



Withernsea Primary School



‘All- Aspire and Love Learning’

April 2017

Newsletter

We will shortly be reaching the end of the Spring Term. Another busy term has come to an end and lots of learning has taken place. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting their children with their learning. Our lines of enquiry for next term are –

Year 1 – Are all countries the same? (Disney film sets providing the inspiration – Frozen, Lion King and Little Mermaid).

Year 2 – What was it like to live in a Castle?

Year 3 – How does the countryside shape our lives? (A food and farming focus).

Year 4 – Who were the Vikings?

Year 5 – How and why does the coastline change?

Year 6 – Are we fit for life in the 21st Century?

So lots of new learning to look forward to, hopefully after a restful Easter break – with chocolate!!

School Website

We have updated our website – please go and have a look – hopefully it is clearer and includes lots of useful information. We think it's a good improvement and update from our previous website.

Anti-Bullying Questionnaire

We completed this with pupils in year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Year 2 we looked at friendships with the pupils and identified pupils who would benefit from support in the summer term.

Pupils had a new design of questionnaire to answer - they told us they liked it as they could tick more boxes and it was easy to fill out.

Most incidents weren't bullying. (Bullying is where someone persistently mistreats someone over a period of time). Instead it was falling out and disagreements – these had occurred within the week the questionnaire was filled out.

Most problems were one person to one person; most children had told someone and said they had help with the problem.

Name calling was the most common problem – we will follow that up in class circles and assemblies - don't say things to others that you wouldn't like to be said to you - generally is a good rule to go by.

We also looked at bystanders and what they do – the vast majority of children said they would go to get help and wouldn't join in.

Next term we will repeat the questionnaire but focus on the differences between falling out and bullying.

Internet Safety

Please can parents check what their child/children are accessing especially through phones and tablets. We have had several examples of inappropriate language and sexualized comments that we think are coming from what pupils are seeing and hearing on the internet. Children will be naturally curious and try to look for age inappropriate material just to see what they can find. Unfortunately sometimes they do find things that are not appropriate for them.

Share aware

The NSPCC has an excellent website to help parents keep their children safe online.

It is aimed at parents of children aged 8 - 12 years old. It is to help you understand online safety and to have conversations with your child/ren about keeping safe.

The website directs parents to a range of resources including Net Aware, a guide for parents to the social networks, sites and apps which children use.

'Once a week take a peek'

Head Lice reminder



Headlice will still be around during the Easter holiday and some children will bring them back into school. If all parents are vigilant and adopt the 'Once a week take a peek' and treat as necessary, it keeps this problem down to a minimum. However, in order to be effective everyone needs to do this. Please ensure one night each week you have a look and a check your child's hair so we avoid getting lots of head lice problems – thank you. DO NOT stop doing this and always assume headlice are around somewhere in school.

Attendance notifications

Mrs Hollingsworth needs to ensure our attendance registers are maintained and meet legal requirements.

If your child is absent please let Mrs Hollingsworth know by phone or text and also please respond to any text messages that she sends as it is important we log reasons for absences otherwise they are unauthorised. Please do not dox the teachers as they are teaching and may not check their messages before Mrs Hollingsworth is texting and chasing up reasons. The teachers also presume that the office already know and in some cases that is not the situation. Please stick to the absence reporting system that is in place – thank you.

Attendance for March

We have a school target of 95% + overall to reach.

Thank you for good attendance and congratulations to Mrs Lindgren's class – 6RL (**97.0%**) for very impressive attendance during the month of March. Pupils who have free school meals have a 1% lower attendance rate than the rest of the school – so we hope that their attendance can improve and be the same as the rest of the school.

Class	Percentage	Class	Percentage
F2CG – Miss C Good	93.5%	3ML – Mr M Lindgren	95.3%
F2AB – Miss A Brown	94.6%	4CC – Mr C Cundy	96.1%
F2SN – Mrs S Noble	93.4%	4CW – Mrs C Wright	95.3%
1TS – Mrs D Thomson / Miss E Smith	93.7%	4FS – Miss F Seager	95.9%
1ST – Mrs E Sansam / Mrs D Thomson	95.7%	5RE – Mrs R Egan	95.1%
1JT – Miss J Teall	96.8%	5JW – Mr J Welbourn	96.1%
2HT – Mrs H Todd	95.6%	5KB – Mrs K Banks	96.4%
2TK – Mrs T Knight	96.0%	6EA – Miss E Atwood	95.3%
2BK – Mrs C Bagnall / Mrs S Kemp	94.5%	6RL – Mrs R Lindgren	97.0%
3LF – Mrs L Feeney	94.3%	6LH – Miss L Harrison	96.3%



Easter Activities

Foundation and Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2)

Our Easter Activity mornings which parents/carers are invited to attend are as follows:-

Foundation Stage Easter crafts on Tuesday 4 April – 9.15 – 10.15 am in the South hall for - F1 morning children plus Miss Good's class.

Foundation Stage Easter crafts on Tuesday 4 April – 1.30 – 2.30 pm in the South hall for F1 afternoon children plus Miss Brown and Mrs Noble's class

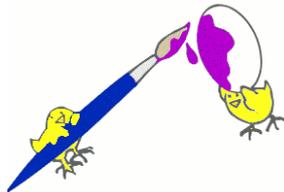


Y1 Easter Crafts on Thursday 6 April – 9.15 – 10.15 am in the South hall
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Y1 will be having an Easter egg hunt on Friday 7 April.

(Years 2 - 6)

Years 2 to Year 6 will be having a decorated egg competition with the theme of – Eggs and Science! There is plenty of time to get some good ideas - there will be prizes for each year group. The eggs should be created at home and brought into school in the morning on Thursday 6 April to be judged.



Easter egg raffle (Years 2 - 6)

We have started collecting Easter eggs for our annual Easter egg raffle where the children can buy raffle tickets to win the eggs. The tickets are on sale priced 20p per ticket. Any donations of eggs will be much appreciated and can be taken to either the office in the North building or the office in the South building – many thanks. The draw takes place during an assembly on the last day before the Easter break.



Start of the school day

Staff will go out onto the playground for the start of the school day just after 8.40 am. A second bell will go at 8.45 am - this is to signal the start of the school day. Please make sure that children are at school on time. Please do not send children unduly early to school. We accept responsibility for children at 8.45 am; until then they are their parent's responsibility and it is not appropriate for them to be on the playground unsupervised earlier in the morning. We do have a breakfast club that is open from 7.45 am until 8.45 am – if you would like to use it please contact us via the school office.



Year 6 SATS - week commencing 8 May 2017

Year 6 will sit the SATs tests that are based on the new 2015 national curriculum. This new national curriculum has higher expectations than the old national curriculum and there has been a change in how the results are reported.

Samples of the new SATs papers were available at parents evening. Year 6 teachers are happy to show parents at the end of the day if you would like to see how the requirements of the papers have changed from previous years.

In previous years an average expectation for a Year 6 child would have been Level 4 (4C, 4B, 4A). This year, results will be reported as a scaled score (a number between 70 and 130). The average will be 100 and this will equate to around the old Level 4A

There will no longer be a level 6 paper but instead harder questions within the main paper to take account of this and test the higher performers. Some children previously working above average may now be working at around average and those at average may now be slightly below. Obviously we are working really hard with the children to ensure they have the necessary knowledge, skills and understanding to feel confident with these new tests. Other year groups are also working towards the new expectations as well.

Key Stage One SATs

These too are based around the new national curriculum and have higher expectations. These too no longer report scores as levels but children will get a scaled score from between 80 - 120 with 100 being the national average, again this will equate to higher than the old Level 2C - 2A range.

All exam papers will be marked and given marks but the table which converts the marks to scaled scores will not be available until July so children will receive their results in their school reports at the end of the year. If you aren't sure about the results, which are only in their second year, there will be an end of year open evening and an opportunity to chat to the teacher about them.

Road Safety Awareness

It has come to our attention recently that a number of pupils, particularly from years 5 and 6, have been acting in an unsafe manner on the roads and pavements outside of the school gates.

On our site we ask that children push bikes/scooters due to the large numbers of parents, small children, buggies, etc. but once off site we appreciate that children will want to ride their bikes or scooters to travel home. However, we would like to ask parents for their support in reminding their child that they must be careful as pupils have been observed shooting out from between stationary cars and running diagonally across the zebra crossing without waiting to be told. Not only is this behaviour unsafe but it sets a very poor example to the younger children.

We have a zebra crossing and school crossing guard and we ask that pupils please use this appropriately and wait to cross when instructed. Our junior road safety officers do a lot of road safety education and promote messages to all pupils – can parents reinforce this message – thank you.

Date for your diary

Class group photographs to be taken on – Friday 5 May 2017



Term Dates – 2016/2017

Spring Term 2017

Close Friday 7 April at **2.20 pm**

Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 7 April.

Summer Term 2017

Open - Tuesday 25 April

Close for May Day - Monday 1 May

Close for half term - Friday 26 May

Re-open - Monday 5 June

Close - Tuesday 25 July at **2.20 pm**

Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Tuesday 25 July.

Term Dates – 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

Open Tuesday 5 September

School closed on Friday 6 October – Training day

Close for half term – Friday 27 October

Re-open – Monday 6 November

Close – Friday 22 December at **2.20 pm**

Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on – Friday 22 December.

Spring Term 2018

Open Tuesday 9 January

Close for half term – Friday 9 February

Re-open Monday 19 February

Close Friday 23 March at **2.20 pm**

Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 23 March.

Summer Term 2018

Open - Tuesday 10 April

Close for May Day - Monday 7 May

Close for half term - Friday 25 May

Re-open - Monday 4 June

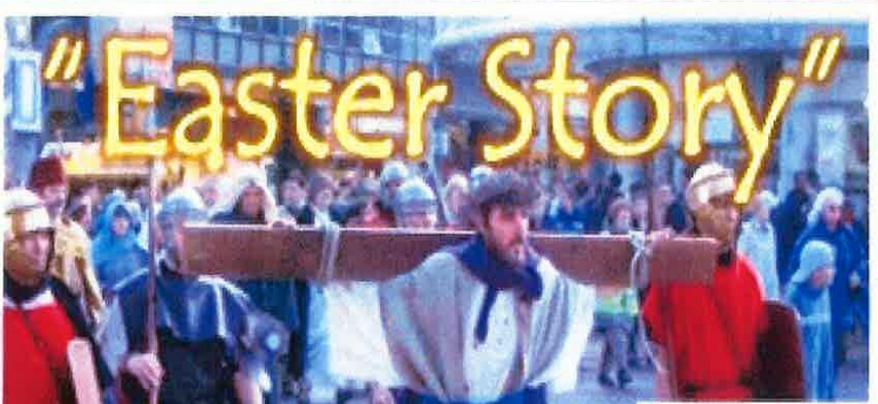
Close – Friday 20 July at **2.20 pm**

Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 20 July.



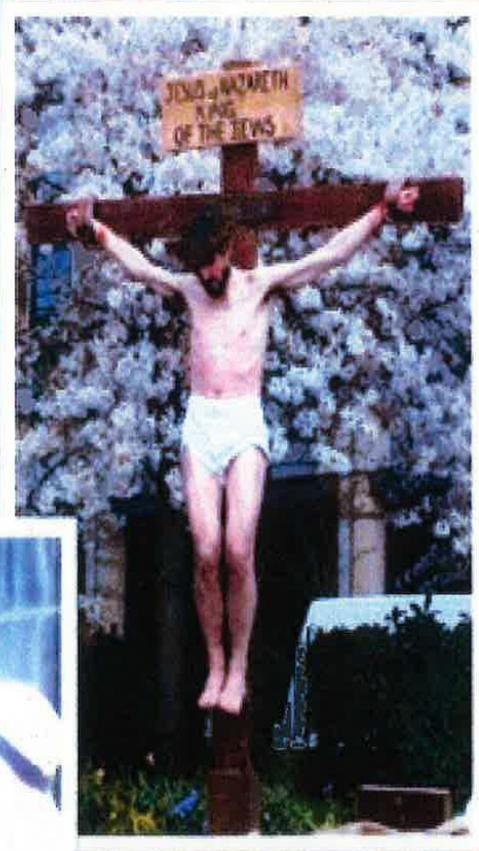
*Discover the real story of Easter
in our outdoor Passion Play*

"Easter Story"



**Starts 2pm Saturday 8th April
Valley Gardens, Withernsea**

**Starts 2pm Sunday 9th April
Market Hill Hedon**



FREE
& refreshments at end

