



Withernsea Junior School and Infant School

‘Together we learn, care, succeed and achieve’
‘Together we care, we learn, we belong’

May 2010 Newsletter

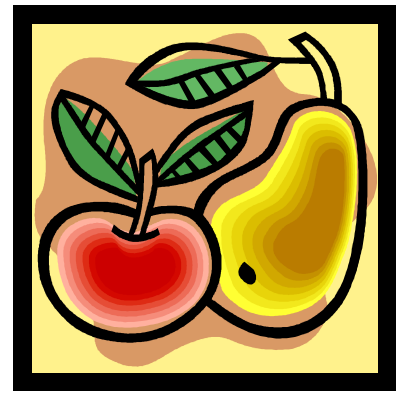
International News



The Comenius project, ‘Energy of Nature’ has continued this year. Pictures made from recyclable materials been sent to our partner school in Romania for an exhibition. Mr Sutherland, Miss Evans and Miss Metcalf will visit the school in Bucharest the week before half term to attend the final meeting of the project; it will celebrate the achievements of the project. Later this term each child at the junior school will receive a calendar for the next academic year, it is a compilation of photos recording the project from all the partner schools in Poland, Bulgaria, Romania and us in the UK.

In addition we were visited by Mrs Petra Ronner a teacher from Switzerland, she spent three weeks working with the children in both the infant and junior schools. It was very interesting to talk with her and find out the differences and similarities in the education systems, we were able to learn from each other. She thoroughly enjoyed her stay and was very complimentary on the manners, politeness, friendliness and helpfulness of everybody she met.

Healthy Schools Page



Packed Lunch Tip

‘Try brown bread instead of white’



Reminder!

SLIP – T-SHIRT

SLOP – SUNSCREEN

SLAP - HAT



‘Once a Week, Take a Peek’

Head Lice is always an ongoing problem in Schools and we are adopting the ‘Once a Week, Take a Peek’ strategy. We will be encouraging this by sending termly reminders to parents/carers via text messaging (text messages will be sent where we hold a mobile number on record as a first contact number to parents/carers).

‘Once a Week, Take a Peek’ information leaflets have previously been sent out to you but if you require a further copy please contact the Junior School office.

For more information you can log on to:- www.onceaweektakeapeek.com



SATs and Assessments

This term Year 6 teachers and children are working hard towards the SATs beginning on May 10th. We are really proud of their achievements and the dedication that they have shown in showing everyone what they can really do! It would be a great advantage to your child/children if they get a good night's sleep before the tests and start each day with a healthy breakfast.

The rest of the school are working hard towards their assessments which will take place before and after half term. Reading will take place before half term and Mathematics after half term. Writing will be assessed through several pieces of writing that have already been completed this year and the children will be given an overall level. As last year, this type of assessment is called - Assessing Pupil Progress which means a level over time, not a single test on a single day!



May Dates For Your Diary

Monday 10th – Friday 14th May – SATs week for Y6 pupils

Monday 10th May - Infant School – class group photographs

Term Dates – Academic Year 2009/10 – 2010/11

SATS WEEK- Week commencing 10th May 2010

Please do not book any holidays for children in Year 6 as they will be recorded as unauthorised – thank you.

SUMMER TERM

Close for half term Friday 28 May
Re-open Monday 7 June
CLOSE **THURSDAY 22 JULY**



(Please note change of date, due to additional training day for closure of both schools.)

AUTUMN TERM

Open Thursday 9th September
Close for half term Friday 22nd October
Re-open Monday 1st November
Close Tuesday 21st December

SPRING TERM

Open Thursday 6th January Wednesday 5th January
Close for half term Friday 18th February
Re-open Monday 28th February
Close Friday 15th April

SUMMER TERM

Opens Wednesday 4th May Tuesday 3rd May
Close May Day Monday 2nd May
Close for half term Friday 27th May
Re-open Monday 6th June
Close Friday 22nd July Monday 25th July

Gardening Club

The Gardening club are looking to build a greenhouse from plastic bottles and would appreciate your help. If you have any empty 2 litre plastic bottles, preferably clear, can you please bring to the Junior school – thank you.



Midday Supervisor's Lunchtime Club

The Midday supervisors run a very successful lunchtime club for the Junior School children which, is very popular especially when it's a rainy day. We would appreciate donations of any of the following :-

Colouring books, scoobies, felt, beads, play dough, string, wool, wooden pegs or any other crafty 'bits n bobs' that you no longer have use for.

Thank you for your support.



Withernsea Primary School

May Updates

The Governors met at the end of April and have made further decisions which take forward our work on the Primary school.

Staffing Developments

Congratulations to Mrs Miller who will take up a Headship at Roos Primary School in September. This impacts on our current staffing structure and we will be appointing a new Deputy Headteacher very shortly.

Premises Developments

We have now ordered our new signs, gates and fencing. The telephone system and door locking systems are well in hand. Thank you to parents, staff and children in Mrs Johnson's and Mrs Woodruff's classes as they have moved classrooms which has enabled us to work on the new Library and new Community Room. We have allocated £5000 for new books for our new library and staff will choose the new stock later this month. We have also ordered new reading book storage for Year 2 children and will spend up to £2000 improving and extending reading materials for Years 1 and 2.

In addition to the Library and the Community Room the Special Needs/resources room in the Infants is to undergo extensive refurbishment to become offices for the Parent Support Advisor, Home School Liaison Officer and one of the senior management team.

The existing library will move into the new library once it is completed and then this room will be refurbished as the Premises Manager's office.

School Logo

Thank you to all the children who contributed ideas towards the new logo. We decided not to have our existing logos but to have a fresh start. The children voted by a large majority to have a shield shape. Some of the children drew two children linking hands which the governors liked as it symbolised the two schools coming together. This has been developed and is pictured below.



Parent Information Packs

One of our tasks is to put together our parent information pack. This is usually the pack that all new parents receive with all the information about our school. As the new Primary School will be new to everyone, every parent will receive this pack. It is planned to have these ready by mid June. Now Governors have agreed the logo we can order new sweatshirts and book bags. We will let parents know as soon as these are ready; however old sweatshirts will be accepted until children have grown out of them.



Communications with Children

Mrs Harper has met with each class and explained what has been happening so far and given the children an opportunity to ask questions. The children have been excited and keen to ask very sensible questions. Mrs Harper will continue to visit each class over the coming weeks so the children are kept up to date and can ask any further questions.

Communications with Parents

Thank you to the parents who wrote in with suggestions and comments. The key issue seems to be Year 2 eating lunch in the North Building; we will look at how to make this possible and could be by combining Year 2 with Year 3 to eat their lunches. Parent drop ins are on the following dates – no appointment is necessary, please report to the Junior School Office.

Friday 7th May 1.15- 3.15pm

Friday 14th May 1.15- 3.15 pm

Wednesday 19th May 1.15- 3.15pm

School Plan

One of the most important tasks that needs to be done is to prepare the first School Improvement Plan for the new Primary School.

We will be focusing on ensuring a consistency of approach to teaching and learning across the whole school. We will also focus on building up our new school teams and hope to achieve the Investors in People award for the whole school, it has been previously held by the Junior School.

We will focus on our pupils achieving their potential, ensuring our more vulnerable pupils do as well as they can, whilst also challenging our more able pupils to aim as high as they can. We may have new national challenges following 6th May elections.

We want to strengthen our partnership with parents, welcoming feedback on the parents pack and extending our Family SEAL which parents in Year One had the opportunity to enjoy.

If parents have any suggestions on things they wish us to focus on or again any general comments or suggestion- please write on the back page and return this via class teachers

Many thanks

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