



Together We Achieve

Newsletter

Thursday 19th July 2018

Aspire, Believe, Succeed – Together We Achieve

We have reached the end of another action-packed, enjoyable and successful school year. The children have all worked incredibly hard and should be proud of their achievements. It was wonderful to read their reports and hear about the successes they have had throughout the year. The teachers will be sad to pass on their current class but are all looking forward to starting a new chapter and working with their new classes in September.

This term itself has been extremely busy with many events, trips and themed days. All the children have been involved in and thoroughly enjoyed the STEAM sessions on Friday afternoons. A big thank you to Mrs Darbinson who led a STEAM day for our KS2 children which involved the children designing and making load bearing structures. Each class has been learning more about the countries they had for their World Cup sweepstakes. We also had a splendid World Cup morning which involved the children travelling with their passport to different countries, where they learned new things and took part in activities including German sausage tasting and making Brazilian carnival hats. KS2 also enjoyed a French Day. The children participated in different activities including attending a French café and learning about the French artist – Claude Monet.

In the latter part of the summer term Year 3 visited Wassand Hall, Year 4 visited Dalby Forest, Year 1 children attended the Little Big Sing and Year 6 plus Glee Club, attended The Big Sing. Our Year 2 children celebrated their annual wedding with a visit to St Peter's church where they acted out a mock wedding followed by a celebration back at school. Our JTAs completed the 'Bling a Bike to School Day' and 'Walk to School Week' and there were prizes given out to the winners. The children who attend Gardening Club very competently spoke to The Village in Bloom judges and showed them around the school grounds.

Many of these events, days and activities were shared on our twitter feed and we believe that this is the best way of instantly sharing what we do in school. If you don't already follow us, our main twitter handle is @HuttonCran - plus the teachers all have their own account too, which are used regularly.

Alongside all the events and activities mentioned, we are also extremely proud of our external results across school. Overall academically, our children have performed better than national average in EYFS, Phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATs. In certain areas our results are the best the school has ever achieved. We know as a school that academic results are only a part of a child's primary school years and we are confident that we offer a broad and balanced curriculum, which enables all children to shine and access a wide range of experiences and opportunities. However, when our children work as hard as they do and really commit to wanting to succeed, we are delighted when they can see a positive outcome because of their hard work. We are proud that our school is performing well, which is down to the commitment and drive of the children, staff and parents. The reputation of our children and community is also of the utmost importance and we are truly proud to say that our children are praised everywhere they go for their manners, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and much more.

We have had an amazing year with so many successes to share. We would like to thank you all for your continued support and for working in true collaboration with us on our journey to being an enriching, inspiring, successful and happy school. Thank you to the whole staff team, parents, children, volunteers and governors for a fabulous year.

Term Dates 2018/19

3rd September

Staff Training Day

4th September

Children return to school

5th September

FOTS Meeting 7pm at school

26th October

Last day before half term

Leavers

We would like to send our best wishes and good luck to all our Year 6 Leavers. The children in Year 6 have had a brilliant seven years and all the staff have very fond memories of their time with us. They have had an amazing final year and have achieved many things both academically and socially. We are all going to miss the children and we know it will be a very different place without them. We wish them every success as they move on to the next stage in their journey and we are confident that they will go far due to their positive attitudes, drive and commitment to being the best they can be. We hope the children will pop back in to school in the future to let us know how they are getting on. All the very best of luck in everything you do Year 6 – you are without doubt a group of very talented, skilled, polite and caring children with an awful lot to offer. Dream big and you will achieve great things!

Parent/Carers Questionnaire

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who took the time to complete our parent questionnaire. We had a great response rate of 43 returns which has helped to inform us of what we do well and areas which we can develop further. It is great to read positive feedback about the school and we are delighted that it has been recognized, that as a school, we place great importance on the 'whole child' and opportunities for all. We will take on board any ideas/suggestions you have made and look at how these can be incorporated into our school. In September, we will share with you detailed outcomes of the questionnaires and the actions we intend to take in order to address any feedback. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, through having an open and honest partnership with yourselves it will enable us to move forward and be the best we can be. Again thank you for completing the questionnaire and supporting us on our continued journey becoming a brilliant school.

Open Evening / Books

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Open Evening this week. We enjoyed sharing with you the children singing as a whole school. Also, a huge well done to the children who performed in the hall. It was a fantastic opportunity for these children to share their talents with an audience and they all did incredibly well.

We hope you all had an opportunity to look at your child's books and work displayed in the classrooms and around school. All the children will have brought their exercise books home from the previous academic year 2016/2017 and some of the children will have brought their books home for this academic year. However we have kept a sample of books from each class for a further year. We keep these examples in school to support our teaching and learning next year and to have as evidence of work from across all year groups. The children, whose books have been kept, will bring them home at this time next year. If your child's books were not sent home and you did not get the opportunity to see their books on Monday evening, then please feel free to pop in on Friday straight after school to have a look through them.

We hope you made the most of the evening on Monday and had the opportunity to visit your child's new teacher and classroom.

New Website/APP

We have some exciting news to share with you linked to our website. It is hoped that in early September we will be launching our 'new look' website. The new school website will replace our existing one and we are confident that it will be more informative and useful for children and parents/carers. Our website will have a brand new bespoke design that is completely personalised to our school. Alongside the new website we will also be launching a new APP which is directly linked to the website. Again we feel this will make communication even stronger between school and yourselves. The direct impact of our new website and APP for the children, parents, carers and community will be that we are able to share children's learning and experiences at school with the wider community. The website will also have information on how children can be supported at home with their learning including videos, website links and general information linked to methods and strategies in school. We will seek views from the children and yourselves as to what you feel would be useful on the website and try to add as many of these as possible. We would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of the School and the Parish Council for funding our new website. We are confident that the website will be a great success and a brilliant platform for us to share our school with the world.

Sport Update

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games **Gold** Mark. We have taken part in many sporting events throughout the year and have had many children attending a sporting club and competing in county-wide competitions – meaning we have secured the School Games **Gold** Mark again! This is an amazing achievement. A huge well done and thank you to Miss Midgley for her time, effort and leadership in this area. Thank you also to Miss Robinson who has also supported in developing our sport in school this year. Recently we had two teams who won the Hockey League and brought back two winning trophies! Again, the children played extremely well, but more importantly their sportsmanship was a great strength which they should all be extremely proud of. Well done to all involved!

Our Sports Day was also a super success, helped by fantastic weather! All of the children enjoyed themselves and enjoyed the healthy competitive spirit of the day. The children supported their house teams and we had a great crowd of supporters who came along to watch – thank you for attending it was lovely to see you all there. The overall house winners for a second year in a row were the Leopards (green). Congratulations to the Leopards!

We look forward to more sporting events, opportunities and achievements in the next academic year.



School Council 2018/19

We held our School Council elections this week so that we were prepared and ready for the new academic year. Mrs Lewer organised the campaign and the candidates read their speeches in a special assembly. We were extremely impressed with all the candidates who had put time, thought and effort into their speech. Throughout the day on Tuesday all of the children went to visit the polling station and had two votes each.

Our winning candidates who will take on the role in September as School Council representatives for their class are:

Year 1: Milo and Will

Year 2: Chloe and Miles

Year 3: Daniel and Lilly

Year 4: Charlie and Kaiden

Year 5: Charley and Anna

Year 6: Emily and Naomi.



We wish all of the new School Council members the very best of luck for 2018/19. We would like to say a huge thank you to this year's School Council who have done a sterling job and arranged many things throughout the year. They have organised and led several activities and events including: the new playground markings, Sport Relief, The Food Bank and much more. We are very proud of the current School Council and know that the new School Council will also do a great job.

Governors

A big thank you to our Governors for their hard work, continued support and challenge in driving forward the school. We are extremely lucky to have such committed governors who bring a range of skills and experience to the school. We look forward to continuing this partnership in September. On our website there is a full list of our Governors with photographs and character profiles if you want to find out more about them and their role in our school. We have added another Governor Spotlight below so you can get to know our Governors even more.

Name: Emily Proudfoot

Role: Parent Governor

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

I am Mum to two children at HC Primary school, Phoebe who has spent 7 years there and is soon to leave and head to Senior school and Isaac who is currently in year 3.

I work as an Optometrist in a local hospital alongside an Ophthalmic Surgeon where we carry out a range of procedures to improve patient's vision, my role is very varied but involves a lot of interaction with patients and preparing them for surgery. I also do a regular day for an Optician in Driffield carrying out eye tests for spectacles.

Why did you decide to become a Governor?

I decided to become a Governor as I have always been a big supporter of HC School, I attended myself back in the 1980s! I have previously been the Chairperson of both the village Playgroup and the FOTS committee and felt like becoming a Governor was the next logical step. I am keen to get stuck in and learn more about how School is run and the challenges that our teaching staff and others face. I am already amazed by the level of knowledge and commitment our Governing body has and I hope that I can bring a slightly different point of view having not ever worked within education before.

What kinds of things have you had to do as a Governor?

I am very new to the role having only joined this term. So far I have attended a couple of meetings and undertaken some online training. I am looking forward to spending some time in school talking to the staff and pupils and supporting them the best I can, I think we have a fantastic school and am proud to be a small part of the team!

Clubs

We will be sending out a letter in September regarding clubs that will be running in the Autumn term. Clubs run by the teaching staff will start in week 3 - w/c 17/09/18. However, clubs led by outside providers may start sooner. We will communicate with you in the first week back with more information. Breakfast Club will start on the first day back. As always, you must book your child into breakfast club before that morning using the booking sheet available from reception or by phoning school. We would also like to remind you that Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am so please do not drop your child off any earlier as there will not be a member of staff available to look after them. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

New Appointments

During this half term we have appointed Mrs Scotter as a mid-day assistant. We welcome Mrs Scotter to the team and know she will be a valued member of our lunch time staff. Mrs Scotter replaces Mrs Dyson who left this half term. We would like to thank Mrs Dyson for her hard work and commitment during her time here and wish her luck for the future.

The Friends of the School



A huge thank you to The Friends of the School for the fundraising events and activities that they have organised and led this year. Many of these events have enabled the children to have a super time whilst raising money for the school.

The Summer Fair was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by all. The grand total raised came to **£1281.57!**

Well done and thank you to all of the members of The Friends of the School and also to everyone else who arranged things for the Summer Fair. Thank you also to those who attended – without you it would not have been such a success.

For the next academic year the Friends have many events/activities already in the pipeline and we look forward to continuing to work closely with them.

Please remember anyone is welcome to join the committee. The next meeting is **Wednesday 5th September 7pm** at the school.

The Friends are always open to new ideas and suggestion so would love to see lots of new faces there.

Again, a massive thank you to the Friends for all their hard work and involvement with the school - a truly successful year!

Happy Holiday

On behalf of the whole school team we would like to wish you and your children a lovely summer break. We are sure the children will have a fantastic six weeks and appreciate their time off: enjoying themselves, having fun and having a good rest. We look forward to welcoming them all back in September for a new exciting chapter. We are sure they will return refreshed, ready to learn lots of exciting new things and make more long-lasting memories.



Congratulations

We would like to send our congratulations to Miss Anderson who will be getting married during the summer holidays. Miss Anderson will return to school in September as Mrs Leeks. We wish her an amazing wedding day full of memories and a lifetime full of love and happiness!



