

News Flier.....

**Autumn Term
Week 1**

- **Welcome to the new school year!.....**I'm sure you'll all have had an enjoyable summer break and I hope feel refreshed and ready for another busy term. We all look forward to hearing about the activities the children have been involved in.
- **Our staff news items include.....**warmest congratulations to Mrs Wood – who gave birth to Rory on 31st July, and to Miss Skinner – who we need to remember to call 'Mrs Hobson' following her marriage. Mrs Crouch will return to school following a spell of ill health and Miss Warsap will be working alongside Mrs Stow in the office. As you know I will continue as Headteacher on Tuesdays and Fridays commencing in the second week of term ahead of my retirement on 31st December. Mrs Osborne will be acting Headteacher on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She will teach Year 5 on Tuesdays, Fridays and most of Wednesdays. Mrs Crouch will teach Year 5 on Mondays, Thursdays and up to 11am on Wednesdays. Matters you would have traditionally shared with me as Headteacher – via messages/phone calls/appointments etc – you should continue to do so on Tuesdays and Fridays but on the other days please share them with Mrs Osborne who will be glad to help you. Our staff Safeguarding Leads remain as before as myself, Mrs Denton and Mrs Osborne. The process of appointing a new Headteacher is in the capable hands of our Governing Body, working with a Headteacher Recruitment Agency. It is anticipated that an appointment will be made for 1st January 2020. Please rest assured that the Governors, Mrs Osborne and I, as the School's Leadership Team will continue to serve the school community in the very best way we can.
- **Looking back to the end of last term...**it was a great pleasure to present our annual Year 6 trophies at Farewell Year 6. Most of these trophies have been given to the school by past pupils so part of my pleasure comes as memories. Congratulations to our trophy winners. Amelie-Ferne – RE, Ami – Mental Maths, Archie – Achievement, Corey – PE, Daisy – Citizenship, Erin – Literacy, Harry – History/Geography, Isabelle – Art and Design, Kai R – Maths, Kiaron – Science, Lacey – French, Lily – DT, Maddy – Attainment, Matthew – IT, Olivia – Music. We send our very best wishes to all 'Year 6 2019' as they start at their secondary schools this week. The picture you gave is now in the Foyer for us to 'see' you every day. And I'd like to take this opportunity of saying 'thank you' to you for the very generous gift you gave me for the garden.

- **Literacy Links Poetry Performances.....**were a resounding success on the last Wednesday of term. Held on the outdoor stage, all the children took part in their class's dramatization of a narrative poem – presenting with confidence and style and demonstrating very effective communication skills.
- **Summer Uniform.....**may be worn right up to and including 30th September. Coats are not a requirement until the winter uniform comes in on 1st October. Huttoft Primary School gilets can be worn all year – they are available to purchase from the office.
- **Thanks to your great generosity.....**over the Summer Holidays we have been able to purchase a new dishwasher for the Hall, have the school bell repaired, have new sunblinds upstairs, purchase Monster Phonics for the Infants, start the orchard at the Anderson Shelter, establish the Mud Kitchen in Nursery, refurbish the Niall Trail and purchase iPads for Year 4. Wow! There's something for everyone there!
- **Changes to our 'Meet and Greet' service...**in line with recommendations from a number of external agencies mostly in respect of safeguarding our children Governors asked me to review our procedure which I have now done and this is how it will be commencing on Wednesday 4th September when Mrs Osborne will be there to welcome you.
 - ❖ Parents/carers of Reception and Nursery children will continue our practice of taking their children directly into class between 8:15am - 8:35am.
 - ❖ Children travelling on Grayscroft/Call Connect transport will continue with lining up at the gate and leading into school when instructed by me or Mrs Osborne.
 - ❖ Parents/carers of children in Year 1 will be able to take their children in to class between 8:15am – 8:35am up to and including Friday 13th September.
 - ❖ Parents/carers of almost all the other children (Year 1 – Year 6) will no longer be able to come through the gate.
 - ❖ Myself or Mrs Osborne will stand just inside the gate (instead of outside it) and the school's responsibility for your children will commence there. Mrs Taylor will be waiting just inside the children's entrance to the building to ensure safety in and around the main corridor, Mr Irving will do the same near the path down to the Meaker Suite to ensure safety there and one of the Meaker Suite staff will do the same near the Year 1 canopy. If we feel it is necessary we will deploy the Year 6 Lunch Teams to help the Year 1's and Year 2's to class.
 - ❖ Those of you joining us for Assemblies on a Monday morning or Tiny Tofts on a Friday morning will need to wait at the gate until it is opened – just like you always have for Class Assemblies and other events.
 - ❖ Those of you who 'drop and wave' your children in to school will need to choose to either use the car park and walk your child to the gate or allow him/her to walk up to the gate independently.

- ❖ As always, children arriving after 8:35am will access school, via the main front door where a signing in system operates to confirm registration of the child/children. We ask that parents/carers attend with their child to sign on these occasions.
- ❖ All messages will now need to be either handed in to the Office as a letter in an envelope, or emailed in to 'office@huttoft.lincs.sch.uk' or phoned in.

Whilst I'm sure some of you will be disappointed in this change to our long-standing procedure I am certain that together we can make it work in the best interests of all our children which includes an improvement to a prompt, 8:35am start to lessons/activities. And remember.....we have our refurbished School Bell to mark 8:35am each day! I look forward to seeing you all next week.

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