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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome

Welcome back to school. A special welcome is extended to our new starters in Foundation stage. We are delighted to have welcomed Esme, Natasha, Arthur, Sidney, David into Reception and Charlotte, Gabriella, James, Jack, Sam, Denny and Reece have started in Nursery. We hope that this is the beginning of a very happy school life for all of you.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Sellers back to work.

Our pupil numbers this term are currently 42 children full time and 9 part time in the Nursery.

New Arrangements

A reminder that children in Years 1-6 say good bye to their parents and carers in the playground in the mornings. This considerably eases congestion in the central part of the corridor in the mornings. Parents of Nursery and Reception children are still welcome to assist their children by coming into school with them until they are able to do things for themselves. Children are encouraged to collect their packed lunches from the yellow boxes at the end of the day. These boxes will be outside the school house.

School Fruit

All East Riding schools receive **free fruit** for Foundation Stage and Infant children at morning playtime. In the past because we were a smaller school there also happened to be enough left over for the juniors. This is no longer the case, so we need to ask that the junior age children bring a healthy snack from home to eat at playtime. This may be fruit, vegetable, raisins, sultanas, healthy snack bar (no nuts please) or flapjack (again no nuts). Please do not bring sweets, crisps or chocolate biscuits.

Library Works

Unfortunately because of the heavy pressure of workload due to flooded schools in the East Riding, the contractors were unable to finish our refit of the school Library during the Summer holiday. The work is scheduled to recommence during the week beginning the 17th September. Electricians, joiners, plumbers and decorators will be in school throughout the week to get the project finished. This will mean that a lot of the parking spaces outside school will be filled by vans and trucks when you arrive to collect your children. Please bear this in mind and allow a little extra time in case you have to walk from the village to collect children.

'Activate'

We have begun a new scheme to encourage coordination, fitness and higher energy levels and alertness among the pupils. This consists of a daily ten minute programme of exercise that can be done in the classroom. The juniors and I gave it a try for the first time on Wednesday afternoon and

'Active' continued

we all enjoyed it. This will take our P.E. and Sport well over the two hours per week which the government advises.

School Holidays

Please see the attached Holiday List. Friday 19th October has been allocated as one of the extra INSET days. THERE WILL BE **NO** HOT SCHOOL DINNERS ON MONDAY 29th OCTOBER. PLEASE COULD ALL THE CHILDREN BRING IN A PACKED LUNCH? SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED

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. Thank you.

St. Edith's Day

The Junior pupils have been invited to attend a Eucharist Service at St. Edith's Church on Friday 21st September at 11.00 am. 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.

8.50 am Rule

Please remember that children are allowed to come into the school grounds from 8.50 am onwards and not before as there is no supervision for them. This rule is for the safety of the children. Thank you.

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 marked 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, short 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 & 2 – Wednesday and Thursday

Juniors – Sports kit – Thursday, Swimming kit – Wednesday.

Jump Rope for Heart

Friday 28th September has been earmarked for this event. Sponsor Forms to follow shortly.

Lost Property

Please has anyone seen a pink watch? It was lost during the Summer term.

School Dinners

Please can we ask all families to book school dinners for a whole week if they are required (in a block). This makes organising the dining space easier if we know in advance which children will be requiring a hot lunch all week or a packed lunch all week.

Parents' Evening

There will be an opportunity to speak to staff about how your child/ren have settled into the new term. This will be on Monday 15th October.

Curriculum

As the Primary National Strategy has been introduced fully now we are following the **New Primary Framework** for Literacy and Numeracy. We have worked hard to over the Summer to plan the curriculum from these new documents. This means that the Numeracy Target sheets we used to issue at the beginning of every term are not accurate now. If you would still appreciate a copy because you liked doing the activities with your child, let your child's teacher know.

Topics:	Foundation/Rec	KS1	KS2
	Ourselves		
Art		People/Painting	History/Vikings
Geography		Barnaby Bear in Brittany and the Badgers	
History		Our Families	Vikings
ICT		Finding Information	Control, multimedia Resources and Presentation software.
Literacy		New Primary Framework For Literacy	New Primary Framework For Literacy
Music			Composition using ICT, Composition using Improvisation, staff Notation and recorder playing
Numeracy		New Primary Framework For Numeracy	New Primary Framework For Numeracy
PSHE		My Body	
RE		Who Am I/What Makes a Family?	
Science		Our Body and Looking After Ourselves and Pets	Materials
Sport			Swimming – Wednesday 'Activate' throughout, Games on Thursdays

Dates for your diary:

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 4 th September	After School Sports Club begins
Thursday 6 th September	After School French Club begins
Monday 10 th September	After School Art Club begins
Wednesday 12 th September	KS2 Swimming @ Francis Scaife Sports Centre
Thursday 13 th September	Miss Heap – Violin Tuition
Wednesday 19 th September	Governors' Meeting @ 7.30 pm
Friday 21 st September	Eucharist Service @ 11.00 am for KS2 children
Friday 21 st September	Humberside Fire Service Presentation @ 1.15 pm for KS1 & KS2
Friday 28 th September	Jump Rope for Heart
Friday 12 th October	Harvest Assembly in Church @ 2.45 pm
Monday 15 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 18 th October	School closes @ 3.15 pm for Half-Term
Monday 29 th October	School re-opens
Friday 30 th November	Hansel and Gretel Workshop
Tuesday 4 th December	Hansel and Gretel Performance @ Pocklington Arts Centre KS2
Monday 17 th December	Christmas Production in St. Edith's Church @ 2.30 pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Party/Trip
Friday 21 st December	School closes @ 3.15 pm for Christmas
Tuesday 8 th January	School re-opens

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Halley

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Eucharist Service at St. Edith's Church, Bishop Wilton on Friday 21st September 2007
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.