

News Flier.....

Monday, 4th September, 2017
Week 1

- **Welcome Back everyone!**.....and to all our new children throughout the school – “welcome to you too!” I do hope you’ve all had an enjoyable summer break and found time to try out new activities, visit new places and meet new people. We all look forward to hearing over the next few weeks, what the children have been up to.
During the holidays Nursery and Year 3 have been re-decorated, plans to improve space in Year 4 put in place ready for October half term, as well as behind the scenes work on our Carpark carried out, with a view to starting work November time.
- **The new ‘30 hours’ free childcare**....for eligible families comes into effect this week. It is intended to “extend the healthy development and early learning of children while parents are at work”. We, as you know, are accepting children onto the scheme but it has been necessary to tighten up on our previously very flexible sessions for all our children, in order to facilitate and maintain staffing levels. As of Monday 11th September we are operating 4 sessions a day which are: 8:30 – 11:30, 8:30 – 1:30, 8:30 – 2:45 or 8:30 – 4:00. A flier of these hours etc. will be issued shortly. Please note, all Nursery sessions will commence at 8:30am i.e. during the time I am at the gate to supervise access.
- **Tiny Tofts**....continues to run every Friday morning for children aged 0 – 4+ accompanied by their parent(s)/carer. For just £1.00 a session/child the participants have the opportunity to share experiences and concerns, ask questions, practise skills and have fun! 8:40 – 10:10 in the Hall with a member of the Nursery staff.
- **Roald Dahl Day, 13th September**...last year’s Query Crew initiated this to be an annual whole school opportunity to celebrate such a great writer and story teller. Special activities will be taking place in classes and any child who’d like to wear the costume of a Roald Dahl character or a Roald Dahl accessory for the day is most welcome. A £1.00 charge will be made for this and all the money raised will go to Dahl’s charity for sick children ‘Roald Dahl’s Marvellous Children’s Charity’.

- **Year 5/6 weekly Swimming**....can be found on ParentPay. The first lesson of the term is this Friday, 8th September. The school subsidises this weekly activity so your contribution is much appreciated.
- **E-safety**....our Week 1 Schemes of Work for PSHE and Computing include specific matters of e-safety to be taught to each class. You may like to take a look at the recently prepared information for parents/carers from NSPCC in conjunction with O2. It can be found at:
www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/social-sharing
- **Social Media**....Please may I take this opportunity to remind you of the need to be mindful of comments put on social media in connection with our school. Should you have a concern or need clarification, please get in touch with school immediately.
- **Punctuality**....thanks to your efforts last term there was an overall improvement in our punctuality data. Please can we seek to maintain – or indeed further improve punctuality? The school day begins at 8:35. All children should be in class by then and parents vacating the site. 'Late' means not in class at 8:35 and affects Attendance data. Please remember not to access the Sensory Garden/play areas on the way to the Meaker Suite, they are part of the learning environment and children should only use them under staff supervision.
- **Sports Partnership**.....we were very sorry to hear that Skegness Academy would not be running this facility anymore. It has been a very positive experience for the children introducing new sports and activities as well as developing expertise among our staff. However I'm pleased to tell you that this term we will be partnering instead with Mrs Breen from a Sports Consultancy. Each Wednesday all the children will have a 40–50 min lesson with her. Many of the children will already be familiar with her as over recent years she has run our 'Netball Days' for the Juniors. We continue our hockey coaching with Mr Kirkham on Thursdays – Year 5 in the Autumn, Year 6 in the Spring and Year 4 in the Summer.
- **Music Partnership**....Our weekly Singing Sessions for the Infants with Ms Witney resume on Monday. Year 3 and Year 4 have their singing sessions with Ms Briggs during WCIT (WOP's) each Tuesday and I lead the Year 5 and Year 6 session on Fridays.
Instrumental lessons and WCIT (WOP's) resume on Tuesday, 12th September.

- **Birthdays in Assembly**.....On Monday, 11th September I will be celebrating all those children whose birthday falls between 28th August and 10th September along with the birthdays for the week i.e. 11th – 17th September inclusive.
- **Congratulations**.....to Miss Warsap who I'm very pleased to tell you is expecting her first baby in January 2018, I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her well!
- **Model Pupil trophy**...this termly award went to Wilson house for Summer 2017. Once again the totals were very close – it took just one more 'Model Pupil' award on the very last day of term to put Wilson first!
- **Music Exam Results**.....at the end of last term we were notified of successes in our Recorder exam entrants. Congratulations to Maddy who passed Grade 1 and to Thomas who passed Grade 2. I know many of you enjoyed hearing all our instrumentalists playing in St. Margaret's at the end of term – a lovely mix of solo items and ensembles. Well done musicians!

Dates for your Diary.....

Thursday, 21st September	Non-Competitive Sports Afternoon 1:20pm on the playground and field.
Thursday, 28th September	8:40am FHS Meeting – Plans for fundraising 2017/18!
Friday, 29th September	Last day for wearing 'Summer' school uniform.
Thursday, 12th October	Harvest Festival 10:45am in the Hall.

Just a reminder to you that the contact email address for the school was updated last year to be:

Office@huttoft.lincs.sch.uk