



Withernsea



Primary School

‘A safe, happy, aspirational respectful place to enjoy learning’

November 2011

Newsletter



Remembrance

Poppies - will be on sale in both buildings, donations welcome - thank you. Our school Ambassadors and some other class representatives will attend the Withernsea ‘Remembrance’ Service next week. We also have the theme of ‘Remembrance’ for assembly during that week as well.

Attendance

Thank you for good attendance and congratulations to class **4VA (98.9%)** for very impressive attendance during the month of October.

Class	Percentage		Percentage
F2EG – Miss Greenwood	91.0%	3CW – Mrs Wright	92.6%
F2KA – Mrs Appleton	92.3%	3BW – Mrs Bagnall / Mrs Woodruff	94.1%
F2SN – Mrs Noble	92.7%	4ED – Miss Evans / Miss Duxbury	97.0%
1LF – Miss Feeney / Miss Ward	95.8%	4VA – Miss Allott	98.9%
1ES – Miss Smith	96.1%	5HT – Mrs Todd	96.8%
1MS – Mrs Spencer	93.4%	5IM – Miss Metcalf	93.6%
2LH – Mrs Hilton	97.3%	5CS – Miss Sperry	91.7%
2RH – Miss Hills	94.3%	6ST – Mr Sutherland / Mrs Tattersall	96.2%
2JS – Mrs Sutherland	95.0%	6MP – Mr Pawson	91.5%

Healthy School Page



Names on Lunchboxes

Please can parents ensure that every lunchbox is clearly labelled with their child's name as we have had problems with children with identical lunchboxes starting to eat the wrong lunch as they have not realised it wasn't their box. Also it is much easier to return lunchboxes to owners if they are named!



Cooler Mornings

Winter is now upon us. Please can all children bring suitable warm coats to wear at playtimes; unless it is raining we do go outside for fresh air and to run around. Please put names in coats as well, we have had cases in the past of two identical coats and one child going home in the wrong coat by mistake. Sometimes children dropped off in cars don't bring a coat but our Library, Music room and Cookery room are in the South building so children often walk between the two buildings for lessons.

Fireworks

Enjoy the fun this weekend but please make sure children do not handle fireworks. Supervise sparklers safely as even these can give a nasty burn. Attending organised displays are the safest way to enjoy them. We will also talk to the children about firework safety.



Breakfast Club

We are aware the pre school Breakfast Club closed at half term. We have as a school, looked at the viability of taking this on. We have completed a feasibility exercise but there are not enough children needing this service for us to be able to do this. Parents looking for childcare are recommended to use the FISH service - which can be contacted on **01482 887700** and ask for the 'Family Information Service' or email fish@eastriding.gov.uk



Xmas arrangements – early warnings!!

We will be putting out a full list of all parties, activity mornings, concert dates etc. during November. However, we appreciate parents may need to take time off work so we have given advanced notice of concert dates and will try not to change these dates.



Year 5 and 6 Carol Service - Monday 12 December, (pm) at Hull Road Methodist Church - parents welcome to join us.

Year 5 and 6 Xmas Disco - Tuesday 13 December 5.30- 7.30 pm.

Year 3 and 4 Christingle Service - Wednesday 14 December, (pm) at St Matthews Church, Hull Road - parents welcome to join us.

Year 2/3 - Nativity - Thursday 15 December, (am) – **Year 2** parents welcome.
Friday 16 December, (pm) – **Year 3** parents welcome.

Year 1 Christmas Party - Monday 19 December, (pm)

Year 2 Christmas Party - Monday 19 December, (pm)

F2 and Year 1 - Christmas performances - 12 December (yr 1 parents), (pm)
13 December (F2 parents), (pm) and 14 December, (am) - (for parents who couldn't make the afternoon performances).

F1 - Christmas Singing - Tuesday 6 December (More details to follow).

Attendance

Some Unions have advised the Council they are balloting members over strike action which is scheduled for Wednesday 30 November 2011. This could significantly disrupt the normal school day. When we have more information parents will be informed.

Staffing Changes

We wish Miss Bentley well as she left us at the October half term, the Children in Year 1 will particularly miss her. We welcomed Miss Mudd at the start of October who is working with all our Cluster Schools as our new Partnership Officer and will be strengthening links between schools, organising some sports events and hopefully some holiday activities - although the funding received in the past is no longer available there will be less scope to subsidise some of these events to the extent that they were in the past

Children collected by adults

Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 - we have introduced home/adult log books in the event of your child not going home with the adult that normally collects the child e.g. they're going home for tea with another family, please let us know and we will ensure the child goes home with the adult that should be collecting them. Also, if parents do not inform us of any change please be aware we may need to make telephone calls and check out arrangements which could cause delays at the end of the day.

Out of School Activities

We actively encourage and celebrate children taking part in lots of school activities and also sharing their achievements with us. We have a small number of after school activities that we ourselves run including Netball and Rock Challenge. We also run lots of different clubs at lunchtime such as Gardening, Creative and Computer clubs.

In addition, we hire our premises to clubs and organisations for children to participate in – this includes Football and Dance. These organisations hiring our premises are subject to a number of checks and procedures but are not run by the school.

If you know of any organisations that would like to use our premises, please contact Mrs N Siddle to discuss terms and conditions of booking.

Rock Challenge

In May 2012, Withernsea Primary School will be taking part in our first ever 'Rock Challenge'. We are looking for help i.e. to make costumes for the children or anyone with artistic talent to help with our set. If you are able to help please contact Mrs H Tranmer at the school – thank you.

Lunchtime Club

If you have any old blankets, duvet covers or curtains you no longer require, the lunchtime club would appreciate them as the children have expressed a wish to make 'dens' at lunchtime.

School Charity Work for 2011 – 2012

Last term, all pupils were given the opportunity to suggest and vote for the charities they would like to support over this academic year. The School Council then held a meeting to voice these ideas. The main charities the children have chosen are:

- **Autumn Term** - Samaritans Purse
- **Spring Term** - Water Aid
- **Summer Term** – R.N.L.I.



Over the next few weeks, we will be involved in 'Operation Christmas Child', the shoebox appeal organised by 'Samaritans Purse'. It is the world's largest Christmas Shoebox appeal and involves sending gift-filled shoeboxes to disadvantaged children around the world.

The shoeboxes will be collected from school by **Friday 18 November**.

Along with the newsletter we will be sending out a separate letter with information on how to assemble your shoebox and a leaflet giving suggestions of the type of items to put in it along with a label to stick on the box to identify if suitable for a boy or girl. If you are able to offer any help, please contact Mrs Bagnall at the school or email:

bagnall@withernseaprimary.co.uk

SEAL- Social and emotional aspects of learning. (Anti bullying)

The week commencing 21 November will be our 'say no to bullying week'

It means the children will focus some of their lessons on bullying to develop their skills, understanding and confidence to recognise and act if they see or experience bullying. It is our aim to ensure the children develop the right social, emotional and behavioural skills to ensure that no one gets bullied.

We have given our anti bullying policy in your parents pack for school, but further copies can be obtained from the school office.

For children in Year 2 upwards we have stressed not to keep worries and concerns to themselves; they can go to any adult in school, our Nurture room and there is also a worry box as well. Year 1 children can go to any adult in their learning areas. We have a well trained team of adults on duty for playtimes and lunchtimes and can monitor carefully.

We prefer to tackle problems before they become more serious and persistent so if you have any worries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Huteson or Mrs Heath, Parent Support Advisor, in school as they are keen to help parents with any concerns about their child.

Morrison's Gardening Vouchers

If you have any Morrison's Gardening Vouchers the Gardening club would very much appreciate them as they are collecting them in order to purchase items such as seeds, gardening tools etc. for their club – thank you.



Pupil's Page

The pupils completed pupil questionnaires for us – here are their results

Pupil Questionnaire Autumn – Results Total Keystage 1

	Yes	Okay	No
I feel happy at school	161 (88%)	15 (8%)	6 (3%)
My attendance is good	159 (87%)	17 (9%)	6 (3%)
I enjoy learning	154 (85%)	16 (9%)	12 (7%)
I feel safe at school	167(92%)	8 (4%)	7 (4%)
I am getting better at reading	158 (87%)	15 (8%)	9 (5%)
I enjoy playtime	169 (93%)	10 (5%)	3 (2%)
I am getting better at writing	153 (84%)	20 (11%)	9 (5%)
I would like to work with older children	143 (79%)	14 (8%)	25 (14%)

Key Stage Two had a longer slightly different questionnaire

Their table of responses is on the next page.

We asked them what we could do to enhance outside learning – they had lots of good ideas and as a result we have ordered even more outdoor display boards to add to those we already have.

We are looking to extend the play trail. The School Council are looking at playground markings and different designs for both North and South buildings. We have drained the pond area ready for repairs and relining which should be complete by the end of October.

We asked pupils for suggestions for themed weeks – lots of good ideas- including Olympics week which we have included in next years plans.

We also asked the pupils what was good about school – they had lots to say including Learning, homework, play trail, dinners, trips, sports day, computers, friends, peace garden, gardening club, keeps us safe, happy place, kind, friendly, helpful, specific subjects and specific members of staff were mentioned.

We also asked the pupils what helps them learn

Good lessons, our special rooms- library, music, different subjects, using outdoors, more trophies, one to one tuition, clubs, working with each other and working in pairs

Thank you to all our pupils for their ideas and contributions – we are pleased that they contribute to school life, their feedback is useful and we do use it to improve what we do.

	Agree	Disagree
I enjoy school	88%	12%
I feel safe when I am at school	90%	10%
My school helps me to be healthy	88%	12%
I behave well in school	92%	8%
I learn a lot in lessons	96%	4%
Adults in school care about me	94%	6%
Adults in school are interested in my views	92%	8%
I know how well I'm doing at school	88%	12%
Adults explain to me how to improve my work	95%	5%
The head, Deputy Head and Assistant head teachers do a good job	96%	4%
I come to school every day – my attendance is good	89%	11%
I know about the Nurture Room and have used it or will use it if I'm worried about anything	91%	9%
I would like to work with other children sometimes	93%	7%
The teachers use green and pink pens to mark my work and I find this helpful (pink highlighter shows where we are pleased with work- green highlights improvements needed)	95%	5%

Term Dates – Academic Year 2011/12

Autumn Term

Close Tuesday 20 December

Spring Term

School opens Friday 6 January
Close for half term Friday 17 February
Re-open Monday 27 February
Close Friday 30 March

Summer Term

School opens Tuesday 17 April
Close for half term Friday 1 June
May Day Monday 7 May
Re-open Monday 11 June
Close Friday 20 July