

News Flier.....

Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017
Week 7

- **Indoor Athletics Competition** – I am delighted to tell you that our Year 5/Year 6 team won the Coastal Schools event on 10th February. Congratulations Team! They now go on to represent 'the Coast' at the County Finals event next term. As many of you will know, we are the current holders of the County Championships – so no pressure for our team!
- **Lincolnshire Music Service Concert** – on Saturday, 25th February Huttoft will be participating in this area music event being held at Horncastle Grammar School. Using music learned at their weekly lessons with Miss Briggs, Poppy H and Skye (Y4), along with Josh W, Josh K, Joey, Bailey-Mae and Harrison (Y3) will be the WOP's Orchestra – it promises to be an exciting day of music making and I am delighted that our school has been chosen to participate. In addition Ryan (Y5) will be playing cello in the main orchestra.
- **Mid Year Reports** – will be issued this week and you should have already received a booking form for a parent/teacher consultation appointment in March if you would like one. These are day time appointments – our consultations in the Summer term provide an evening opportunity to meet with the teachers.
- **Staffing** – we welcomed Mrs Denton back to Nursery on Monday. Mrs Yates has begun her maternity leave and Mrs Willows has been appointed to cover the absence.
- **E-Safety** – every Week 1 and Week 7 we focus our IT and PSHE work on aspects of 'E-safety'. This is an ideal opportunity to remind you about the importance of you regularly talking to your child about which sites/games they are using and how they can get help if they need it. This applies to social media sites too and it is very important that age restrictions are followed. The NSPCC has launched a new app 'NetAware' specifically to help parents to keep their child safe online. In partnership with O², the helpline number is 0808 8005002. I hope this information will be useful.

Posts on Facebook – if there is content on Facebook that you do not like, you can contact Facebook and ask for it to be taken down. Alternatively you can contact CEOP or the police.

- **Year 5/Year 6 Swimming** – this weekly activity is part of our PE programme and the National Curriculum. Almost without exception, children who are well enough to be in school should be fit enough to take part in the swimming activity.
- **Red Nose Day** – 24th March marks this year's annual fund raising day. Children are welcome to wear a 'nose' or similar accessory at school that day....but we will be directing our fund raising into the Ryan Smith Foundation with a fund raising event on 29th March inviting all our children to 'wear a hat' to school £1.00 per child.
- **PE Kit in school** – please can you make sure your child has their full kit in school *every* day. Full kit is the Huttoft Primary School black jogging kit and white PE shirt, black shorts, trainers and plimsolls. Girls who wear tights to school also need a pair of white socks to change into please.
- **Punctuality** – just a reminder that school starts at 08:35, children must be in their classrooms ready to begin the day and parents making their way off site. Arrival after 08:35 is 'late' and access to school needs to be through the red security door from where staff will take children to class as necessary - this is for the security and safeguarding of everyone
- **Shrove Tuesday** - on Tuesday, 28th February we will be celebrating with our annual Pancake Races in the afternoon at 2.00pm to which you are all most welcome. If your child wishes to enter his or her class race, a named pan with a pancake and a 50p entry fee is all that is required. Don't forget there are races for parents and pre-school too!
- **30 Hours 'free' child care** – the government is extending the 15 hours free provision for 3 and 4 year olds to 30 hours with effect from September 2017. Our Nursery is already set up for being open in excess of 30 hours per week, so the only change for our parents from September, will be that there will be no fees to pay up to thirty hours. As many of you know, our very well established, high quality Nursery learning experience is led by Mrs Denton, a fully qualified teacher with an additional, specialist qualification in Early Years.
- **Weekly Class Trophies** – winners for the week ending Friday, 10th February 2017:
 - Spelling Trophy – Year 5
 - Mental Maths Trophy – Year 5
 - Attendance Trophy – Year 6
 - Homework Trophy – Year 5
 - Singing Trophy – Year Reception

- **Year 2 Trip** - Monday 27th February is Year 2's trip to the Aviation Heritage Centre at East Kirkby to take part in an activity day "Super Heroes Workshop". Every child will need a packed lunch and a drink, normal school uniform will be worn but scarf/hat/gloves are strongly recommended as it can get very cold in the hangar. A donation of £3.00 per child towards the cost of the trip would be sincerely appreciated – thank you.
- **Cultural Afternoon** – is Friday, 10th March when each class will be giving presentations connected with their study of world religions. We welcome you into classrooms between 1:30 pm and 2:10 pm to see and hear what each class has been doing and then outside with us for a celebratory song. Throughout the afternoon the Friends of Huttoft School will be serving samples of foods from around the world in the Hall.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Friday 24 th February	2.10pm Infant DT Assembly in the Hall
Wednesday 1 st March	Friends of Huttoft School meeting, 2.25pm in the Hall to discuss the Summer Fayre. The Query Crew has asked for the Fayre to be space themed so lots of ideas for 'space' stall will be needed!
Thursday, 2 nd March	World Book Day – some of our activities include specific ones planned by the Query Crew for the children to enjoy
Friday 3 rd March	Year 4 Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in Mrs Crouch's class – 2:25 pm in the Hall
Monday, 13th March	Year 4 World War II Museum open to parents of Year 3 and Year 4 children – 1:50 pm in the Hall