



The St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School, Burgh-Le-Marsh

September 2019 Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK!

To all our returning children and parents...welcome back! To all our new children and parents...welcome to Burgh School! As is usually the case at our school, lots of things remain the same as in 2018/2019, but there are several little changes here and there. As noted on the previous newsletter, Mrs Kirk and Miss Bearman have left us for new posts in other Lincolnshire schools. We have also welcomed Mrs. Cocks to the Teaching Assistant team. The biggest change however, is that we are back to our 'normal' class structure – seven classes, one per year group.

Many of you will know that we are currently awaiting the return of Ofsted – the school inspectors. The Governing Body and staff continue to work hard to provide our children with a high quality education. We must be doing something right as our school continues to be very popular - despite our official PAN (Published Admission Number) being set at 30, the majority of our classes are over this due to upheld appeals!

Two of our current curriculum aims involve helping children achieve the highest possible standards in Mathematics and building upon our children's strengths in reading so that they can become even better writers. However, an overarching aim of our curriculum continues to be to broaden the horizons of our children, raising their aspirations and making them aware of the world beyond the East Coast.

We're already into the fifth week of Autumn Term 1 and there have been so many bits and pieces going on across school. There are lots and lots of events and dates set between now and Christmas – we've listed as many as we can on this newsletter, but keep an eye out for letters, notes and 'parenthub' notifications. We look forward to working together with our parents, families and friends as we continue to strive for excellence in our caring, Christian community!

Mr. Hurdman

Headteacher

NSPCC – DROP YOUR BOOKS AND BOOGIE!

Following the recent assemblies and workshops delivered by the NSPCC, our school has been taking part in the 'Drop Your Books and Boogie' sponsored event in school today. On the hour, every hour, our children (and adults) stopped what they were doing for a quick dance around, culminating in a whole school Conga line at the end of the day! The NSPCC really is a wonderful cause to support. If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, please visit their website at nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please also look out for ParentHub notifications, letters and notes.

Friday 4th October
Harvest Service in Church (2pm)

Wednesday 9th October
Y2 Great Fire of London Day

Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th October
Parents' Evenings

Friday 18th October 2019
End of Term 1

Monday 28th October
INSET day for staff

Tuesday 29th October
Start of Term 2 for children

Friday 1st November
All Saints Service in Church (2pm)

Friday 15th November
Children in Need

w/b Monday 25th November
Y6 Bikeability week

Monday 2nd December
Christmas Arts Day

Friday 6th December
PFTA Christmas Fair

w/b Monday 9th December
Reception & Y1/Y2 Nativity Shows

Friday 13th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16th December
Y3-Y6 Party Day (non-uniform for Y3-Y6)

Tuesday 17th December
Whole School Panto Trip

Wednesday 18th December
YR-Y2 Party Day (non-uniform for YR-Y2)

Thursday 19th December
Carol Service in Church (2pm)

End of Term 2

Monday 6th January 2020
Start of Term 3 for children

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW Y6 TEAM CAPTAINS!

Chloe, Finlay, Jacob, Marlee, Mika, Rylee, Zak, Zia

One of their first jobs was helping Mr. Hurdman lead the 'drop your books and boogie' activities today!

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RESPECT COMPASSION COURAGE

ATTENDANCE- APPOINTMENTS & HOLIDAYS

If your child requires a medical appointment in school time, we will obviously authorise this, but we do need to see evidence of the appointment (e.g. the letter/reminder slip).

Holiday requests continue to be received. We are unable to authorise them, except in the most exceptional circumstances. Parents may receive written reminders of this, particularly if previous attendance has been low (even if authorised due to illness). Unauthorised and persistent absence (which includes late arrivals) will be reviewed by an Education Welfare Officer, potentially resulting in parents being asked to attend an attendance panel meeting and/or a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority in respect of this.



IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, DOWNLOAD THE 'PARENTHUB' APP TO RECEIVE NEWS, UPDATES & DIRECT MESSAGES. IT IS FREE FROM YOUR APP STORE!

If you have problems registering, just let us know and we will try to help.

PE KIT – A REMINDER

PE kit (including footwear) must be in school every day please, regardless of the 'usual' PE day.

HOT MEALS – A REMINDER

Hot Meals paid for weekly must be paid by the Thursday of the preceding week at the latest please. If orders and monies are not handed in on time, meals cannot be ordered.

Y6 MOBILE PHONES - A REMINDER

Can we remind parents and carers that only Y6 children are permitted to bring mobile phones to school **if absolutely necessary**. They must be switched off at all times on school premises and also handed in to an adult. Children ignoring this rule can expect to have this privilege removed.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE (PHYSICAL OR DATA-RELATED) TO ANY DEVICE BROUGHT ONTO SCHOOL PREMISES.

If you do not agree to this, then please do not allow your child in Y6 to bring their phone to school.

Applying for a Primary school place for September 2020?

Applications can be completed from 14th November 2019 and must be received by noon on 15th January 2020.

Starting Secondary school in September 2020?

Applications must be completed by noon on 31st October 2020. Y6 parents with children taking the 11+ are advised to wait until results are available (mid-October) before submitting applications.

Detailed information is available at

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/>

HARVEST THANKSGIVING IN CHURCH

FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER 2pm

All parents and friends are welcome to join us at our annual Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday in Church. As always, we would love our children to bring in food donations of packets and tins (no fresh fruit/vegetables) before Thursday evening. These are taken to Church and then distributed between the Storehouse Foodbank and Witham Lodge (the Salvation Army). Compassion in action!

PARKING REMINDERS

It may be a new school year, but we continue to have to mention parking. Parents have approached governors about holding a meeting regarding parking around school. Unfortunately parking around school is out of our control as a school! Sadly, there is no point asking, "Can we build a drop-off/turn around?" when we're not even allowed to tarmac the school carpark. Regarding the crossing patrol, last year we again facilitated the interviews for this post but no appointment resulted from this. We continue to ask the local authority to work to fill the position, but this is not a school appointment. What we can do is continue to issue the following reminders:

- Please do not park or drop off anywhere in the school car park (this includes the lower end near the road as well as the top near the office). We have several children and visitors who do need to be dropped off in the car park and have permission. Please respect their needs and the signs that say 'permit holders only'. This applies at the start and end of the day and after clubs.
- Please do not park in the surgery car park (unless you have an appointment obviously!). We have again had complaints from the surgery about this. It tarnishes the good name of the school in the community.
- Please do not park in front of residents' driveways or on grass verges. Again, it only serves to cause the school aggravation and wastes time dealing with complaints, rather than focussing on the education of the children.