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Withernsea Primary School



'Welcoming, Positive, Successful'

October 2021 Newsletter

New Bike and Scooter Shelter

A big thank you to Henry Boot who have contributed towards a new bike and scooter shelter which will be located much nearer to the south building, on the drive. When this is completed children are asked to park their bikes and scooters at the new shelter. Please secure them as well. We cannot take responsibility for any belongings children bring on to site. Once this is up and running there will be no need to walk bikes and scooters up the drive.

Staff Car Park

The new car park is having tarmac laid and the new field will be seeded – we are looking at completion around 8th – 14th October. The parking will only be for staff as the existing number of parking places is being replaced but no new ones created so we will still not have enough car parking. Also the car park is accessible off the drive and will need to be pedestrianised at school start and finish times.

Thank you – as the construction works come to an end, we will say goodbye to the Henry Boot staff and thank them all for their hard work. We are very grateful for our new building and car park.

Help needed – School Census

We need as many children (In reception, year 1 and year 2) to stay school dinners on Thursday 7th October 2021, as possible. This is because it is school census day and we have to report to the DFE how many children stay and we receive funding based on these numbers. It is not a small amount of money - it is tens of thousands of pounds – so really critical in supporting children effectively in school. Please, if you can help us by staying school dinners – it is very much appreciated.

School Menu – Food Allergens

The bread we use for sandwiches now includes allergens 2 (gluten) and 13 (soya), not just (2) as referred to on the school Menu. This is due to a change of supplier.

CENSUS DAY 2021

THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER



MENU

Roast Turkey & Yorkshire Pudding (2,4,7)

Roast Potatoes (14)

Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy



Chocolate Fudge Cake (2,4,7,13)

Allergen free alternative

(Daily menu still available)

Key

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| 1 celery | 8 molluscs |
| 2 cereals containing gluten | 9 mustard |
| 3 crustaceans | 10 nuts |
| 4 eggs | 11 peanuts |
| 5 fish | 12 sesame seeds |
| 6 lupin | 13 soya |
| 7 milk | 14 sulphites |

Free School Meals

Reminder – if you think your child is eligible for free school meals please collect a form and apply before 7 October 2021.

Parents's Evening

At time of writing we are looking at real life parents evening appointments. Staff will be shortly sending out information to book your time slots.

Parents' evening will be Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st October – 3.20 to 5.50 pm

We also accommodate any parent who would prefer a virtual appointment – please let the class teachers know. **Parent Questionnaires** - Please do complete your questionnaire and send it back to your child's class teacher, many thanks.

Communication

If parents have any worries or concerns or just information you need to share with us to support your child's learning - teachers are available via dojo message. Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you need to discuss anything further, the Assistant Heads for each phase are also available:

Mrs Matthews – Foundation stage

Mrs Wright – Year 1 and 2

Mrs Mizon – Year 3 and 4

Mr Bishop – Year 5 and 6

Covid Updates

Thank you to parents who are doing lateral flow tests and being vigilant for symptoms - it is really helpful. If we do have positive cases we will let parents know so they can be vigilant and aware. If we have an outbreak, public health will advise and further measures may have to be re-introduced, but we will cross that bridge when/if we need to. Infection rates are coming down but slowly – 277 cases per 100,000 at time of writing.

PE KITS

One positive we have kept from Covid is on the days children have PE they come to school in their PE kits – this has saved us precious learning time and less lost property. Please can children come in their school PE kit which is **black or navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms and a pale blue polo shirt/t-shirt**. Please no football kits or clothes with large slogans on – thank you for your help with this.

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.

Hull Food Bank

Hull Food Bank have contacted school via Mrs Watkins to give a 'Big Thank You' to Y4 (last year's Y3's) for their wonderful donation of food which they say 'will really help a lot of people and young people'. Well done and thank you.

Headlice

Please can everyone continue to adopt the 'Once a week take a peek' routine - to try and eradicate this problem!



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:



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.

- 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

Term Dates for School year – 2021-2022

| | Autumn 2021 | Spring 2022 | Summer 2022 |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Open | | 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 |

