



# Withernsea Primary School



## July 2020 Newsletter

### **New Build**

This has now got the 'go ahead' and it is hoped that work will start on site in mid-August and to be completed by July 2021 so we can move in for September 2021. This means we will now **close on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 next year** so that the south building can be packed up ready to move into the new building. Hopefully these timescales can be adhered so we have no further changes of term dates – but it is outside our control.

### **Start to school Year**

Please note Term will now start back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – it will not be a staff training day but open to pupils. Pupils in Year groups 1,3,5 and 6 will return on Monday morning and will be given staggered start times and Years 2 and 4 will return from Monday afternoon. The rationale behind this to ensure pupils in Year 1 and 3 settle in to strange and unfamiliar surroundings with a high staff ratio and support and get to know routines and where everything is (especially around lunches) before the other year groups return. Please bear with us on this we are trying to support all our pupils. Reception classes and nursery will be phased in over 2 weeks to ensure they get a smooth transition and a good start to their school career. We will be in touch with each family regarding their start time.

### **School reports**

We have prepared a school report for your child. There will be no assessment results or attendance figures that normally go with reports. Instead your class teacher has completed a summary relevant up to March 20<sup>th</sup> when lockdown began. We will deliver as many reports to homes as possible, if your child is in school they will receive their report directly from school.

### **Staffing**

We welcome two new teachers in September - Miss G Thompson and Miss L Knowles – we hope everyone makes them feel very welcome and they quickly become part of our school team. We also wish Mrs. Edmans well as she leaves us to go on to teacher training and we wish her well with her future studies.

### **September – What might school look like .....**

We have guidance released by the government on 2/7/20 pm – so we are currently reading it very carefully and using it to plan for September. On Dojo next week will be much more detailed plans about this so pupils and parents know what to expect.

#### Key headlines until then

- All pupils are expected to return – if you are particularly anxious – get in touch and we can hopefully allay anxieties and support families to return to school
- We will be returning in school uniform
- We will be teaching in full classes
- We will have full teaching times- although there will be staggered starts and finishes lunchtimes will be shorter to accommodate this.
- Risk assessments are being updated and we will let you know in lots more detail via Dojo next week – which will give us time to answer any questions before we break up.

The strangest of terms/school years finishes at 2.20pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – school will be shut for the summer for everyone

In the meantime I hope everyone enjoys a summer break and looks forward to a fresh start and new academic year in September. Thank you to all the staff who have worked hard to support home learning and adapt to new ways of working. A huge thank you and well done to parents and carers who have taken on the challenge of home education and supported school and your children – messages of support have been greatly appreciated.

#### To end....

Still stay at home as much as possible, socially distance when out and about and take care of each other to make sure the infection rate remains as low as possible. A very low infection rate will support a greater return to normality.

## Term Dates – Academic Year 2019/2020

### **Summer Term 2020**

Summer Term finishes at 2:20pm on Friday 17 July

## Term Dates – Academic Year 2020/2021

### **Autumn Term 2020**

Open – Monday 7 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**

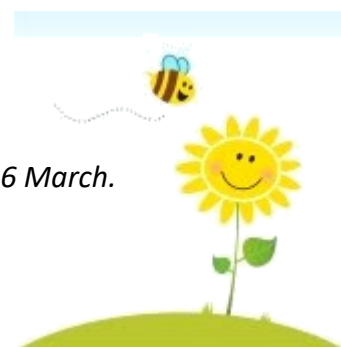
Open - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Close for half term – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Open – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at **2.20pm**

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