

News Flier.....

Wednesday, 4th October, 2017
Week 5

- **Friends of Huttoft School (FHS)**.....following the Meeting last Thursday an extensive variety of activities are now planned with the joint aims of raising money and giving the children fun! A flier is on its way but ahead of it:- Tuesday 10th October at the gate between 2:15pm and 3:15pm there will be a Cake Sale. This is to raise funds for Macmillan. Please support the FHS by baking and buying at their stall!
Commencing Tuesday, 12th December there will be a 'Christmas Week' stall-a-day at the gate between 2:15pm and 3:15pm. This is to raise funds for additional playground furniture that the children have asked for.
Monday, 18th December is Film Afternoon for the children from 2:45pm – 4:45pm, £5 a ticket.....an ideal chance for you to have an extended shopping spree whilst your child(ren) is being entertained and cared for!
Friday, 12th January is Disco Evening.....
- **World Mental Health Day**....please note this should have read Tuesday 10th October in last week's Newsletter. For £1.00 the children may wear a yellow accessory (or several) with their school uniform. Mental Health is not just about feeling bad, sad or ill. It's also about how we cope and look after ourselves. In school we promote the development of coping strategies – through staying calm, speaking to a friend, breathing exercises, focussing 'on now', telling an adult.
- **Trophies last week**....were won by:-
Homework – Year Reception
Mental Maths – Year 2
Singing – Year 2
Spellings – Year 5
Attendance – Year 4
The latter came down to punctuality last week:- i.e. children being in class at 8:35am and therefore not late.
Overall, the school's attendance data for Week 4 was 96.24% - that's a statistic to be very pleased with! We seek to be at least 95%.
- **Hearing Aid batteries**....the Health Authority have asked for the following information to be relayed: for new batteries the hospital's audiology must be contacted.

- **Query Crew Autumn Term 2017**....congratulations to Charlie Hart, Jake, Jessica and Skyla who have been voted in as this term's representatives. The QC is like a School Council. I am looking forward to working with this term's Crew – we met on Monday and they shared a number of great ideas about how they'd like to further improve our school, support our local community and contribute to world needs. I'm sure you will be pleased to be part of their ideas as they unfold
- **Nursery Sessions - Modular Blocks**.....thank you very much to all of you for adjusting to the new system so readily. Mrs Denton and I feel the 'one-start' is really beneficial to the children. Since the introduction of this system, our Childcare Contracts of 2012 are now no longer valid – our website's Nursery page details the new arrangements if you are in any doubt.
- **Supporting learning at home**....just a reminder that the Learning Zone of our website has a wealth of useful websites for Phonics, Maths, English etc.
- **Keeping our children healthy**.....the Department of Health recommends children have at least 180 minutes of being physically active every day in order to: improve cardiovascular health, contribute to a healthy weight, improve bone health, support the learning of social skills and develop movement and co-ordination. Activities can be of any intensity (light or more energetic) and 'at home' suggestions include riding a bike, using a climbing frame, running and chasing games, walking/skipping to local places, swimming. For babies time spent on their stomach and rolling/playing on the floor are suggested. At school every class has a regular PE programme and two daily playtimes. PE has been in the children's top subject survey for the past 5 years, and lessons are participated in with much enthusiasm. We seek to make PE part of life-long learning in our children.
- **Anti-bullying workshop for Year 5**.....takes place on Thursday 5th October. It is aimed at equipping the children with the skills and confidence to recognise, prevent and deal with bullying, harassment and discrimination. As the only primary school in Lincolnshire involved in this government initiated programme to tackle homophobic, biphobic, and transphobic bullying, our Year 5 children will become anti-bullying ambassadors – a role they will carry into Year 6 and beyond, in preparation for life ahead. You may have seen our 'Different Families, Same Love' posters around the school – acknowledgement that no two families have to be the same. An important part of the project for our Year 5 children is to present an Assembly to the school – further details to follow.

- **Traffic cones outside the Church**.....once again I've been asked to remind you not to move the cones along the verge of the church. They have been put there to keep vehicles off the grass.
- **Milk for Year 4/5/6 with school lunch**.....as I'm sure the children have told you, I regularly offer a carton of milk with the meal. This is not part of the price you pay for your child's meal – it is an 'optional extra', which I am very pleased to provide and to see the popularity of it.
- **100% Attendance 2016/17**.....Emily Rigarlsford. Sorry Emily, your name wasn't included in the previous Newsletter list – congratulations to you!
- **Uniform**.....I am pleased to inform you all that finally, we have had a Trutex delivery arrive! We now have 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and XXS in red cardigans and jumpers and black sweatshirts and joggers in stock!
- **Updates to Year 2 pupil information**....please could I remind parents/carers of Year 2 children to forward to the office as soon as possible, the forms sent home last week – even if there are no changes to be made. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary.....

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| Wednesday, 4th October | Consultation Day for parents/carers of children in Reception. Appointments have now been issued. |
| Monday, 9th October | Writes photographers in school for individual photographs. Younger siblings are welcome for their photo at 9:30am (in the Hall) |
| 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. |
| Thursday, 12th October | Harvest Festival 10:45am in the Hall. |
| Thursday, 12th October | Our first inter-school competition for 17/18 takes place after school – Cross Country. Team letters have been issued – Good luck to all our teams! |

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