragon Scales and Preparation for School Musical Production at Christmas

Art – Christmas Art

P.E. Outdoor Games

Foundation

Overall topics – Day and Night

Light and Dark

Infants

English - Rhyming Stories, Plays, Captions and Signs

Numeracy – Numeracy Strategy Guideline

ICT (Computers) – Creating Pictures

Science – Light and Dark and Sound

Geography – Hot and Cold Places

History – Famous People – The Great Fire of London

R.E.- My Family and Light and Dark

Art – Painting and Textiles

Technology – Construction and Linkages

Electronic Communications

Some schools are making greater use of technology to communicate with parents and governors. I would be grateful if you would let me know if you would be interested in receiving letters such as this one, direct by e-mail from school. Those parents who are interested could then receive mail electronically, thus solving the problem of school letters going missing in bags etc and saving a few trees too. If you would like to try this approach, please complete the enclosed proforma stating your preferred e-mail address. Please note that families who do not have access to computers may continue to use the paper form of communication.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Halley

Encs: *After School French Club letter and Proformas*

Eucharist Service at St. Edith's Church, Bishop Wilton on Friday 15th September 2006 at 11.00 a.m. – KS2 children only

Name of child/children (please print).....

* I wish/do not wish my child/children to attend the Service at St. Edith's Church.

(*please delete as appropriate)

Please return this slip before the due date - thank you.



Wrap around Care – Kiddies Corner at Wilberfoss

I am interested in Wrap around Care. Please supply me with further information.

Name:



After School Art Club with Mrs Clark starting on Monday 11th September.

Name of child/ren

	YES	No
I give my permission for the child/ren to stay for Art Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Electronic Communications

Name:

*I would/would not like to receive school newsletters etc via e.mail. (please delete as appropriate)

My e.mail address is: