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# Withernsea Primary School

‘All – Aspire and Love Learning’

## June 2016 Newsletter

### Attendance

Welcome back after the half term break – we hope everyone had a chance for some family time together.

Probably most parents were aware of the recent media coverage regarding a pupil having a term time holiday and the courts ruled in favour of the parent because the child had good attendance.

This could lead to a confusing situation so we felt it was helpful to clarify the current position.

Headteachers do not have the power to authorise holidays - this was removed from Headteachers by an Act of Parliament. We can only authorise exceptional circumstances. Even if there are exceptional reasons for the holiday – if it is a holiday we cannot authorise it.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council administer the fines and have sent us the following information:

‘The High Court has confirmed that the question of regular school attendance is a question of fact and degree in each individual case, which should be determined on a case by case basis taking account of the overall picture of attendance.

Penalty Notices are issued in line with the East Riding of Yorkshire Councils ‘Education Related Penalty Notice Code of Conduct.’ If the notice remains unpaid, consideration will be given to further enforcement action which may include prosecution at the Magistrates Court.

The Council will not reimburse penalty notices issued in accordance with the legislation and the Council’s Code of Conduct.

Any individual with specific concerns may take their own independent legal advice.’

Good attendance is important and children with 90% attendance will still have missed 19 days of school – which is time we cannot get back. We support all parents to ensure good attendance for their child.

## After School Club Updates

We have had sufficient interest in this – just! Therefore we are going ahead with a before and after school club for September and hope that the interest will be continued so we can continue to run the service.

A before school club will run Monday to Friday opening at 7.45 am costing £2.50 per session. An after school club will run Monday to Friday 3.20 - 5.40 pm and will cost £6.50 per session. The clubs cannot be subsidised by the main school budget. There needs to be a minimum of 7 children to run the before school club and 9 children to run the after school club. There will also be a maximum of 16 places. If we exceed the maximum places, children will have to go on a waiting list as we will need to adhere to correct staffing ratios.

Parents who sent in expressions of interest will be sent the application forms directly this week and the relevant forms need to be completed as soon as possible please.

Parents who have become interested since the initial letter in March can collect further information and applications forms from the school office to book places for their child.



## Parent Tours for Year 1 (North building)

Thank you to the parents who have already had their tour of the North building – Mrs Huteson and Mrs Heath have done their best to contact or leave messages to all Year 1 parents. If you missed your tour and would still like to look round, please contact them and they will arrange a visit for you.

## Year 6 SATs

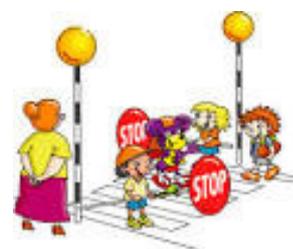
Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have worked extremely hard and completed their SATs tests. The exam papers have been sent off to be marked and hopefully results will be with us in time to add to the school reports which go out in July.

The writing mark is a reflection of all the children's writing from September through to June.

Well done as they have all worked well and made good progress.

## Road Safety

We celebrated 'Walk to School' just before half term. Some helpful hints and tips are attached so we can work together to make sure children are safe around traffic. This also supports and carries on our 'Walk to School Week' theme into June.



## *Recognising traffic*

Children aged 5 – 7 need to understand the nature of traffic and know that it can be dangerous. They need to know about the different types of traffic found on roads and how they should behave when near traffic.

## *How you can help your child/ren*

Talking about traffic with your child/ren when you're out and about is one of the best ways for them to learn:

- Play ‘spotting’ games: where’s a van? Can you see a lorry? Let’s see who can spot a bus first.
- Ask your child to tell you about vehicles waiting at the traffic lights or passing you in the car. You can play ‘what’s coming next?’ – guessing the next approaching vehicle.
- Talk about vehicles you see: which goes fastest, which is largest, which carries people and which carries things? Talk about the directions in which vehicles are travelling and the sounds they make.
- You can also draw vehicles with your child, guessing each other’s pictures and seeing how many you can come up with.
- Building up your child’s language will help him or her to understand traffic: use words to describe speed, size, shape, directions or talk about signs, lights, signals and road markings. Ask your child why traffic can be dangerous.

### ***Pedestrian safety: the facts***

- Every week, an average of 8 children under the age of six are killed or seriously injured on Great Britain’s roads.
- 67% of children aged 0 – 11 killed or seriously injured in 2010 were on foot at the time.

But let’s get one thing clear: it’s still important for children to be outside. Walking is good for children’s health and fitness and we support parents who encourage their children to walk as much as possible. Taking your child in the car for short journeys puts more traffic on the road and adds to the problem.

Children can be safer on the streets if we show them how. What’s the best way to do this?

#### **1. Set a good example**

- When you cross the road, don’t take risks – your children will copy you.
- Remember to find a safer place to cross then stop, look and listen.
- Don’t use your mobile phone while crossing the road.
- Wear bright colours or reflective clothing helps motorists to see you.

#### **2. Hold hands**

- Always hold hands with your young child near traffic (or make sure they hold onto a buggy if you’re pushing one).
- Make sure your child walks on the side of the pavement away from the traffic.
- If there is no pavement, walk on the side of the road facing oncoming traffic.
- If your child is using a tricycle, bicycle or scooter, don’t let them ride ahead of you.
- Make sure that they get off the tricycle or scooter and hold your hand to cross the road. Where it is busy, it may be better to push the tricycle or scooter until you are somewhere quieter.
- If your child is using roller skates, don’t let them go too far ahead of you – they may find it hard to stop at the kerb. Hold their hand while you cross the road.

#### **3. Find the safest place to cross the road**

- If you can, use traffic islands, zebra, pelican and puffin crossings, footbridges and subways.
- Cross where you can see clearly in all directions.
- Avoid crossing between parked cars if there is a safer place nearby (and be considerate yourself when parking.)
- Show your child how to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.





## Staffing updates

Congratulations to Miss E Smith and her partner on the birth of their baby girl. We welcome Miss E Atwood to the school who will be teaching in Year 6.

## Non-Uniform Day

We will be having a whole school non-uniform day on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of June** in celebration of the **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**.

Children can bring a contribution of £1 to wear red, white and blue clothes for the day.



Funds raised will be used to support after-school clubs including J-Rock. The J-Rock group, have reached the regional finals to be held in Grimsby on 30<sup>th</sup> June. This is the first time the school has ever made it through to this stage and we would like to thank all the adults who have given their time and energy this year. Most of all though, we would like to thank the pupils; we are extremely proud of the efforts of the children and are delighted that their hard-work and dedication has been rewarded with the chance to perform again.

**Attendance for May** - we have a school target of 95% overall to reach.

Thank you for good attendance. Congratulations to Mrs Thomson/Ms Tague's class, 1TT (96.8%) for very impressive attendance during the month of May.

Class	Percentage		Percentage
F2CG – Miss C Good	94.2%	3BH – Mrs C Bagnall / Mrs L Hilton	96.0%
F2SA –Mrs E Sansam / Mrs K Appleton	96.3%	4CC – Mr C Cundy	94.8%
F2SN – Mrs S Noble	95.3%	4CW – Mrs C Wright	96.4%
1ES – Miss E Smith	96.3%	4FS – Miss F Seager	92.4%
1TT – Mrs D Thomson / Ms E Tague	96.8%	5ML – Mr M Lindgren	95.4%
1JT – Miss J Teall	96.6%	5SC – Mrs H Peachey	94.3%
2HT – Mrs H Todd	91.8%	5KB – Mrs K Banks	96.2%
2TH – Miss T Harrison (Mrs Knight)	92.8%	6CN – Mrs C Neale	95.1%
3RE – Mrs R Egan	90.8%	6RL – Mrs R Lindgren	96.0%
3LF – Mrs L Feeny	92.9%	6LH – Miss L Harrison	93.8%

## Dates for your Diary

During the summer term various classes are visiting different places.

- ❖ Foundation Stage – Burton Constable - 22 June
- ❖ Year 3 – Yorkshire Wildlife Park - 28 June
- ❖ Year 4 – Yorkshire Wildlife Park - 29 June
- ❖ Rock Challenge – Grimsby Auditorium - 30 June

# Healthy School Page



## Sunscreen, sun hats!

We remain optimistic as always with regards to the weather. If it is bright and sunny please make sure children have sunhats and also put on sun cream before they come to school in the morning, they can also bring a small bottle to re-apply themselves at lunchtime, if you feel that is necessary.

## Year 4 – Swimming

Year 4 have started their swimming lessons. The lessons take place every Tuesday and Friday. Thank you to all parents/carers who have offered to assist us with walking to and from the Leisure Centre.



The dates for the lessons are as follows:

### Tuesdays:

June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28

### Fridays:

June 10, June 17, June 24, July 1

### The pool times will be:

4CW - 9:30 am – 10:15am

4CC - 10:15 am – 11:00am

4FS - 11:00 am – 11:45am

## Packed lunch boxes

Can we remind all parents/carers to clearly label your child's pack lunch box. All lunchboxes are put on the lunch trolleys and as we have numerous cases of identical designs this can become a problem when returning to children.



## Bicycles

We encourage cycling to school – Year 2 upwards. Please lock your bike to the railings behind the kitchen area. Please do not leave bikes anywhere else on site. Please do lock them up - teachers will mind keys for children. We do not accept any responsibility for loss or damage of any bikes brought on to site.

## ‘Once a week take a peek’

### Head Lice reminder

Headlice will still have been around during the half term holiday and some children will have brought them back into school. If all parents are vigilant and adopt our ‘Once a Week - Take a Peek’ and treat as necessary, it keeps this problem down to a minimum. However, in order to be effective **everyone** needs to do this. Please ensure one night each week you have a look and a check so we avoid getting lots of head lice problems – thank you. **DO NOT** stop doing this and always assume headlice are around somewhere in school.



## Stranger Danger

We educate children about this in school – please also back this up at home and ensure you know where your children are and who they are with. We have particular dangers in Withernsea that possibly other areas do not have, for example - the beach is not a safe place for unsupervised children to play.



## Term Dates – 2015/2016

### Summer Term 2016

Close - Friday 22 July at **2.20 pm**

Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 22 July.

## Term Dates – 2016/2017

### Autumn Term 2016

Open – Wednesday 7 September

Close for half term - Friday 21 October

Re-open - Monday 31 October

Close - Friday 16 December at **2.20 pm**

### Spring Term 2017

Re-open – Wednesday 4 January

Close for half term – Friday 17 February

Re-open Monday 27 February

Close Friday 7 April at **2.20 pm**

Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 7 April.

### Summer Term 2017

Open - Tuesday 25 April

Close for May Day - Monday 1 May

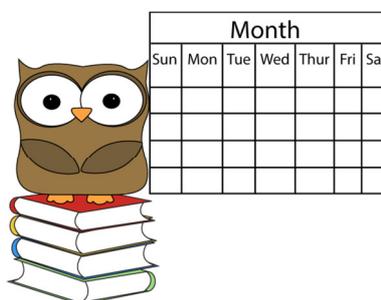
Close for half term - Friday 26 May

Re-open - Monday 5 June

Close - Tuesday 25 July at **2.20 pm**

Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Tuesday 25 July.

**Please note there will be one more training day to be allocated in line with Withernsea High School.**





## *Withernsea Primary School*

### Uniform Price List – effective from July 2016

#### **SWEATSHIRTS** (with logo):-

Chest size: - 24-32 = **£8.50**

34-40 = **£9.00**



#### **CARDIGANS** (with logo):-

Chest size: - 24-32 = **£10.00**

34-40 = **£12.00**

**Sweatshirts, Cardigans and Fleecees can be ordered in larger sizes**

**FLEECEES** (with logo):- **can be ordered with payment taken up front** (usually take at least 2 weeks to arrive)

3-4 yrs, 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs, 11-12 yrs, 13 yrs - **£13.00**

**P.E. T-shirts** (plain sky blue):- can be ordered and cost **£3.00**

**WPS book bags** – each child is given one upon admission to the school. Replacements can be obtained at a cost of **£4.35**.

**Uniform can be purchased or ordered from the South Office.**

You can now follow our main blog updates via twitter. Just search for @wps\_academy or Withernsea Primary. We will put children's work on our year group blogs please look at what they have been doing and enjoy their work.

Main school blog -

<http://withernseaprimarblog.blogspot.com/>

Foundation stage blog –

<http://wpsfoundationblog.blogspot.com>

Year 1 blog - <http://wpsyear1blog.blogspot.com/>

Year 2 blog - <http://wpsyear2blog.blogspot.com/>

Year 3 blog - <http://wpsyear3blog.blogspot.com/>

Year 4 blog - <http://wpsyear4blog.blogspot.com/>

Year 5 blog - <http://wpsyear5blog.blogspot.com/>

Year 6 blog – <http://wpsyear6blog.blogspot.com/>

