



Withernsea Primary School



‘ALL- Aspire and love learning’

September 2017 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a good Summer holiday and have returned refreshed and ready for a new school year. We welcome new staff and also new children to our school and hope that they have a happy experience with us.

Our school vision continues to be:-

**ALL –
Aspire
Love
Learning**



We hope that parents can support this ideal and support their children in their learning and hopes and dreams for the future.

Each year group bases their learning around a line of enquiry.
This term's lines of enquiry are

- Year 1 – Have our toys always been the same?
- Year 2 – Why is the sea so important to animals and humans?
- Year 3 – Who were the best - Romans or Celts?
- Year 4 – Why should we protect rainforests?
- Year 5 – What is British culture?
- Year 6 – Would there have been a World War 2 if Adolf Hitler had not existed?

We hope it makes learning more meaningful and relevant for our children. Much of our work will focus on these big questions but there will be smaller fortnightly lines of enquiry that build up over the term. Parent's evenings are on 26 and 28 September - we look forward to seeing everyone. Appointment slips will be sent out shortly.

Behaviour/Attitudes to learning

We will continue to award children dojo points. Parents will be able to see when their child achieves dojo points via the dojo app. Classes will agree awards for reaching certain milestone points with their new teachers.

Senior managers will also reward children with stickers for good attitudes and positive hardworking approaches to their work. We will continue to reward certificates in celebration assemblies every Friday.

If pupils make poor choices they will be given negative dojo points which parents will be aware of; if it becomes a continued problem we will ensure parents are informed and we will work with you to ensure your child is able to start to make more positive choices over their behavior.

School Attendance



School attendance is extremely important. Days off mean learning opportunities are lost and we can never have that time back again. We work hard in school to promote good attendance and therefore reward good and excellent attendance.

Persistent attendance classification is any attendance below 90%. Attendance below 90% means children will have missed nearly 4 weeks off in a school year. It is really important that children do not fall below the 90%. Last year we had 60 children who were persistently absent and had attendance below 90%, so this is clearly an area we need to improve upon and we need parents/carers help to do this.

If you have any queries or problems regarding attendance do come and talk to Mrs Heath or Miss Leech so we can work together. If a child is clearly unwell and needs to stay off, just let us know - if they have a minor complaint and you are uncertain please bring them to school – we can always contact you if they become worse but it is best to try and come wherever possible!

We no longer have the statutory powers to authorise holidays. Exceptional Circumstances forms are available from the school office in the South building.

Premises updates

We strive to provide high quality learning for all our children and constantly try to make improvements to our environment. We are really proud of how the school looks and work hard to maintain this. A huge thank you to our Premises manager and Caretaker as they have been busy building



enhancements for the classrooms to support learning including - boats, castles and Roman forts! They have also revamped the pond area outside the North building entrance and installed two smaller ponds and re-landscaped the area – it looks much improved and more user friendly as a potential learning resource.

South building – rebuild or refurbish?

There have been various surveys conducted over the whole site during July and August and we await final confirmation of the way forward in September and will keep parents updated.

Out of School Child Care

Breakfast club is available for all children from 7.45 - 8.45 am for £2.50 per session. Sessions do need to be booked in advance – for further details please enquire at the the school office.



Dropping off and picking children up

Foundation children, Year 1 and Year 2 children must be collected from school by an adult or a person 16 years and over.

If parents have children in both buildings, the oldest child should be dropped off and collected first. Y1 and Foundation Stage teachers are aware of these arrangements; we will keep children until parents arrive – thank you.

Year 1 and Year 2 teachers request that they bring children out and check they are handed over to an adult – please be patient as this takes a couple of minutes but we want to keep them safe.

Year 3 upwards – as they are a bit older the children come out of their nearest pupil entrance - please make your end of day expectations clear to your child/ren so they know who is meeting them and where to meet them. We tell children to report to the staff on duty on the playground or return to their teacher if whoever is meeting them is not where they expect them to be.



Tuck Shop Menu

Years 1 and 2 receive fruit and vegetables as a snack and do not need to bring any money.

Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 may bring some money to purchase a snack from the North hall kitchen at morning playtime – (see menu/prices further on in the newsletter so parents can decide on an appropriate amount of money). Those year groups can also bring in fruit or a cereal bar from home and eat it in the hall during morning break. Please keep it separate from the packed lunch boxes as children don't have access to these at morning break.



Universal / Free School Meals

If you are eligible for Free School Meals or your family circumstances change and you become eligible, please make sure that you claim. Your child would have the option of taking a free meal, as Pupil Premium paid into schools is based on the number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals.

This will directly affect the money paid into school to spend on staffing and resources. In these stringent economic times every penny counts and it is important we have the money which school is entitled to have to best support our children. If you look on our school website it goes into detail about how we spend our Pupil Premium money and also the impact and the difference it is making.

The Government currently fund free school meals for children in Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 2. **From Year 3 upwards children must pay for meals unless entitled to receive free school meals. The cost per week is £10.50, £2.10 per day.**

Healthy Schools Page



School dinners

Menus will go out for the start of term. You can order dinners on a daily basis; please ensure they are paid for each day. The cost of school meals for children in Years 3 - 6 are £2.10 per day / £10.50 per week. (Please make cheques payable to Withernsea Primary School) – thank you.

Children in F2, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to receive Universal Free School Meals.



Water bottles

We have cooled water for children available all day. Y3 – Y6 children are able to purchase water bottles from the school at a cost of 30p, or if they prefer they can bring one from home. Foundation Stage – Y2; class teachers make provision for the children.

Please, no other liquids – just water.



Site regulations

To support Health and Safety and keeping children safe, parents are reminded the school is a no smoking site (this includes e cigarettes); also please do not bring dogs, (except guide dogs), or other animals on to the school site – thank you for helping with this.



The school Drive

Pupils are welcome to scooter or cycle to school but please remember to walk these up and down the school drive - it is very busy with lots of little ones and bikes and scooter at speed would be too dangerous.



Headlice reminder

Back to school usually means headlice return as well. If all parents are vigilant and adopt our 'Once a week - take a peek' and treat as necessary, it helps 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 so we avoid getting lots of headlice problems.



Staff updates

We welcome Mrs Buss and Mrs Graham as new teachers to our school. We also welcome new support staff – Miss Jones, Mrs Weekes, Mrs Jolley and Miss Harrison. We are delighted to welcome them all to Withernsea Primary School and hope everyone makes them feel very welcome.

Congratulations to both Mrs Egan and Mrs Knight on their forthcoming maternity leaves. Mrs Egan will be leaving in the Autumn term so Mrs Graham will take her class straight away in September to ensure continuity of learning for the children. Mrs Knight will be commencing her maternity leave in the Spring term - further updates will be provided then.

We are also working as partners to the Wolds Teaching School Alliance and Hull University and have a School Direct teaching placement student – Miss Thomas.

Miss Thomas will be with us for the academic year 2017 - 2018 and we hope she has an excellent experience at our Primary School.



My internet safety rules



We all have the right to feel safe all the time - and that includes when we are in cyberspace. Just listen to my friends for some sensible advice...



I will not tell anyone things such as my address/telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' or guardians' permission.



I will tell a trusted adult right away if I come across anything that makes me feel uncomfortable.



I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father or guardian along.



I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents or guardian.



I will not respond to any messages that are mean or make me feel uncomfortable. If I receive a message like that, I will tell my parents or guardian right away so that they can contact the online service.



I will talk with my parents or guardian so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not break these rules or access other areas without their permission.



I will not download anything from anyone I don't know.

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Keeping children safe

At our school we recognise that your child is our responsibility and concern. We want to work in partnership with you and discuss with you any concerns we may have, or that you may have. It is a priority to inform and involve you at every stage in your child's time at the school. Since the first priority is your child's welfare, there may be rare occasions when our concern about your child means that we have to consult other agencies even before we contact you. The East Riding Safeguarding Children Board has laid down the procedures we follow, and the school has adopted a Child Protection Policy in line with this for the safety of all.

If you want to know more about our procedures, or the policy, please contact Mrs Heath, Home-School Liaison.

Mr Sutherland is the designated Child Protection Co-ordinator.

Mrs Harper is the Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinator.

Mrs V Taylor is the named Governor for Child Protection.

Keeping children safe is all our responsibility. If parents have their own concerns or concerns outside school they need to telephone the East Riding Council switchboard who will then pass them on to trained advisors who can listen to their concerns and provide appropriate advice and/or action.

Forthcoming dates for your diary

- **Individual school photographs – Tuesday 12 September**
Family group photographs by appointment only from 1.15 pm in the South hall. Please ring the South office to book an appointment on 01964 612800 – thank you.
- **Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 September**
(More details to follow on a separate letter).

Term Dates – Academic Year 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

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.

TUCK SHOP – (Years 3 – 6)
MORNING BREAK - PRICE LIST



Cheesy Bagel 35p

Crumpet 35p

Teacake - ½ 35p

Toast - 1 slice 30p

Toast ½ a slice 15p

Milk 40p

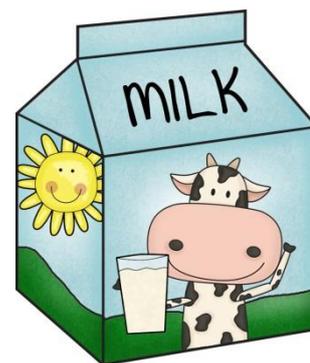
Porridge 35P (Cold weather)

Cornflakes 35P

Orange Squash 15P

Sausage Roll 35p

Pizza slice 35p





Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Operation Encompass

I am writing to let you know about an innovative project in which schools in Humberside are participating. The project, called Operation Encompass, is being run in partnership with Humberside Police.

The project aims to support children who are affected by Domestic Abuse. Being exposed to domestic abuse is distressing for a young person, who can often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or be physically hurt trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported into Humberside Police specialist Police Officers will make contact with the school and communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated and trained school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware before the start of the next school day and can subsequently provide support in a way that means the child feels safe.

Each school has a member of staff (key adult) who has been fully trained to liaise with the Police, when required, and will ensure that necessary support is made available to the child following the disclosure of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates the schools commitment to working in partnership, to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone about the project or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact either: the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mr. Sutherland or the Deputy DSL, Mrs. Harper.

You can also find out more information through accessing the following website:
<http://www.operationencompass.org/>

Yours sincerely,

Angela Harper
Head Teacher

ACC Andy McDyer
Humberside Police