



Withernsea Primary School



July 2021 Newsletter

(‘Welcoming, Positive, Successful’)



The End of the School Year

Well we reach the end of another school year that has been far from normal. Thank you to all our parents and carers who have been extremely supportive over all the ups and downs of this academic year. We hope next year, the vaccines will ensure life can return to some normality, including teaching and learning in school.

We are letting the children play out as year groups, but they remain sitting in classes for lunch and in lessons. We have phonic intervention groups and other intervention groups but keep careful records should they be needed for track and trace. The risk assessments have been revised but remain in place – covid has not yet ended. Please can we remind parents / carers the guidance regarding the wearing of masks on site has not been lifted yet. Many of you have stopped wearing masks – please reconsider this until the guidance has been lifted. Thank you for your help with this.

We start the year with both buildings ready for teaching and learning. The old building is well on the way to its partial demolition and all that work is scheduled for completion by Christmas, although given the pace Henry Boot work at – that deadline may well be earlier.

The plan is to leave us with the original Victorian Building, a new staff car park and a replacement for the KS 1 field. There won't be any additional car parking – the DFE have been quite firm about this – they will only replace the spaces that we previously had – not create any new ones.

When we get there, have a lovely summer holiday and hopefully enjoy some family time together with some sunshine!

Virtual Tour

The new building virtual tour is now available to view on the school website. Please visit: <https://withernseaprimary.co.uk/virtual-tour/> for a look around both the old and new buildings. The aerial shots of the school are fantastic, as well as being able to have a virtual look round inside.

Thank you to all staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year and everyone's contribution to ensure this has been a very successful year for our Primary School. Thank you also to parent / carers for their continuing support for their child's education. We would like to wish everyone a lovely, relaxing summer holiday and will see everyone back for the new school Academic year on Wednesday 8th September from 8.35am onwards.



Staffing Updates

The following staff will be leaving us at the end of this term:-

Miss Allott (SENCO) will be leaving us for pastures new, so we send best wishes to her for the future and thank her for everything she has done for the school and the children over many years. Miss Atwood (Deputy SENCO) will now take over as SENCO for the school from September and we welcome Ms C Loveridge as the new Deputy SENCO. Mrs Little, from the office, will be leaving us too, we wish her well for the future and thank her for her time given to the school. Miss Norris and Mrs Oliveira will also be leaving us and we wish them all the best for the future and thank them for their time given to the school. Miss Harrison has changed roles within the school, she has left the EYFS unit and has joined the catering team – we wish her all the best in her new role. Mrs Kemp will finish teaching in Year 3 at the end of this term. We may see Mrs Kemp in the future but, for now, a big thank you, we appreciate everything she has done in 3BK. And finally, we would like to wish Mrs Jouanny, also from the office, well as she commences her maternity leave and look forward to meeting her family's new arrival.



We would like to welcome new staff joining us:-

New teachers will be Miss P Tomlinson and Miss A Sugden. We hope they quickly settle in and are made to feel welcome by everyone in our community.

Bikes and Scooters

It's great to see so many children bring a bicycle or scooter to school. Please remember to walk these up the drive. Also a gentle reminder to please lock them up - we have provision in the North building playground to chain them to railings outside the Premises office. Please note that the school cannot take responsibility for any items brought on to the school site; any items are left at your own risk. A new bike and scooter area will be built nearer the bottom of the south building as part of the improvement works and will be ready for September if not earlier.



Parking

If you do need to drive to school please try to park away from school and walk a short distance - this helps keep Hull Road safer for all the children walking. Under no circumstances park on the zigzag lines as this makes it very dangerous for everyone at home time or before school – thank you for your help with this.

Illness (incl. Covid-19)

If your child is absent from school due to a minor illness you must contact the school to inform them of the reason for absence and how long you expect the child to be off school. We ask all parents/carers to state the nature of the illness to prevent it being spread to others in school. Medical evidence may be requested to support your child's absence. This may include an appointment card/letter/prescription/medication etc.



Please do not bring children to school with Covid symptoms (high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste/smell) - instead please get a Covid test and then inform school of the result. If children develop Covid symptoms in school – we will need to isolate them and wear full PPE. Covid has not gone away and the infection rate is rising at present. We hope to get to the end of term without a case and the need to self-isolate but this may not be the case. We have heard of examples of classes in other schools nearby having to self-isolate.

For both vomiting and diarrhoea, either together or independently of each other, the advice states that a child must be absent from school for a clear 48 hours – thank you.

Contact details

Please could parents/carers ensure we have your most up to date contact details so we can contact you – there have been instances recently whereby we have needed to phone home only to find the information is out of date or numbers are no longer in use. This may be distressing for both children and staff if there are delays in not being able to contact parents.



Reports

The children will be bringing their school reports home on Wednesday 14th July. These will contain comments on their work and learning through the year. The attendance certificate will cover the summer term only. If you require a 100% attendance full year certificate please contact Mrs Allen. Details of next year's class teacher will also be in the report.

Sports Days



This year the children will be outside as whole year groups, although sitting in their classes. We will do sports activities for them as they missed out last year. Unfortunately this will be without an audience as the guidelines permit a socially distanced group of 30 and this would mean a lot of children with no family spectators, which isn't fair. Hopefully all will be back to normal next year.

Year 6 Leavers

The changes in the guidelines mean the planned transition days for High School can no longer take place. The High school are making other arrangements and have been across to talk to the children, so whilst it isn't the transition they or we wanted we will do our best so the children feel prepared for transition.

We are planning a leaver's assembly for the children – again outside (weather dependent) with the whole year group but sitting in their classes. Unfortunately we are still unable to ask parents to come as it would exceed the permitted 30 limit - but we will take plenty of photos.

Parent's Evenings

Normally we would suggest you come in at the end of term and can look at work, unfortunately that also isn't an option. We will have sent out reports, please do message teachers if you would also like a follow up telephone conversation. Teachers will be contacting parents of children with special needs to confirm details of their special needs graduated response plans.



Children on Site before the start of the School Day

Can we please remind you that children should not be left on the school site before the start of the school day. Legally, we cannot accept responsibility for the children until 8:35am and we would ask that you ensure your child does not arrive at school before 8:35am. We do have a breakfast club for parents who need this child care.

Head lice Reminder



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

If all parents are vigilant and adopt the '**Once a week - take a peek**' and treat as necessary, it helps keep this problem down to a minimum. It is really important that parents do not do a one-off treatment and think they have solved the problem as lotions tend to kill the lice but not always the eggs. It only takes one egg to get missed, hatch and off the whole cycle goes again. Head lice prolifically lay eggs. It is also important to check the whole family including adults and to be aware it is a community issue. In order to be effective, **everyone** needs to do this. Please ensure one night each week you have a look and check your child's hair so we avoid getting lots of head lice problems – thank you.

Universal / Free School Meals

If you are eligible for Free School Meals or your family circumstances change and you become eligible, please make sure that you claim as your child would have the option of taking a free meal. Pupil Premium paid into schools is based on the number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals. This will directly affect the money paid into school to spend on staffing and resources. In these stringent economic times every penny counts and it is important we have the money which school is entitled to have to best support our children. If you look on our school website it goes into detail about how we spend our Pupil Premium money and also the impact and the difference it is making.



For advice and information as to your eligibility for free school meals please ring the free meals section of the Benefit office on 01482 394799. Free school meal forms are available from school and can be sent home.

The Government currently fund free school meals for children in Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 2. **From Year 3 upwards children must pay for meals unless entitled to receive free school meals. The cost per week is £11.00 or £2.20 per day.**

Cashless Payment System

We will be using a **cashless payment system from June onwards**. We have been introducing our online payment portal, SIMS Pay over the last year or so and many parents/carers have opted to use this to pay for school meals, clubs and music. You will also be able to pay for trips when these begin again. Moving forward, this is a convenient, safe and secure solution for payments to be made to school. The SIMS Pay portal has proved an efficient way for parent/carers to pay money to school and **if you are not already on the system please contact the school office to request your SIMS Pay login details and we will send these home with your child.**



Term Dates for School year – 2020-2021

	Summer 2021
End of term	Fri 23rd July

Term Dates for School year – 2021-2022

	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022
Open	Wed 8th September	Wed 5th January	Tues 26th April
Close half term	Thu 21st October	Thu 17th February	Thu 26th May
Open	Mon 1st November	Tue 1st March	Wed 8th June
End of term	Tues 21st December	Fri 8th April	Fri 22nd July

**Please note we are also closed for May Day on Monday 2nd May 2022.*