



WEEKLY NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Week ending 7th September 2017

Reminders & Diary Dates

- Mon 11Sep17 Maths & English Key Information Evening for Parents 15.45 & 17.30
- Wed 13Sep17 Bikeability
- Thu 14Sep17 Final date for swimming payments
- Tue 19Sep17 Individual school photos
- Thu 21Sep17 1st Swimming Session for Class 2
- Tue 03Oct17 Book Fair arrives

Lots of reminders to help things run smoothly.....

We hope you've had a lovely summer, in spite of the weather! It's not always easy to get back into the swing of things, so here are a few reminders.....

Parking

Please remember when parking your vehicle outside school that you do not block any access to our neighbours premises and the you park in a manner that enables all vehicles to be able to pass through the village and not cause any obstructions.

Holidays during term time

We would like to remind parents of NYCC's policy on parents' application for pupil leave during term time: "**No parent/carer can demand leave of absence as of right.** The Education regulations state that applications for leave must be made in advance by a parent with whom the child lives and can only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances"

There is an application form for such requests and the form should be completed by the parent/carer and returned to the school as far in advance as possible and preferably at least **6 weeks** before the first date of the period of leave being requested. Parents/carers must obtain the schools permission **before making any arrangements for leave in exceptional circumstances.**

Payment of Dinner Money & Menus

Prompt payment of Dinner Money!

Unfortunately there has been an increase in the number of unpaid school dinner balances over the previous school year. Not only does this create an extra administrative burden it requires the school to provide cashflow funding that has to be diverted from other school activities and resources. School policy is that all dinner money should be paid at the beginning of the week in which meals are to be taken.

Please note that due to the increase in late payment, any dinner money left unpaid for more than 2 weeks will mean that parents/carers will be asked to send children with a packed lunch. If you are experiencing any difficulties with payment however, please contact the School Office to discuss options for payment and/or assistance.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who regularly make timely payments. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dinner money balances can be paid online via School Gateway. Any balances from last term have been rolled forward to 1st September ready for the new term.

The cost of school dinners for the Autumn term is £155.40 as follows:

£71.40 to half term

£84.00 half term to Christmas

The Menu for Autumn term has been emailed to parents but a copy is also available on the school website:

<http://www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/school-meals/>

Before School Club

In case you missed the email sent out previously, from September 2017 we are running a before school club from 8.00am-8.40am. To book a place or for further details, please contact the school office.

Class 1

A big welcome back to from all the staff in class 1! The children have come back enthusiastic and ready to learn! We have had a fantastic first week back and it has been great to see how confident the children are and how well they have adapted to the changes to the classroom and staff. Thanks go to you for helping settle the children so quickly. We are really encouraging the children to be as independent as possible and they are rising to challenge! We would like to give a particularly warm welcome to our new children Millie, Gracie, Oliver and Aiden.



This week we have been exploring the new provision and focusing on rules and expectations in school. The children have really enjoyed exploring all the activities and taking ownership of their learning.

Next week we will be starting our new topic on Transport!

Class 2



Welcome back everybody what a great start class 2 have had. All the children have come back raring to go and full of beans. This week we have been focusing on getting back into routines, finding out where everything is and understanding how our class will work. In maths we have begun some place value learning and in English we have used the text Matilda's cat as well as cat and Ancient Egypt non-fiction books to support our learning. The children were also introduced to the new science and history topics for the half term and were very excited to find out they would be making ancient Egyptian death masks with Miss Wilkie in art! Next week we'll be super busy getting back into all our routines like guided reading and practical maths and don't forget to come in your PE kit on Monday morning!

Class 3

Class 3 have come back full of beans and eager to learn. We've started our new topic, 'The Aztecs' looking at here they came from, and Ms Lenny has begun the design process with the children for Aztec Masks. Our English unit is also linked; we are studying 'The time Travelling Cat and the Aztec Sacrifice'. We will be unpicking the descriptive devices the author has used to describe.



Year 6 undertook their first bikeability session this week and had a great time. They're all excited for next week's session on Wednesday. Please remember: bike, helmet, warm and waterproof clothing.

Homework will be sent home on Monday. Please look out for more details about this in a letter on Monday. Any questions, you can ask me at the information evening about Maths, Spelling and Grammar this coming Monday.

Thank you for your continued support

Where's Church this week?



Welcome back to school after the summer and a particular welcome to all our new families. For those of you who don't know me, I'm the Revd Liz Hassall, Rector (Vicar) of Coxwold, Husthwaite, Carlton Husthwaite, Wass, Crayke, Brandsby and Yearsley.

Part of my job involves supporting the school as it is a Church of England school. I'm a member of the governing body, I do regular collective worship (assemblies) in school and most weeks there will be a short piece in this newsletter saying where the local church services are.

Sunday September 10th 2017

09.00am Morning Prayer at Coxwold Church

10.30am Holy Communion at Husthwaite Church.

Some of our services are more particularly aimed at children and I will indicate these when they are happening. However, everyone is welcome at all our services.

If you ever need to contact me, whether on governor matters or church related things, please do. Email: revliz@trundlebug.co.uk Phone: 01347 822809

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