

Reminders & Diary Dates

Mon 17Jul17 Class 3 Summer Production
Wed 19Jul17 Leavers' service at Husthwaite Church
Fri 21Jul17 School closes for summer 2.45pm

Fri 01Sep17 *Staff Training Day*
Mon 04Sep17 *Staff Training Day*
Tue 05Sep17 School Opens 08.50 for Autumn Term

Award Winners

from the last assembly



Parent Views

Thank you to those who responded to our parent questionnaire which was recently circulated. We have had 20 responses which is a good return rate and have received some wonderful comments. The majority of the responses have been overwhelmingly positive and it is good to know that these parents feel that Husthwaite School is working well for their children. The full report is available on the school website. I do not publish parental comments as it is important that confidentiality is maintained. I have, however picked one quote which made me proud to be headteacher of such an amazing school!

"I couldn't ask for any more from a school. I think that some parents need to experience what other schools have on offer to realise what a gem Husthwaite is. Staff couldn't do any more and I am always met with smile :)." Parental quote June 2017

As you will see from the results there are some parents who 'disagree' or 'disagree strongly' with the questions. Unfortunately there are no comments to go with these judgements making it difficult for the school to act on the raised issues. We are always keen to improve as a school and would encourage any parent who has a concern to come into school to speak to us directly.

Once again thank you for your participation. I will use the information as a basis for lesson monitoring and school improvement. We have taken on-board some of the comments about parental involvement in their children's learning and already have some plans in place for the new term - watch this space!

<http://www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/parent-views/>

School Milk

All school children are entitled to receive one-third of a pint of free milk each day up to the week before their 5th birthday. Once they turn 5 years old they are no longer entitled to receive free milk (unless they are in receipt of Free School Meals). As a school we participate in the Cook Milk scheme who supply and administer milk for those children who are entitled to it. Cool Milk also gives the option for parents to register with them and pay for their child to receive daily milk. If you are interested in participating in the milk scheme, please register directly with Cool Milk. Their website address is www.coolmilk.com

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you again to everyone who sent in Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We had a fantastic response and an order has been placed for 38 pieces of indoor/outdoor play equipment!

School Gateway Dinner Money – payment limit reduced

Please note the payment limit on School Gateway has been reduced to £2.10 (i.e. the cost of one school lunch) so that smaller balances can be paid online. We hope this will make life easier for the growing number of parents who use online access and enable any smaller balance to be cleared before the end of term. Statements will be sent out next week.

5 Stars

We are pleased to announce that once again the school kitchen has been awarded 5 stars in the Food Standards Agency's hygiene rating. A huge well done to Ms Simpson, our school cook.

Before School Club

In case you missed the email sent out earlier this week, from September 2017 we shall be 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

This week the children have consolidated their learning on money, while challenging their thinking with their SMIRF targets. Our use of bossy verbs has continued with our instructions on how to wash a dog (having watched a very well-behaved dog being given a shower and blow-dry!). We had fun on Thursday, when our September starters joined us for another busy transition day, made even more special with Ms Lenney joining Mr Barwick and Mrs Fielding (only Mrs Collins was missing from 'Team 1', as it wasn't her day). Next Wednesday, Class 1 are hoping to celebrate the end of a busy year (and say a sad goodbye to Mrs Withington), with a Teddy Bears Picnic. Please can children bring a small furry friend to join in the fun?

Class 2

This week Class 2 have been looking at poetry. We have read a range of poems and written poems with similes, metaphors and explored the use of calligrams. In maths, we have investigated measures. The children have used a range of practical apparatus to develop their understanding of measures and apply their knowledge to a range of problems.

Further to all this, the children made their baguette designs before eating and evaluating them. Linked to this, we investigated different materials to keep our baguettes cool until lunchtime. We applied our knowledge of statistics to create graphs to represent our results.

Class 3

Class 3 have been finishing up topics and outstanding jobs: we harvested our vegetables we have grown and children will have brought home a selection for you to eat-yum! There was lots of fun and excitement when we face-painted our Picasso designs on each other! We have also been very busy making props and scenery! In maths we have revised lots of skills to keep our brains active and worked on some SMIRFs to try and finish off a final planet before the holidays. In English Y5s have been writing an English and Spain comparison linked to their topic and Y6 have been writing pieces for the leavers service. This morning we have will have done our Dress Rehearsal for the school and we are all excited about the performances on Monday. I hope everyone has the tickets they want. Please remember I need all the children at both performances.



Thank you for your continued support

Where's Church this week?

9.00am Holy Communion at Hustwaite
10.30am Holy Communion at Wass
3.00pm Pet Service at Birdforth

The pet service is an annual feature of the church in Carlton Hustwaite, but this year we are holding it at the redundant church at Birdforth (on the A19 heading to Thirsk). Pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome: dogs on leads, horses with a lead rope, anything else securely caged please. If you don't want to bring your actual pet, you can bring a picture instead. The short, informal service will be followed by a bring and share picnic tea.

There will be no 'Where's Church' posts over the holidays, but you can always find out what services are on by going to: www.achurchnearyou.com and putting the name of the village in the search

