

Dear Parent/Carers,

This half term has flown by and the children will be breaking up on Friday for a week. It has been lovely to get back to having assemblies, especially celebration assemblies. The job centre is back open for the children to apply for jobs and school council are meeting fortnightly. Mrs Traynor will be starting the parent group back from November with fortnightly coffee mornings, so please come along. We are hoping to have a Christmas Fayre and will be looking for parent volunteers to help out with making crafts and helping out on the day. If you are interested in helping, please come along to one of the parent group coffee mornings. The school is still monitoring and recording any positive COVID cases and will notify parent/carers for that year group or setting via letter. Hull's Public Health are saying that if your child has one of the three symptoms or cold like symptoms like headache, sore throat or stomach ache to get them tested as a precaution for COVID. Cases in the school this term are low. Thank you for your continuing support and if you have any questions or queries regarding COVID please contact us.

Kind regards
Mrs Knight

Congratulations to our New Head and Deputies!



Head Girl
Connie



Head Boy
Joshua

Last week, the children and staff voted for our new Head and Deputies for 2021-2022. It was a close competition this year with only a few votes between each candidate.

We are pleased to announce that Joshua was voted for Head Boy and Connie as Head Girl.

The Deputy Head Boys voted in were Alfie, Harry and Finnley and the Deputy Head Girls voted in were Ella, Lola and Tiffany.

All the children have already taken onboard their new roles and are always collecting children's ideas and dealing with issues on a day-to-day basis.

I am sure the children will make a great difference to the running of the school and have already taken part in the celebrations assemblies on a Friday.



Remember the children break up on Friday 22nd October 2021 at 3.15pm.

School reopens on Monday 1st November at 8.45am.

BUG CLUB Launch a great success!



The school will be using Pearson Bug Club to teach phonics for all children in the school. The launch day was a great day to introduce the children to the app, online books and activities.



The children can earn rewards and prizes for reading at home and at school. We would recommend that your child reads at least 3 times at home a week. We are also running a bug club for year 1 and 2 children after school on a Monday and a Tuesday.



Breakfast club is now open for all children from Reception to Year 6.

It is **FREE!**

No need to book!

Just turn up on the day!

Start time 8am

Wanted Parent Governor!

Would you like to be a parent Governor?

If you are interested and would like more details about this position or an application form, please ask at the office.

Safeguarding

Squid Games

Last week, we posted on our school Twitter account information regarding concerns with Squid Games. The popularity of the Netflix show that is rated 15, has become an internet craze. The series has brutal scenes which are not suitable for children. The popularity of the show has meant that people are acting out the challenges and pretending to kill each other. These videos are easily accessible on different social media sites which children can access and the content can be harmful and distressing. A link to more guidance regarding this is available on our school twitter account or by searching National Online Safety guidance.



Bug Club

Our new school reading programme that joins books with eBooks

Remember to encourage your child to read as much as possible by using their log ins. The more they read, the more they will learn and earn rewards.

Bug club is accessible on all devices.

1. Go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
2. Enter your login details.

Walking to and from school

Just a quick reminder that children only in Year 5 and 6 can walk to and from school on their own if parents give consent. Children in Year 4 and below need to be brought and collected from school. It has come to our attention that some children are walking to school on their own and this is a safeguarding concern.

Children 5 years and under must be collected by an adult. Please make sure you contact the office if you child is getting collected by a different adult and they are not on the contact list.



Food Friday



We are still providing food bags for our families. Collection is on a Friday from the Staffroom entrance 8.45-9.15.

First come, first served.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Thursday 21 st October	Reception stay and play 8.45am-10am.
Friday 22 nd October	Year 6 bowling trip to Hollywood Bowl Pupils break up for half term.
Monday 1 st November 	Pupils return to school Poppies on sale Local History at school
Thursday 4 th November	Diwali
Monday 15 th November	Road Safety week Badges and wrist bands on sale for Children in Need (playground am/pm) £1 each.
Friday 19 th November 	Children in Need. Children can wear spots or pyjamas for the day. No cost for dressing up. Money raised will be through selling badges and bands.
Monday 29 th November	Flu vaccination day Reception to Year 6.
Friday 17 th December	Close for Christmas Holiday at 1.30pm.



Secondary School application forms must be completed!

Closing date is 31st October.

If your child, is due to start Secondary School in September 2022 you must complete an application form. Paper copies are available from the school office.



Is your child due to start school in September 2022?

If you have a child that will be starting Reception class in September 2022, you must complete an application form online for a school placement.

Please see link

www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/applications-and-transfers/primary-school-applications

Closing date is 15th January 2022. We are expecting a high demand for places for our Reception class for September 2022, so please make sure you apply before the closing date. If you require any support in completing the application form please ask at the office.

Saying 'Goodbye and Good luck'



Miss Rucroft
Deputy Head



Miss Nahar
Senior Achievement
Support Assistant

Miss Rucroft and Miss Nahar are both leaving at the end of this half term for new posts within the Trust. Miss Rucroft will be the new Director of Reading and Phonics and Miss Nahar will be moving to a new school within the Trust 'Euler' as a Personal Development Mentor.

Both members of staff will be greatly missed, however we are sure they will be successful in their new roles and wish them all the best on their new career pathways.

We would also like to thank Louise Livingston and Lesley Fenton for their service at Thorpepark over the years. They will be missed by children and staff and we wish them all the best for the future.



Parent Group

Parent group coffee morning is back up and running. Please come along and join in with the discussions and planning key school events.

The next meeting is on Friday 5th November at 9am in the dining hall. All parent/carers are welcome to attend.

Every day, on time!

It is really important that the children arrive to school on time. Since returning back to an 8.45am start, doors close at 9am we have had a high number of children that are late. This needs to improve and we are here to support families. Please ask to speak to someone in the office if you have issues with lateness and need additional support.

□ Half Term FSM vouchers!

The Local Authority have agreed to continue the FSM vouchers for half term. Any child entitled to FSM will receive a £15 voucher. This voucher will be provided through WONDE scheme and not Edenred. Please do not ring the school if you have issues with these vouchers.

Are you entitled to FSM?

If your circumstance may have changed or you are not sure if your child would be entitled to free school meals, please ask the office for more information.

All you need to do is complete an application form to see if you would be entitled.

The vouchers will be allocated on Thursday/Friday this week.



Attendance for the school is still low compared to previous years. Please make sure you contact the office if your child is absent. If your child's attendance is below 90% we will send a letter and invite you into a meeting to discuss this further. We always try and support our families, however persistent absences will be challenged and the school will prosecute if needed. No absences under 85% will be authorised without medical evidence. The school will accept and administer medicines if required. Parents must complete a medical form to give permission to administer medication.