

Newsletter June 2017

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Safeguarding

Just to remind us all that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. The designated staff in school are Mrs Flack and Mrs Adie. Also, with the summer holidays just weeks away, we want to take the opportunity to remind the children about stranger danger whilst they are out and about.

Head teacher update

How lucky are we have to have the wonderful facility of our own pool? Children are making good progress in their lessons during the school day. The after school swimming is also proving really successful in improving pupils' swimming ability. Y6 were a credit to us in their SATs week and we are very proud of how hard they all tried. Y2 have also been so grown up during their SATs and tried their best. In values education, our focus is courage so look out for the values newsletter which will be coming home soon. There will be an end of term disco so check out our dates for your diary.

Transitions and Move up Mondays

This year, we want to ensure that transitions between classes run as smoothly as possible. All children will move up to their new classes on Friday 30th June 2017 and will then be in their new classes every Monday morning until the end of the school year. This will help the teachers to get to know the pupils and pupils to get to know their new teachers. This improved transition will allow teachers and pupils to hit the ground running in September 2017. We will be asking all children to complete a 'One Page Profile' about themselves whilst with their new teachers and we would ask you to work on completing it with them at home as well please.

School uniform policy

Please visit the school website to download the policy or read about it in our school prospectus. We will be reminding pupils about school uniform and reacting in line with our school policy. The uniform policy clearly states sensible haircuts. Sensible being in the opinion of the school and governors. Schools have been known to exclude pupils with extreme haircuts and we request your support in adhering to the school uniform policy please so that is not needed as an option.

Healthy Eating Week 12th June – 16th June

During Healthy Eating Week, we will be celebrating and rewarding children with stickers, team points and golden tickets to those children who choose to eat healthy snacks, choose a healthy purchase from our tuck shop and choose items such as fruit, salad and vegetables at lunchtime.

We will also be running the Healthier Breakfast Challenge at Breakfast Club during the same week, which will have on offer lots of healthy choice for the children to try. We hope the children will enjoy the week and maybe even try some new fruit and vegetables too.

Road Safety

We ask parents and carers to please remind their children how dangerous the roads can be. We have had several complaints from local residents with regards to unthoughtful parking. Please be considerate when dropping off and picking up pupils.

Sports Day

Friday 14th July 2017 is our sports day. Reception and KS1 will be in the morning and KS2 will be in the afternoon. Times are to follow. All parents and carers are invited to a school picnic on the day. In the event of bad weather we will endeavour to try and accommodate the picnic within school to avoid any disappointment.

Attendance

Attendance data for the school year from September 2016 to May 2017 is at 96%. In order to comply with national safeguarding procedures, we operate a 'first day call' when children are absent. If your child is absent from school, we would really appreciate if you could telephone and let us know before 9.30am (close of register). If we have not heard from you by this time, the school office will contact you. If we are unable to speak to you, we will call every day of the child's absence, for up to five days. During this time, staff may visit your home to ascertain the well-being of your child. If, after five days, we have not been given a reason for the child's absence, the child will be reported as a 'child missing education'. These attendance procedures which have been put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils.

Top Table

Top table is proving a great success so keep checking out the website to see which pupils have been selected each week. Well done to all of those who so far have been on the Friday top table. We will soon be counting the golden tickets to see who is going to win our special prizes.

After School Club

Places are becoming limited in the After School Club for Term 6, therefore we would recommend you book well in advance if you would like your child to stay in the after school provision during June and July.

Diary Dates

5th June	Term starts
12 th June	Y1 phonic screen this week.
14 th June	Yr 3/4 Tennis tournament
19 th June	Phonic screen Y1 catch up
27 th June	Y6 Rounders Tournament
28 th June	Y5 Taster day UAH
29 th June	EYFS Hunstanton Sealife Centre
29 th June	UAH Y6 transition day
30 th June	UAH Y6 transition day
30 th June	Whole school move up
3 rd July	Move up Monday
4 th July	Y5/6 Athletics Tournament
7 th July	Y6 Move up day Spalding Schools
7 th July	Non uniform day bring a full bottle
9 th July	Summer Fair
10 th July	Move up Monday
17 th July	Move up Monday
14 th July	Sports Day
14 th July	Reports home today
18 th July	School disco
18 th July	Artisan Market
18 st July	Leavers service
19 th July	End of term

5th September Children back to school

Swimming Pool Update

The swimming pool committee would like to thank everyone for their support with the Easter Bunny hunt and the weekly donations that we have received so far. If anyone has forgotten there is still time to hand in the weekly contributions (£2 per week), and there is a prize for the class that raises the most money. Before the swimming season started we changed the corrugated plastic down the right-hand side and now have a wall with windows above to match the entrance and left-hand side. Unexpectedly, we also had to change the roof due to Storm Doris taking some of it off! This has only been possible because of the money and support that we receive from you all. We are now looking forward to the Summer Fair on 9th July where we will have bouncy castles, games and much more.

Church

It was lovely to see the children's artwork on display in church during the Flower Festival. Well done to the winners of the art competitions. It was also great to see so many of the children and their families come to church on the Sunday for the Songs of Praise service, which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. There is a Sunday Group at church who meet during the Sunday service, which starts 10.30am, and they are always pleased to welcome anyone who would like to learn more about the Bible stories.