

News Flier.....

Wednesday, 20th September, 2017
Week 3

- **Roald Dahl 'Day'** what a terrific response! We raised £77 for the 'Marvellous Children' fund. Thank you very much everyone.
- **Summer Holiday competition**....congratulations to Ollie Blanchard, our winner, and to Alfie Crow, Megan and Lexi Dewick, Jack Simpson and Charlie and Thomas Hewitt for super entries. Among their many Activities were bouncing, chasing, skipping, dodging, floating, paddling, climbing and sprinting.....
- **Partnership with Sheffield Hallam University**....Year 5 will be working on a special project with Catherine Kirk during this year. It is designed to celebrate difference and diversity across the school, learning about different families and inspiring equality by challenging gender and stereotypes so that every child feels accepted. The first unit of work will be on 5th October.
- **Speech Night 2017 at Alford Grammar School**....it was lovely to see so many 'Huttoft' names in the programme – especially alongside subjects that we celebrated them with when they were here.
- **Year 6 class teacher**....Mr Hughman will be teaching the class Monday – Thursday for the time being, supported by myself and Mrs Smalley and Mrs Taylor. We have not been able to appoint a permanent class teacher so we welcome Mr Hughman as a supply teacher.
- **Secondary School Open Evenings**....children in Year 5 and Year 6 are warmly invited, with their parent(s), to John Spendluffe on Thursday, 28th September and to Alford Grammar on Thursday 5th October. Do check out their websites for further details.
- **Attendance Data for Week 2**...was 95.96%. Well done to Year 2 for 100% attendance!

- **Weekly trophies for Week 2**.....were won as follows:-
 Spellings – Year 6
 Homework – Year 5
 Singing – Year 3
 Mental Maths – Year 2
 Attendance – Year 2
- **Parking**.....I have received several complaints from local residents this week. These concern cars blocking the gates to the church, car engines running whilst parent/carers wait for their child at home time and loud music playing. Please may I remind you of the need to park considerately and with due regard for the residents. Thank you.
- **Punctuality and Absences**.....the procedure for reporting absence is:
 - notify school by phone/e-mail/in person on the first morning of absence
 - send a letter to me detailing the reason for the absence, on the first morning of return to school
 For hospital appointments I only need to have a copy of the appointment.
- **Head lice**.....please remember to 'once a week, take a peek' and keep **all** long hair tied back so we can eliminate the transfer of lice.
- **Plimsolls**.....for the safety of the children in PE it is important that their plimsolls fit properly. Please would you check that this is the case for your child? Plimsolls, like all uniform, need to be named – www.easy2name.com sells a variety of name tapes.
- **Non Competitive Sports**.....we are looking forward to an enjoyable afternoon on Thursday when everyone will be participating in a range of fun activities designed to promote teamwork and friendship. You are most welcome to join us from 1:20pm onwards.....
 Please may I remind you that our Policy on photography is **no** phones/cameras etc. can be used on the school site at any time. This is for the safety of all our children and staff. Thank you.
- **Performing Arts**..... congratulations to Spencer (Y4) who has been selected by Mr Fipps circus to develop his love of stage craft into circus skills.

- **Holiday Club**.....will be open on Monday, 30th October from 7:45am – 4:30pm
- **“What did you do at school today?”**.....how often do you ask that question and receive “nothing” as the reply?! Possibly quite often!
May I suggest you try one of the following questions as a lead into a more informative discussion....
 - What did you learn today that surprised you?
 - Did you make any good mistakes today?
-How did you learn from them?
 - What did you do today that made your brain grow?
 - How did you help someone else stretch their brain power?

I hope it works for you! In addition, your child’s Curriculum Sheet – as detailed on his/her Class page of the website – provides information on the topics being studied in the Autumn Term

Dates for your Diary.....

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| Thursday, 28th September | 8:40am FHS Meeting – Plans for fundraising 2017/18! |
| Wednesday, 4th October | Consultation Day for parents/carers of children in Reception – to request an appointment to meet with Miss Skinner it is necessary to fill in the form sent home last week and return it to school ASAP. |
| Friday, 13th October | 2:15 Maths Cub for parents/carers of Year 5 to find out more about the methods used to teach maths in Year 5. |
| Monday, 9th October | Writes photographers in school for individual photographs. Younger siblings are welcome for their photo at 9:30am (in the Hall) |
| Thursday, 12th October | Harvest Festival 10:45am in the Hall. |

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