



**NORTH FERRIBY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2017**



**Message from Mr Orr**

For some reason the weather seemed to almost forget that it was winter, until suddenly, like a disorganised student, it sprang to life and started shoe-horning all the wintery weather into the final days before spring.

And on one such day two weeks ago we had a visitor from Ofsted, and what followed truly was a testament to all the children, parents and staff of the school. What a wonderful community we have built, because it was a grim day indeed; dark, rainy, cold and miserable! Yet, inside, the school was a wonderful place to be. If staff were stressed they certainly weren't showing it and in fact it was just like any other normal day - which is exactly how it should be of course. The children were fantastic, as they always are, and whilst the sun stayed away outside, it was shining over everything inside.

As you know, we can't tell you the outcome until we have heard from Ofsted officially, but whatever the letter says when it comes I will be proud of this school for all that it achieves. Because despite the pressures forced on us of grades, of judgements, of strategies and of everything else, we manage to stick to our principles and our values. We continue to prepare children for their futures as valuable, resourceful and productive members of our society (and ones who will hopefully remember fondly all the things we did for them and look after us in our old age – we can always hope).

So enjoy the holiday. You have earned it. And I look forward to seeing you safe and well next half term.



**Safety Issue**



Recently, at the end of the school day, KS1 children have been observed running about in the KS2 staff car park and on the grass banks that flank either side of the KS2 driveway whilst their parents/carers are waiting to collect KS2 children.

It is essential that parents/carers stop the children in their care from doing this because, although we endeavour to ensure that the gates at the end of the drive are closed to vehicles at this time, it is still possible that vehicles may be manoeuvring in the car park and along the driveway.

We have the children's safety at heart and hope that you will give us your full support in this respect.

As a reminder the school gates at the end of the driveway are closed every school day between:

**8.40 - 9.10 am and 3.20 - 3.50 pm**

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Year 5/6 Boys' Football League:** the boys have got off to a great start with 3 wins so far. Well done boys!



**Year 3 Dodgeball Tournament:** this was also a success. We took 2 teams one of which reached the semi-finals!

**Trampoline Festival:** for the first time South Hunsley School held a Trampoline Festival and the 8 girls who participated had a lovely time. They were able to have a turn trying all the different things they were shown.

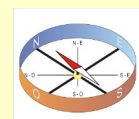


**Year 6 Netball Club:** this will start again after the half-term holiday along with the High Fives Netball League. We are looking forward to what we hope will be another successful netball year!



**Forthcoming Events:**

- ◇ Year 4 Dance Festival
- ◇ Year 4 Benchball Tournament
- ◇ Year 5 Festival of Sport
- ◇ Year 6 High Fives Netball League
- ◇ Cross Country - next round
- ◇ Orienteering - next round



**World Book Day**  
**Thursday 2 March 2017**



We have decided to make a minor change to the way we celebrate World Book Day.

This year each class has chosen a different author or authors. The children will then have the option to come to school on Thursday 2 March dressed as a character from a book written by the author(s) chosen by their particular class.

Please refer to the information letter sent home with your child earlier this week for full details. A copy is also available to view on our website in the Newsletter folder.

Thank you.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017**

Monday 27 February	- School re-opens after half-term
Thursday 2 March	- World Book Day
Friday 24 March	- Reception: Dads' Afternoon
Friday 31 March	- Easter Service
Wednesday 5 April	- School Choir Concert
Thursday 6 April	- School closes for Easter
Friday 7 April	- Teachers' Training Day
Monday 24 April	- Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 25 April	- School re-opens for pupils

**Message from North Ferriby Village**  
**Volunteer Litter Pickers**

May I, on behalf of all the volunteer litter-pickers of the village, request that you remind pupils and their parents of the need to keep the village looking tidy and to take any litter from sweets, drinks etc. home or dispose in the litter bins provided in the vicinity.

With your co-operation we can continue to be proud of the clean environment of our village.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Kitchen



**Notice for All EYFS Parents**

Advance notice of the date and times for future **Your Turn to Learn** sessions:

- Wed 26 April 2.15 - 3.15pm
- Wed 7 June 2.15 - 3.15pm

Please note that parents can take their children straight home at the end of each session.

**School Dinners**



A copy of the new menu for Spring/Summer 2017 has been given to all children and it can also be viewed on our school website on the Home Page where you can click on the Your School Meals icon.

Just a reminder school dinners are £2.20 per meal.

**We now have the facility for parents to pay for school dinners online** but continue to offer the facility to pay with cheques payable to the "ERYC" or cash. If you require information about the online service please contact the school office.

To avoid outstanding balances building up dinner monies should either be paid on a day to day basis OR in advance (weekly, half-termly or termly for your convenience).

Thank you.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS**



Group photographs will be taken on the morning of  
**\*\*\*MONDAY 15 May 2017\*\*\***

This is the day when Classes and Sports Teams are recorded for posterity - all we need are big smiles, clean uniform and clean kits!

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE\*\*\***

**Sainsbury's**

**SAINBURY'S VOUCHERS**

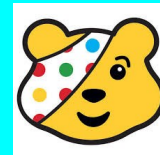


**We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. The voucher scheme will run until May this year....so please help us to collect as many as we can. School can then redeem the vouchers for an array of equipment which we can use for the benefit of the children. Thank you.**

## A HUGE THANK YOU

One of the many things we can be very proud of at North Ferriby Primary School is the support we receive for the various worthy fund raising events and appeals we hold throughout the school year. So far this academic year, with your help, we have raised the following monies:

- ◆ Children in Need (Nov) raised £577.49
- ◆ "Christmas Jumper Day" (Dec) raised £261.12 for Save The Children
- ◆ Christingle Service (Dec) raised £128.53 for the Children's Society
- ◆ Carol singing at the Co-op store (Dec) £192.82 for Cancer Research and DEC Yemen Appeal



**AND** we have had wonderful responses to the following appeals:

- ◆ Harvest Festival for Hull Food Bank
- ◆ Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal
- ◆ Viking FM's Mission Christmas
- ◆ Teddy Bear & Soft Toy Appeal for HERIB
- ◆ Clothing & Equipment Appeal for Esther's School



We would also like to thank all those of you who have collected and continue to collect used postage stamps in aid of **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**

Please remember this appeal for postage stamps runs throughout the year and from year to year so please  
"keep collecting"



## Dates for your Diary

### School Term Dates 2016/2017

#### Spring Term 2016

Friday 17 February	School closes for Half-term
Monday 27 February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 6 April	School closes for Easter
Friday 7 April	Teachers' Training Day

#### Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 April	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 25 April	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 1 May	May Day
Friday 26 May	School closes for Half-term
Monday 5 June	School re-opens for pupils
Tuesday 25 July	School closes for summer

#### Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4 September	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 5 September	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 26 October	School closes for Half-term
Friday 27 October	Teachers' Training Day
Monday 6 November	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 22 December	School closes for Christmas

#### Spring Term 2018

Monday 8 January	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 9 January	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 9 February	School closes for Half-term
Monday 19 February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 22 March	School closes for Easter
Friday 23 March	Teachers' Training Day

#### Summer Term 2018

Monday 9 April	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 7 May	May Day
Friday 25 May	School closes for Half-term
Monday 4 June	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 20 July	School closes for summer

*These dates are provisional and may be subject to change*

## Dates for Sing & Service and Class-Led Worship

March	2	Mrs Beasley	Sing & Service
	9	Mr Rae	Class Led Worship
	16	Mr Sweeney	Sing & Service
	23	Mrs Hill	Class Led Worship
	30	Miss Gibbs	Sing & Service
	31	<b>Mrs Dunn (whole school community invited)</b>	<b>EASTER SERVICE (All Saints Church)</b>
EASTER HOLIDAY			
April	27	Mr Rae	Sing & Service
May	4	Mrs Canbay/Miss Marson	Sing & Service
	18	Mrs Sharkey/Miss Parker	Sing & Service
	25	Mrs Dunn	Sing & Service
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			
June	8	Mrs Hill	Sing & Service
	15	Mrs Canbay/Miss Marson	Class Led Worship
	22	Mrs Chappelow	Sing & Service
	29	Mrs Sharkey/Miss Parker	Class Led Worship
July	6	Miss Wilkinson	Sing & Service
	13	Miss Gibbs	Sing & Service

Please note  
change of date

**All start times for the above services will be 2.55 pm unless otherwise advised**