

# Withernsea Primary School



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

## March 2011 Newsletter

### **Keeping Children Healthy and Safe from Harm**

We would like to share with you our policies and procedures to ensure all our children are taught and encouraged to live healthy lifestyles and adopt safe practices. The School policies are agreed by the Governors and ensure we have a consistent approach to practices across the school. There are different policies to ensure we safeguard our children and we explain these on the next page.

All the adults who work in school understand these policies and work within them. Our adults work to ensure they are good role models for children; promote a happy caring and safe school. We encourage the children to think for themselves, ask questions, and seek answers. We try very hard to create an atmosphere of trust and also for children to make mistakes as mistakes are a very important part of the learning process.

Communication with parents is very important to us and we have Mrs Huteson (Home-School Liaison) and Miss Kerr-Delworth (Parents Support Advisor). They are both committed to working closely with parents – no problem is too small and can often be prevented from becoming a bigger issue. Appointments are not necessary, please ask at reception to see either person or you can telephone school and select Mrs Huteson, Home-School on 612800 and select option 1. She is there for parents – please keep her busy! Our PSA also offers an informal drop in/coffee every Thursday morning 9.00 am onwards.

# Safeguarding Policies in School

**Child Protection** – This is a sensitive area, all staff receive training on this on an annual basis. There is a detailed policy for safeguarding children. School and other services for children and families all work together to support the needs of children. Our safeguarding governor is Mrs J Clarke. Our designated teacher is Mrs J Carroll. Referrals are made in line with the Safeguarding policy and we are bound within our professional regard and duty of care for children's safety to make referrals where necessary.

**Attendance** – We work hard to promote good attendance and appreciate parental support with this. Children's attendance in school is monitored on a daily basis and notable absences, patterns of absence are followed up – initially by staff in school and in more serious cases by the Education Welfare Officer. We would like to work with parents before it gets to that stage and if parents have concerns over absences, please contact Mrs Hollingsworth or Mrs Huteson, so we can work together to prevent serious problems arising.

**Health and Safety** – Everyone at Withernsea Primary knows they have a responsibility to ensure that children and adults are able to work in a healthy and safe environment. All staff that undertake lunch and playground duty and support in classrooms are trained in emergency first aid. There are also several fully trained first aid members of staff and also some staff trained in pediatric first aid.

**Safer Recruitment and Selection** – This aspect is taken very seriously. All Governors and staff involved in recruitment have completed Safer Recruitment training. All staff and volunteers in school have a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check and full references are required before a person takes up their post.

**Behaviour** – We have clear behaviour and Anti Bullying policies which we share with parents (sent out in the Summer Parents pack). We have high expectations of children's behaviour and a very positive approach to promoting good behaviour. Mrs Carroll monitors pupil behaviour and personalised programmes are put in place for those needing additional support. We also use restorative practices throughout the school to encourage pupils to take responsibility for their actions, take account of how people feel and what future behaviour choices are most appropriate.

**Curriculum** – Through the planned curriculum we consider how we keep ourselves safe and healthy, covering topics on healthy eating, diet and exercise, how our bodies work, pedestrian safety, internet safety, how we feel and relationships – including making friends (SEAL) – social and emotional aspects of learning.

# Healthy School Page



## SEAL Theme – Good to be me

Our Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning theme is – ‘Good to be Me’. This will focus on us all being special as individuals, valuing our differences and building our self esteem.

We will also look at what motivates us in our learning and setting goals to achieve.

We have attached some activities which parents may like to do at home with their child. They do not need to be returned to school but can be returned if you wish.

## Year 1 Playground

The children are enjoying playing with lots of new equipment – as seen on the pupil’s page. The bikes have arrived and once the storage shed is in situ, we can start to use them.

## Punctuality

**Please can all children arrive to start school at 8.45 am.**

**There are some children arriving late which disrupts all children starting their lessons on time. This is a particular problem for children in Years 1 and 2. Possibly this is due to the old Infant School starting at 9.00 am. Our Primary School starts at 8.45 am, please could children come to school on time – thank you.**

## **North Hall Improvements**

Key Stage Two children now have new PE Hall Bars installed in the North Hall which adds to their PE equipment and learning opportunities in PE. We have also purchased new PE mats as well and have disposed of the old ones which had seen better days.

## **Attendance**

To promote good attendance there is now a box of playground games for classes with the most children having 100% attendance from Year 2 upwards. Also there are opportunities to win individual prizes on a weekly basis for excellent attendance. This is in addition to the class shields given weekly for good attendance.

## **Year 1 Parents Tours**

Mrs Harper will be contacting parents over the next three months in Year 1 to ask if they would like to see the school during working time to give parents a flavour of what school is like now and also a chance to walk around the North building which they may not yet have seen. You will receive a telephone call and a confirmation of a date and time. Parents will be invited in small groups so it will take a while to see all the parents in Year 1 – please be patient if you have not yet received your phone call. Also if you do make an appointment and then find you cannot keep it - please let school know so someone else can be offered your place instead. In the past parents who have done this walk around have found it informative and useful, so we hope as many parents as possible will take up the opportunity.

## **Parents Evening**

We have decided to hold parents evening over two evenings this term in the hope it eases some of the congestion of the previous term. Please send slips back as soon as possible. This is a really important term in terms of children making progress and we like to see as many parents as possible – we usually get to see about 90% of parents and the teachers really value this chance to meet you and chat about your child's progress.

## **Foundation Stage Updates**

### **Building Work**

Our new conservatory extension replacing the old plastic lean to on the rear of the building has now begun and will take a few weeks.

It is securely fenced off. Our new entry and exits for Foundation Stage are in place whilst this building work continues and once finished we will have a new entrance and can look at final arrangements for entry and exits for Foundation Stage. Thank you for bearing with us whilst this work continues.

### **Summer Houses**

You may have noticed two large Summer houses being built in the Foundation Stage play area – these are to enhance the outdoor play provision for the Foundation Stage and will enable children to play and learn more widely outdoors, but also have some shelter as well.

We have been working with and taking advice from a Leading Teacher (Early Years – Local Authority); we want to provide excellent provision for our Foundation Stage children to ensure they get the best possible start in school that we can provide. This is the final part of our investment in the Foundation Stage. This contributes to ensuring we have high quality provision both indoors and outdoors for the Foundation Stage.

### **Phonics Meeting**

Year 1 and Foundation Stage parents are invited to a meeting about phonics on – **Wednesday 9 March at 2.30 pm** in the South building hall. More details to follow shortly.

### **Year 6 SATs**

Year 6 will be sitting SATS tests week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May – these include

English – Reading Comprehension, long and short writing tasks

Math's – Paper A and Paper B (one with a calculator, one without) and a Mental Arithmetic test.

In addition, nationally some schools are selected to do sample Science tests and our school has been selected this year so the pupils will do two science papers in addition to the above.

Pupils working at Levels 3 – 5 will do the tests. If a pupil is working below Level 3 they are given a teacher assessment grade. If you are unsure, please discuss this with the year 6 teachers at Parents' Evening. All papers are sent off to external examiners and not sent back until end of June/beginning of July. Once all the papers are back we collate the scores and send them out with the pupils.

## Dates for your Diary

### March

Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 8 March & Thursday 10 March – 3.30 – 5.30 pm

**Thursday 10 March & Thursday 17 March 3.30 – 5.30 pm (For parents of children in 2PB only)**

### **TERM DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011**

#### **SPRING TERM**

Close Friday 15 April

#### **SUMMER TERM**

Open Wednesday 4 May Tuesday 3 May

Close for half term Friday 27 May

Re-open Monday 6 June

Close Friday 22 July



#### **SATS – Week commencing – 9 May 2011**

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

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

Open Wednesday 7 September

Close for half term Friday 21 October

Re-open Monday 31 October

Close Tuesday 20 December

Monday 4 July will be an extra holiday, this is in lieu of the Royal Wedding Bank holiday which is in the Easter holidays – the High school have chosen this date to ensure we have consistency regarding school meals and buses etc.



## Pupil's Page



**Year 1 pupils enjoying the new play equipment.**



# Work Club



**Redundant? Want to return to work?  
Unsure about your future?**

Free workshops at Bainton Construction  
Training, Queen Street, Withernsea: provided by  
Withernsea Adult Education Centre  
Every Monday, 9.30 to 3.30pm

Take advantage of this free opportunity to give yourself the best  
chance in this changing and unpredictable economic climate.

The following subjects will be offered within the  
Work Club helping you to achieve employment:

- Literacy and Numeracy help
- CV Writing
- Interview Skills
- Job search methods
- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Visits from Economic development teams
- Visits from Local Business Teams
- Visits from HMRC
- Visits from local employers
- Help from local recruitment agencies

Come along at any time during the day. This is a  
'drop in' workshop starting at 9.30am until  
12.30pm. You don't have to stay all day and we  
can help you with almost all your questions about  
getting back into work.

**Just give it a go.  
You've nothing to lose**

**Attending the Work Club will give  
you access to**

- CSC Card Training and Qualification
- Forklift Truck Training and Qualification
- Health and Safety Training and Qualification
- First Aid Training and Qualification
- CIEH Level 2 Food Safety in Catering and  
Qualification
- European Computer Driving Licence  
Level 1 and Level 2
- Basic courses in Joinery, DIY, Bricklaying,  
Plastering, Paving and Tiling

**For more details, either come along to one of  
the free sessions or contact:**

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