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Withernsea Primary School



'Welcoming, Positive, Successful'

October 2020 Newsletter

Parents' Evenings

This term teachers will be phoning parents for a telephone consultation- sorry we can't meet you face to face – it's not how we want to do things but it's the safest way at the moment.

A big thank you to all our parents and carers, you have been amazing at supporting us keeping our school and community safe by following all the safety measure we have put in place. Hopefully with all the measures we have taken we can keep school open and everyone learning.

If there were an outbreak and a section of school did have to shut we would immediately resort to on line learning and there would be an expectation that all children would participate in this. We have plans in place should this happen and we want to protect pupils from having any further gaps in their learning. Parent Questionnaire – please do complete your questionnaire and send it back to your child's class- many thanks.

If parents have any worries or concerns or just information they need to share with us to support your child's learning – teachers are available every morning on the playgrounds and via dojo message.

Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you need to discuss anything further the Assistant Head teachers for each phase are also available:

Mr Sutherland – Foundation Stage

Mrs Wright – Year 1 and 2

Mrs Mizon – Year 3 and 4 and

Mr Bishop – Year 5 and 6.



Changes to Lunch time Timetable- as part of COVID safety measures

Please note the new changes have come in to affect this term for each phase/year group and are as follows:

- F2 – 11:45am - 12:45pm
- Year 1 & 2 – 12:15pm - 13:15pm
- Year 3 & 4 – 11:45am – 12:30pm
- Year 5 & 6 – 12:30pm – 1:15pm



There is also a change to FSU F1 timetable. Morning session is 8:30am until 11:30am and afternoon session is 12pm – 3pm.

Data Protection

From time to time parents ask us for class lists for party invites, Christmas card lists etc. We are really sorry but we cannot give out class lists to parents for data protection reasons.

The New Building

As you can see the builders have got off to an excellent start. The concrete base is now in place and this week all the scaffolding will go up so in the following weeks the frame of the building can be craned into place. It is exciting to see the building start to go after waiting so long for it to happen.

Time Capsules

We are on the trail of time capsules that were buried in 1978 to celebrate the 100 year of the infant building. We don't want them to get 'lost' so would like to uncover them, perhaps open them as they will 42 years old – then reseal and rebury them with the Victorian part of the building. If anyone has information or memories from that time – please let us know. These can form part of our celebration of the building in the summer term.



Headlice

Please can every one adopt the 'Once a week take a peek' routine - to try and eradicate this problem.



**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

Site Regulations



Please could we remind parents/carers that to support health and safety and to keep our children safe, parents/carers are reminded the school is a no smoking site (**this includes e-cigs/vaping**). Please do not smoke or vape on site – thank you.

Also please do not bring dogs (except guide dogs), or other animals on to the school site – thank you for helping with this.

Parent Governors

We do have a couple of vacancies for parent governors, if this is a role you may be interested in, please contact Mrs Harper via dojo or telephone. Mrs Harper is also on duty at the top of the footpath in the north building most mornings and evenings for a socially distanced conversation!

Sims Pay – parent payments



We are pleased to let you know that our school is now taking online payments, which we would encourage you to use to pay for school meals. We hope that you will find paying in this way is much more convenient and from our perspective it will save us time as well as reduce the chances of money being lost or stolen.

We are using a system known as 'SIMS Pay' which is very easy-to-use and will offer you the flexibility to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that payments are secure and use the highest level of card security and that funds will reach the school safely.

Please speak to the school office for more information and to sign up by calling 01964 612800 – thank you.

Keeping safe online

None of us, of whatever age, are immune from encountering problems online, as a look through the daily news will tell you. Our children are certainly at a vulnerable stage in their lives ... naturally more trusting than adults and hopefully having been less exposed to the darker side of the internet. They are also not as well equipped to deal with such issues – or their consequences. Some of these potential issues are as follows:

- Inappropriate contact: from people, who may wish to abuse, exploit or bully them.
- Inappropriate conduct: because of their own and others' online behaviour, such as the personal information they make public, for example on social networking sites. Unfortunately, children can also become cyberbullies, especially when encouraged by others.
- Inappropriate content: being able to access or being sexually explicit, racist, violent, extremist or other harmful material, either through choice or in error.
- Commercialism: being the target of aggressive advertising and marketing messages.
- Gaining access to your personal information stored on your computer, mobile device or games console, and passing it on to others ... or using your financial details such as payment card information.
- Enabling viruses and spyware by careless or misinformed use of their or your computer, smartphone, tablet or games console.

One particular website which parents may find helpful not just for advice around children but also for themselves is –



www.getsafeonline.org



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



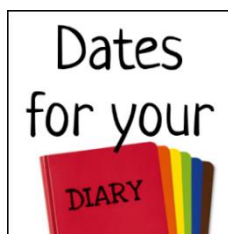
BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.



****Please note – Amendments to Term Dates for 2021 (from previous newsletter)****

School year – 2020-2021

| | Autumn 2020 | Spring 2021 | Summer 2021 |
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| Open | Mon 7th September | Tue 5th January | Mon 12th April |
| Close half term | Wed 21st October | Fri 12th February | Thu 27th May |
| Open | Mon 2nd November | Tue 23rd February | Wed 9th June |
| End of term | Fri 18th December | Fri 26th March | Wed 21st July |

**Please note the school will be closed in the afternoon to F1 (pm) children at the end of term.*

Child Flu vaccination Programme in School

Thursday 19th November – The immunisation team will be visiting school and the immunisations will take place in the classrooms so we do not have the children moving around the school. More information to follow soon.



Today I am going to school to be a flu hero to protect me, my friends and family against the flu virus which could make us very poorly.



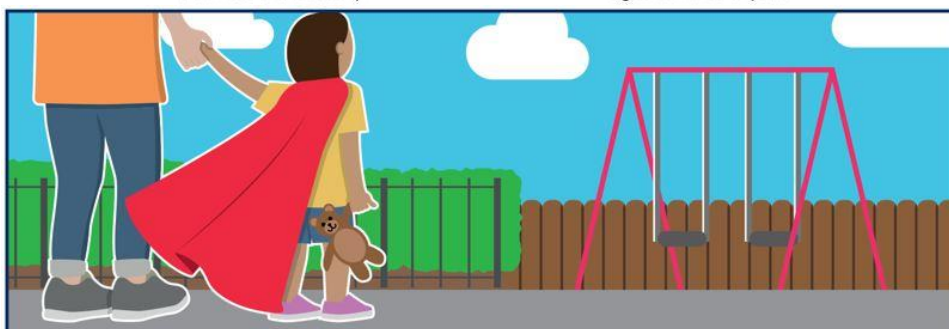
The nurse puts a little tube just inside my nose and squirts up each nostril.



It tickles a bit and it might make my eyes and nose a bit watery.



The spray helps my body to defend itself against flu for a year.



I am now a flu hero!