



**NORTH FERRIBY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
MAY 2018**



Message from Mr Orr

I love education, I love teaching and I love being a Head (if that's not an oxymoron as a non-teaching Head). Education in this country is at an absolute peak at the moment, despite what certain people might want you to believe. Schools these days are about providing children with the tools they are going to need to thrive in the society they are going to live in, which in turn is actually the society that they are going to create. It is about enabling children to drive their own learning, to find their own faults and discover what they need to do to become the best that they can be. It is not about sitting children down in rows to learn facts by rote and being taught how to pass a test. So which of these things do the SATs measure? Well let's put it this way, the first paper on Monday was "Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling" and not "Creativity, Enterprise and Thinking Skills".

So I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of our children who have had to jump through the ridiculous hoop that is known as SATs. You are all incredible – I would never have coped when I was your age, so I am just in awe (or Orr) of you all. Well done! And remember, the SATs results are going to make absolutely no difference to who you will be and what you will become.

This time last year I encouraged people to feedback to staff anything you feel we can do to make things easier for the children during the SATs. We have only had a couple of comments and we have taken those on board, so perhaps that means we are doing well at keeping the stress levels as low as possible. If you do, however, have any thoughts, about this, or indeed any aspect of school life, please tell us and we will do our best to improve.

So a special thank you to our Year 6 children who have maintained a brilliant attitude throughout (some of them even said they enjoyed the SATs – very strange)! I am thoroughly looking forward to joining them on their residential visit to Bamburgh after the half-term holiday. I hope we get some beautiful weather - because Year 6 have definitely earned it.

I hope everyone enjoys the break from school and I look forward to seeing you all safely back after the holiday.

A BIG BIG THANK YOU to the amazing volunteers who cleared the KS1 play equipment, which had become unsafe to use, including the cement foundations!! Those involved were:

- Mr Haggar
- Mr Moss
- Mr & Mrs Smith ably assisted by their son
- Mr Terry

Many, many thanks.



Sports Update:

Netball

Netball matches are continuing. All children are showing improvement and great sportsmanship.

Orienteering

The re-arranged event was attended by 40 children with all successful children going through to the next round at Cottingham High School. Our Year 6 team have now progressed to the final at Hymers College in July.

Rounders

GDPR UPDATE

Our school Privacy Policy has been updated in line with the new EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. The policy is available to view on our school website.

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR

You can access our events calendar on the school website. Navigate to the Information tab and click on School Diary.

Summer Term 2018 - Diary of Events



Bamburgh Year 6 Visit	-	Monday 4 - Friday 8 June
EYFS New Parents' Meeting	-	Thursday 21 June 5-6 pm
KS2 Sports Day	-	Friday 22 June (all day)
Haltemprice Sports	-	Wednesday 27 June (evening)
Year 6 Induction Day	-	Thursday 28 June
Summer Festival of Sport (Year 6)	-	Friday 29 June
KS2 reserve Sports Day	-	Friday 29 June (all day)
KS1 Sports Day	-	Wednesday 4 July (afternoon)
Haltemprice Sports Awards Ceremony	-	Monday 10 July 6.00 pm (South Hunsley)
KS1 reserve Sports Day	-	Wednesday 11 July (afternoon)
EYFS Presentation	-	Monday 16 July 3.00 - 3.30 pm
Open Evening (Years 1-6)	-	Monday 16 July 3.30-6.00 pm
KS2 Music Festival	-	Wednesday 18 July (afternoon)
End of Year Awards Service	-	Thursday 19 July (morning)

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/2019

Summer Term 2018

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

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 4 September	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 26 October	School closes for Half-term
Monday 5 November	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 21 December	School closes for Christmas

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January	Teachers' Training Day
Tuesday 8 January	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 15 February	School closes for Half-term
Monday 25 February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 4 April	School closes for Easter
Friday 5 April	Teachers' Training Day

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 6 May	May Day
Friday 24 May	School closes for Half-term
Monday 3 June	School re-opens for pupils
Friday 19 July	School closes for pupils
Monday 22 July	Teachers' Training Day
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These dates are provisional and may be subject to change

DATES FOR SING & SERVICE and CLASS LED WORSHIP

Please note
change of date

14 June	Mrs Atkinson	Sing & Service
20 June	Mr Rae	Class Led Worship

"Be Bold in Blue"

You may recall that our School Council decided to raise monies for

MS Awareness Week

by inviting everyone in school to dress in blue.

It proved to be a very successful fundraising event.

The total received and forwarded to the charity was

£355.58

Thank you to everyone.