

News Flier.....

Wednesday, 13th December, 2017
Pre-Christmas Week 2

- **Pantomime.....**this Friday! Every child from Year Reception – Year 6 and all their staff will be attending the Embassy Theatre, Skegness on Friday morning to watch Aladdin. We will be travelling on three 'double decker' buses. This will be a very exciting experience for the children and I can assure you they will all be very well looked after throughout. The cost is £10 per child – the school is subsidising the cost of the coaches. If you haven't already forwarded your £10 it can be paid as cash or on ParentPay.
- **Christingle Celebrations**we are looking forward to welcoming you to one or both of these occasions tomorrow morning, in the Hall. The times are 9:45 for parents/carers of Juniors, 10:45 for parents/carers of Infants. Each celebration should last about 30 minutes. Some of our instrumental players will be playing carols in the Junior one.
- **Pottery Christmas decoration baubles**the children have learned about the glazing and firing processes during the painting of their design. Your child's bauble is available to purchase for £5, at the office. Included in the price is a percentage for the schools funds. Everyone from 'pre-school' in Nursery through to Year 6 has made one.
- **Lovelle Estate Agents Christmas Art Competition.....**we submitted 20 entries for this – five from each of the junior classes and we wiped the board with winners! This competition was open to all the local primary schools and we took all the three top places! Isla in Year 3 was the overall winner, second place was Hadyn and third place Josh Kingham - both from Year 4. Isla won £75, Hadyn £50 and Josh £30! What a start to your Christmas you three -very well done indeed, your Winter Wonderland designs captivated the judges!
In addition the school has secured funding for an extension to the Tyre Park, something Year 6 had on their wish list for fund raising for this academic year! So, we are winners all round! A fantastic outcome!
- **Attendance last week.....**overall attendance for the school last week reached 97% - an excellent figure! Well done everyone! Year 6 won the trophy for the week.

- **Mrs Heald.....**our new Year 6 teacher spent yesterday afternoon meeting the children. Her strengths are in Maths and Science and she has been subject leader for both in her previous schools. She will teach Year 6 Monday – Thursday; I will continue teaching them on Fridays.
- **Primary Maths Challenge 2017....**Zack (Y6) achieved Bronze level in this national challenge for more able mathematicians– apologies Zack, for omitting your name last week.
- **Weekly Spellings.....**the next spelling list will be issued on 18th or 19th December for testing the first week back next term.
- **End of term Assessment Data Reports.....**will be issued over the next few days for every child from Year 1 upwards. These termly Reports include Target data for the summer, the data for the end of this term as well as information about attendance, attitude to learning, effort and behaviour.
- **Ofsted Report 2017.....**is published this week. We secured 'good' in two out of the five categories – Nursery/Reception (EYFS) and children's Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare. The other categories have been graded as 'requires improvement'. I'm sure you will, like us be somewhat disappointed by an overall outcome of 'requires improvement' – as this means our school only meets Ofsted categories satisfactorily. Achievement and attainment in Maths is identified as the main issue and this threads through the Report. Some of the inspectors' comments during the two days are celebrated in the Report - those areas we consider to be at the very heart of our school i.e. the care we give the children, our wide and varied curriculum, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC), the preparation we give the children for life ahead and their behaviour in and around the school all within a happy, calm and friendly environment. The governors and I know that all those elements are ones you value highly and you regularly tell us you see them reflected in your children's development. The Report refers to 'middle leaders' – in a school this size middle leaders comprises of all the teaching staff. We have been working closely over several years to raise the standards achieved in Maths and we have already begun to use the inspection outcomes to further this work. Interestingly in this County, SMSC has been identified as a weak area and yet our Inspection team said this was an area of strength at Huttoft Primary School. You can access the Report via the Ofsted website, our website or as a paper copy.

- **Sport's Partnership weekly activities Spring Term 2018.....**
Year 6 Hockey with Mr Kirkham
Ms Breen Fridays (for all classes)
Year 4 and Year 5 Football Coaching with an ESFA coach
Year 5/6 Girls (only) After School Football Club (Mondays 2:45pm – 3:30pm)
- **Tiny Tofts.....**moves to Wednesday afternoons for next term 1:50pm – 2:40pm. We welcome Parents/Carers and their pre-school child/ren to this "Stay and Play" opportunity with Mrs Whitehouse. First session Wednesday 3rd January i.e. the first day of term.
- **Thank-you....**for your terrific support at our Plays over the past week. It's been a real pleasure to have such enthusiastic audiences and to see every child making their contribution to their play – such team work, such a family feel.....
- **Instrumental lessons.....**take place on Tuesday 19th December. The £50 per instrument cost for the Spring Term is due on or before Friday 5th January 2018.
- **December/January Birthdays...**I will be celebrating the birthdays that fall between 18th and 31st December (inclusive)in Assembly on Monday 18th December. Those that fall between 1st and Sunday 14th January will be celebrated on Monday 8th January.
- **Annual Christmas Activity Afternoon....**during this afternoon all the children will be taking part in some Christmassy activities organised by the Query Crew and helped with by all Year 6. This is always a popular afternoon amongst the children and I'm always impressed by the wide variety of activities the Query Crew come up with for the children to participate in.

Dates for your Diary.....

Friday 15th December	Pantomime morning!
Monday 18th December	Film Night 2:45pm – 4:45pm, £5 per ticket – price includes a lucky bag. Children can bring a cushion/blanket from home if they wish.
Tuesday 19th December	Last Day of term
Wednesday 3rd January	Spring Term 2018 begins

Community News.....

Wednesday 13th December	Carol Singing in Huttoft with Alford Silver Band 7:30pm
Wednesday 20th December	Crib and Carol Service 2:30pm Huttoft Village Hall

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