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Withernsea Primary School

'ALL- Aspire and Love Learning '

February 2020 Newsletter

Staffing Restructure

After February half term all our organisational restructures will have been completed.

The school is organised into 4 phases:
Phase One – Early Years overseen by Mr Sutherland
Phase Two – Years 1 and 2 overseen by Mrs Wright
Phase Three – Year 3 and 4 overseen by Mrs Mizon
Phase Four – Years 5 and 6 overseen by Mrs Neale.

Each phase has its own teachers, they also have an Emotional Wellbeing Worker and a Cover Supervisor for each phase. Each phase also has several ASA (Achievement Support Assistants). Whilst there have been a number of redundancies we will still continue to employ over 30 support staff.

Parent Contact

We will no longer have a Parent Support Advisor or a Home School Liaison Officer. We can access some Family Support Workers through HCAT. Please could parents with any queries initially approach class teachers and then the Assistant Headteacher for the phase their child is in. As always please come and talk to us - we would rather sort out small problems before they turn into larger concerns.

Special Educational Needs

We want to improve the quality of our offer to children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). Therefore we are moving to ASA's specialising in specific needs. This will mean that in the future, children with a variety of needs such as speech and language, social / friendship issues, dyslexia, dyscalculia etc. will have support from more than one person, instead of being supported by one person on a 1 to 1 basis. We will also develop small groups for children with specific needs around English and Maths so they can have a cooperative learning approach. We have paid into a private Educational Psychology Service so that we can complement the work by the Local Authority Educational Psychologist, and hopefully reduce some of the waiting times as well as gain more advice to support our pupils' special educational needs. Some children, due to the complexity of their needs, will continue to benefit from 1 to 1 support. Assistant Headteachers and our SENCO/Deputy SENCO will work closely with parents as we move towards these changes.

New Building

Plans are now in place for our new build. During February half term the trees along the drive will be felled ready for the building to commence and the contractor to have access. The trees are being felled before birds have time to start nesting. New trees will be planted as part of the landscaping before the new build opens. The south field will be closed off in the Easter holidays for work to commence. More details to follow in future newsletters.

It is anticipated that the new building will be ready to move into after February half term 2021. Therefore there are extra days of pupil non-contact time attached to the holiday to allow us time to pack up, move and unpack. If the building schedule was delayed for any reason we would need to change those days. We will keep parents constantly updated re schedules and progress.

Staffing

We have staff who will be leaving us at February half term. We would like to thank them for all their contributions they have made to Withernsea Junior and Infant schools and also in the last 10 years to Withernsea Primary School.
For the staff that are retiring – we wish them long and happy retirements.
For the staff that are changing employment – we wish them every success in whatever new ventures they embark upon.

A big thank you to the following staff:

Mrs H Allinson
Mrs L Edmans
Ms J Fayers
Mrs M Good
Mr C Herbert
Mrs C Hewitt
Mrs R Hollingsworth
Miss A Leech
Mrs P Lovegrove
Mrs D Morley
Mrs A Morrod
Miss J Mudd
Mr J Murray
Mrs D Peart
Mrs P Poole
Mrs M Rollinson
Mrs J Smith
Miss N Thomson

We wish Mrs Sage well as she starts maternity leave and welcome Miss Holtby who will be covering the class. We say goodbye to Miss Smith and Mrs Bolder-Bell who have left for ventures new and we welcome Miss Ball. We would also like to welcome Mrs Keelty and Mrs Iley who will join us as Achievement Support Assistants (ASA's).

Anti-Bullying and Cyberbullying

We want all our pupils to know how to use the internet safely and happily – however, they need our support to ensure that happens as sadly there are many people out there who abuse the internet and intend harm in some way.

Excellent websites for parent include:
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.internetmatters.org
www.saferinternet.org.uk
www.childnet.com

On the **11th February it is 'Safer Internet Day'**. The children will take part in a range of activities/lessons on our around that day. Posters will be put on display around school. The website below contains lots of excellent advice and guidance on how to stay safe online.

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We have been talking to the children not only about physical health but also how to be mentally healthy. **Children's Mental Health week is 3rd to 9th February and National Time to Talk Day is 6th February.** We have been emphasising the importance of talking to each other. Please encourage this with your child as well – thank you.

Attendance for January

Attendance for January - we have a school target of 96% overall to reach. Thank you for good attendance. Congratulations to both **1CC – Mr C Cundy and 4LS – Mrs L Sage's classes (98.4%)** for very impressive attendance during the month of January!

Class	JAN %		JAN %
F2JC – Mrs J Clarke	91.0%	**3ML** – Mr M Lindgren	91.5%
F2JH – Miss J Hostick	91.1%	**4AF** – Mr A Fox	98.1%
F2LL – Miss L Lambert	89.3%	**4EO** – Mrs E Oliveira	96.5%
1CC – Mr C Cundy	**98.4%**	**4LS – Mrs L Sage**	**98.4%**
1ST – Mrs E Sansam / Miss M Ball	92.0%	**5RL** – Mrs R Lindgren	93.8%
1TS – Mrs D Thomson	94.7%	**5KB** – Mrs K Banks	98.1%
2HT – Mrs H Todd	96.1%	**5LF** – Mrs L Feeney	96.0%
2MJ – Miss M Jones	94.7%	**6JN** – Miss J Norris	94.7%
2OR – Miss O Rhodes	96.4%	**6EA** – Miss E Atwood	97.0%
3BK – Mrs C Bagnall	97.5%		
3KE – Mrs R Egan	96.8%		

Year 6

It is crucial we have excellent attendance for pupils in Year 6 because we are in the last term before SATS!

Parents evening *Update*

Parent's evenings will take place on **3rd and 5th March not** 2nd and 4th March 2020 as previously stated. Letters will be sent out from each phase / class once more information is available. Thank you.

Thursday 5th March 2020 is World Book Day – children and staff are invited to come dressed as a book character. We will have a real celebration of books and reading!

Upcoming Out-of-School Activities:

- Year 4 & 5 - Robinwood Residential Trip: 24th February – 26th February 2020
- Year 4 - Lighthouse Trips: 5th March and 6th March 2020

Term Dates – Academic Year 2019/2020

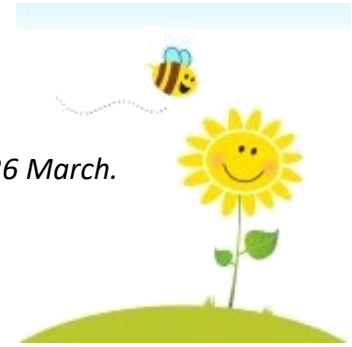
Spring Term 2020
Close for half term - Thursday 13 February
Open - Tuesday 25 February
Close - Friday 3 April at **2.20pm**
**Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 3 April.*

Summer Term 2020
Open - Monday 20 April
Closed - Friday 8 May (VE Day- Early May Bank Hol)
Close for half term - Friday 22 May
Open - Monday 1 June
Close - Friday 17 July at **2.20pm**
**Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 17 July.*

Term Dates – Academic Year 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020
Closed Staff Training – Monday 7 September
Open - Tuesday 8 September
Close for half term - Wednesday 21 October
Open – Monday 2 November
Close – Friday 18 December at **2.20pm**
**Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 18 December.*

Spring Term 2021
Open - Monday 4 January
Close for half term – Wednesday 10 February
Open - Thursday 25 February
Close – Friday 26 March at **2.20pm**
**Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 26 March.*



Summer Term 2021
Open – Monday 12 April
Close for May Day – Monday 3 May
Close for half term – Thursday 27 May
Open - Wednesday 9 June
Close – Friday 23 July at **2.20pm**
**Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children on Friday 23 July.*