



Houghton School Newsletter

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Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at Saffron Lane last week. A great performance and effort from you all!

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 27th June – Y6 Production at 1:30pm and 7:00pm.

Tuesday 2nd July – Reading Meeting for Parents in FS/Y1/Y2.

Thursday 4th July – SCHOOL DISCO followed by Leavers' Party.

Monday 8th July – Moving Up Day for all classes.

Thursday 11th July – 2:15pm Leavers' Service in Church and END OF TERM.

Wednesday 28th August – First Day of Autumn Term.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Nearly There!....

We are hurtling towards the end of the school year at quite a pace, and as always, despite our best planning, we seem to have so much to fit into these three final weeks. Children continue to have lessons as normal of course, and at the same time we are preparing them – and their classrooms – for the transition next term. We know some pupils find this time stressful, so please talk to us if this affects your child.

At the end of this week, you will be receiving the annual school report for your child, which we hope will

be a summary and a reflection of the achievements and experiences of each individual. Reports take many additional hours of teachers' time, outside the normal working day, so it is important they are valued. Please do remember to complete and return the acknowledgement and comments slip before the end of term. If you have any questions about reports, transition, or any other matters, please pop in to see myself or your child's teacher.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Jan Knox (Headteacher)

Assessments

Over the last few weeks our pupils have undertaken assessments in all classes. Some of the results of these are not yet known, and we will of course let you know once they have been validated; however, we want to say a huge WELL DONE to all our children who have worked hard, approached tests with keen enthusiasm and done their very best. Whatever the results may be, we are proud of them all. ☺



"The miracle isn't that I finished. The miracle is that I had the courage to start."

John Bingham



Houghton School Helpers

The Houghton School Helpers have two more events planned for this term, and we hope we can rely on your support. This coming Friday there will be a Curry & Quiz Night at Houghton Sports Pavilion (tickets on sale each morning), and we will also have our **Summer Discos on Thursday 4th July** (watch out for details this week!). Helpers for the discos particularly, and tickets sales for both events, are gratefully received. In times of immense pressure on school budgets, the money raised by HSH goes a long way to providing some of the little extras that we cannot routinely afford such as subsidies for books, music lessons and equipment, as well as large purchases. We're currently raising money for some outdoor play equipment and toilet refurbishments – both very welcome and much needed!

Twitter

Remember you can see much more of our news and pictures if you follow us on twitter @HoughtonPrimary.



How wonderful to see so many dads, stepdads, grandads and uncles in school for our recent Dads' Afternoon, and also at our school Sports Days. You are always welcome!

School Admissions

We have had a number of applications for places at our school over the last few weeks, and most of our classes are full for next year! The governors of the school have agreed to routinely refuse applications from any children out of catchment if classes are already at 30+; however, parents should be aware that in-catchment applications are almost always successful, even if this means having large classes. Most of our neighboring schools are managing large classes due to increased demand and new housing developments, but we hope at Houghton this will be a short-term 'bulge'. We understand parents' concerns, but assure you that the quality of teaching and education remains high regardless of class size.

We do have spaces in our current Y2 class, so if you are aware of anyone looking for these places, please do let us know.

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Late Collections!

We have a regular group of children who for various reasons are left 'at the fish tank' each afternoon, waiting for parents who are delayed. Whilst we are happy to accommodate this as we understand the difficulty around picking children up at more than one school, we seem to have a growing number of children who are being left for longer and longer. If you are regularly more than a few minutes late, we would ask you to consider using Tea Club as paid childcare as it is unreasonable to ask school to supervise pupils for more than a few minutes. Please do consider this next year.

