



Newsletter Friday 20th October 2017

Thoughts from a Head Teacher:

What a fantastic start to the new school year it has been! The children settled back into school quickly after the summer holidays and have continued to work hard and challenge themselves to do their very best.

Our Key Stage 2 results for 2017 were the best results the school has ever seen with all the children meeting the expected standard for reading, writing and maths (only 16 schools in the whole county achieved this in 2016). 62% of the children achieved the higher standard in reading and maths, 31% achieved the higher standard in writing and 77% in the spelling, punctuation and grammar. We could not be prouder of the children.

We have had some sporting success already this year with the football team qualifying to play in Hartlepool Schools' Premier League and the tag rugby team getting through to the next round. We have also celebrated achieving the gold Sports Mark award.

We have had a visit from Ofsted and the children and staff really demonstrated the hard work, commitment and passion they have for our school. The inspection report will be released soon and I will let you know when it is available.

Have a fantastic half term.

Mr. Piper

Autumn Fair

The non-uniform day for items for the Autumn Fair was a huge success and as a result, we were able to hold a fantastic tombola stall. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously.

An amazing £1,000.65 was raised at the Autumn Fair. It was fantastic to see so many families supporting this enjoyable event. Thank you to everyone who gave generously to make this fair a massive success and to everyone who helped set up on the afternoon. Below is a list of prize winners:

Food Hamper	Aaron Vaughan	Entrance Raffle	Will & Ted Howell
Chocolates	F. Armstrong	Guess the number of Sweets in the Jar	Scarlett Garthwaite
Wine	Oliver Maddison	Spot the Ball	Owen Joyce
Biscuits	Ammar Turkistani	Guess the Name of the Monkey	Ava Richardson
Phototronics Voucher	Kate Maddison		
£10 WHS voucher	Isaac & Faith Tetlow-Twidale		

Cauliflower Cards

Once again, school is taking part in the very popular Cauliflower Cards project. All pupils create their own Christmas card in school and parents can purchase them. The registration form must be completed by parent/carer and full payment received before the order can be processed.

The orders and full payment must be into school by Thursday 2nd November.

Unfortunately no orders can be taken after this date.

Poppies

From Wednesday 1st November, our children will be selling poppies in school for the Royal British Legion. Any donation will be accepted from 20p upwards.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for attending and supporting our Harvest Festival which was held in Church today. This year the children decided to collect food items and toiletries for St. Joseph's Breakfast Club. This organisation would like us to pass on their sincere thanks for your generosity.

SATs 2018

KS2 (Y6) SATs tests take place week beginning 14th May 2018. Assessments for all other year groups also take place around this time. Please ensure your child is in school.

We feel it would be useful for parents to have a list of dates for school events leading up to Christmas as soon as possible. As you can see, it is going to be another busy half-term, so please keep these dates to hand as we would not want you to miss any of these wonderful events. However, we may have to make some alterations to times and dates and if this is necessary you will be notified via a school newsletter, text or email.

It is therefore very important that all letters are read by parents/guardians.

Friday 20th October: -	School finishes for half-term.
Monday 30th October: -	Pupils return to school.
Monday 31th October:-	Premier League Trophy in school.
Tuesday 31 st October:-	Class 3 at Ripon Museum Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby at West Rugby Club from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.
Wednesday 1 st November:-	Brazilian Soccer School Taster session for all children.
Thursday 2nd November:-	Cauliflower Cards to be returned to school.
Friday 3 rd November:-	Cake and juice sale run by School Council.
Tuesday 7 th November:-	Parents Consultation Evening 3.30 to 5.30pm. Please contact Mrs. Smyth for an appointment.
Wednesday 8 th November:-	Flu Immunisations for Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4
Wednesday 8 th November: -	Parent Consultation Evening 5pm to 6.50pm. Please contact Mrs. Smyth for an appointment.
Wednesday 8 th November: -	Class 1 at Space to Learn from 1pm to 2.30pm.
Friday 10 th November:-	Class 4 Worship at 9am. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.
Wednesday 15 th November: -	Class 3 Worship at 9am. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.
Thursday 16 th November:-	Class 2 visit to Space to Learn.
Saturday 18 th November:-	Penalty Competition At Hartlepool Football Club.
Wednesday 22nd November: -	Class 2 Worship at 9am. Everyone welcome, refreshments will be served afterwards.
Friday 24 th November:-	Class 4 at Borough Hall Snappy Christmas rehearsal am and performance 1pm to 2pm.
Friday 24 th November	Football Tournament at Seaton Domes from 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday 29 th November: -	Class 1 Worship at 9am. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.
Thursday 30 th November:-	Class 4 Carol singing at Morrisons from 2pm to 2.30pm for NSPCC
Monday 4 th December:-	Class 4 Athletics at Manor.
Tuesday 5th December: -	Carols around the Christmas Tree at 3.30pm. Everyone welcome, further information to follow.
Wednesday 6 th December: -	Reception to year 6 pupils at Billingham Forum to see Cinderella
Friday 8th December: -	All the After School Clubs that run till 4pm by staff are finished until January 2017.
Monday 11 th December:-	Class 4 Basketball at Manor.
Tuesday 12 th December:-	Christmas Story Telling evening at 3.15p to 4.15pm for children.
Wednesday 13th December: -	Christmas School Lunch.
Friday 15 th December: -	Early Years Christmas Party in school at 1.10pm.
Tuesday 19 th December:-	Christmas Production at 2pm in school.
Wednesday 20th December:-	Class 2 singing at Stichell House at 1.30pm
Wednesday 20th December: -	Christmas Production at 6pm in school.
Thursday 21 st December: -	Christingle Service in Church at 10am.
Thursday 21st December: -	Children finish for Christmas holidays.
Monday 8 th January 2018	Children return to school.

School Council

On Friday 3rd November, the school council are organizing a cake stall to raise money for toys and games for indoor play. The children will be making cakes to sell priced 50p each and juice will be available priced 20p. Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

Premiership League

On Monday 30th October, we will be having a visit from the Premier League. We have won a competition after being nominated by a parent who registered for the new Premier League Primary Stars Programme. The Premier League will bring the Premier League trophy into school so all the children can have their photographs taken with it. There will also be a special worship for the children and a range of sporting activities and classroom activities based around respect, inspiration and aspiration. Hartlepool United will be joining us to work with the children on these activities.

Attendance Information

From 4th September to 13th October 2017 there have been 113 unauthorised sessions lost to holidays in term time and 122 session lost to sickness. I would like to urge you to consider carefully the number of teaching sessions your child will be missing when booking family holidays. I understand that cost implications play an enormous part. Thank you for your support.