



Hunmanby Primary School

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Newsletter I

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Dear Parents and Families,



As I began to put this newsletter together, the news came out that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had passed away and Prince Charles immediately became King Charles III. Although we all knew that this event would eventually happen, it still felt very strange, as the monarch, who has reigned for all of our lives was sadly gone and a new King had taken the throne. I am sure that many of you and your children feel the same way.

This is obviously a profound and solemn time, but also a moment of huge historical significance for the United Kingdom and The Commonwealth. As part of our Assembly on Friday afternoon, we will have a period of reflection for Her Majesty and view photos of her life. We will also recognise that we now have King Charles III as our Head of State. We will also follow further key events as they unfold over the forthcoming days and weeks.

Welcome Back Everyone

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school. The children all looked excited to be back at school with their friends again, and they all looked very smart in their new school uniforms. Our whole school assembly on Tuesday morning focussed on 'aiming high' and setting goals for the year. I talked about a 'Success Toolkit' and the 'tools' they need to be successful. I also talked about big targets for our school year such as:

- **a new school curriculum for 2022-23**
- **to be active, fit and healthy with Swimming/ P.E lessons/The Daily Mile**
- **Attendance – to be 'in' every day to accelerate their social and academic progress**
- **the children's 'voice' being critical to our whole school development**

We are all looking forward to a fun, productive and healthy year ahead.

Curriculum Changes

Our Curriculum 2022-23 is an improved curriculum from last year. It is more broad and balanced and includes the introduction of a new computing and music curriculum. Some topics remain from last year but there are many new ones, which have been designed to link together using the **10 Big Ideas**. These are threads or concepts that are recognisable and run through all subject areas. I will explain further in the next newsletter. This curriculum has been designed to really allow the children to see how knowledge, skills and understanding of each subject fit together. Evidenced based research shows this to be the best way to learn.

Curriculum Newsletters

Please look out for your child's class newsletter if you have not yet received it. It will have a breakdown of the curriculum they will be taught this term as well as other important information.

Attendance and Leave of Absence

Our attendance for 2021-22 was the worst since I joined the school in Sept 2013. There are several factors for this such as, having Covid once (or twice!), delayed holidays and other illnesses that were suppressed during Lockdowns. National results and school results showed that poor attendance had a significant negative impact on learning.

Our monitoring also showed that there was an increase in children with a day off here and there, resulting in many broken weeks – unfortunately, this had a clear impact on their progress. It's our job as educators to close the learning gap and that will only happen if your child is in school. Improved attendance is one of our school's Key Priorities in our School Development Plan and we all need to work on this to give our children their best life chances.

Can I also reiterate that the Department for Education (DfE) has made it clear that holidays in term time are not allowed and could result in a fixed penalty from the Local Authority. On occasions, parents do request a 'Leave of Absence' for their child, which can only be granted in exceptional circumstances, however, holidays are not regarded as exceptional circumstances.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

After a 3 year absence, the MacMillan Coffee Morning will return to school on **Friday 23rd September at 9.30am**. We look forward to welcoming everyone, to have some delicious cake and coffee and raise funds for this very worthy cause.



The HunmanBee Hive

The breakfast and after school club started on Tuesday and was/is very well attended. We take pride in being able to offer wrap around care for our families using our own teaching staff in the school. The staff already know the children very well and provide interesting and exciting activities. Please contact the office if you would like your child to attend the Hive.

School Uniform

The children all look fantastic in their new school uniforms. Please remember that children should wear the correct school shoes in school time. I also mentioned to the children in assembly that over the course of this year, we will be encouraging them to wear warmer outside PE tops that don't have a hood. Hoodie tops can and do get caught when the children play invasion games such as tag-rugby in PE. We would like to phase out hoodie tops in PE over this academic year, but I appreciate that many parents have bought them in good faith and hence the one year notice.

Clubs

Clubs will be starting week beginning 19th September. A letter with information about signing up for clubs will go out next week.

Communication between home & School / Class Dojo, Website, Twitter etc

Communication between home and school is vital. We do our best to try and facilitate that, but sometimes we don't always get it right. Stuff happens, which can sometimes be at short notice. We communicate with you using a **newsletter every 2 weeks** like this one with diary dates on, the teachers use **Class Dojo** on a daily basis, the Office regularly communicate with **texts and emails**, we are

available at any time using **the phone** and staff are **outside on the playground** in the morning. I have even considered carrier pigeons ☺. Joking aside, if you can think of any further suggestions, please contact me or Julie in the Office and come in for a coffee and a chat about it.

Website

A new look website launched at the end of term. It is currently being repopulated with documents and information. It has **Term Dates, News and Events** on, all the **statutory documents** and **Curriculum Information** and a one stop shop for **class newsletters, class pages, school clubs, School Council** and a **gallery**. You can also join your child's class **Twitter** feed or the main school Twitter feed **@HunmanbyPrimary**, which is being constantly updated.

Swimming

We think it is very important for our children to learn to swim from Year 1 upwards. After a three year gap, we have managed to secure swimming arrangements at *Everyone Active* in the Scarborough Sports Village. **Year 6 will go this half-term** for 6 weeks, **Year 5 from Nov-Dec** for 6 weeks, **Year 2 from Jan-Feb** for 5 weeks, **Year 4 from Feb-March** for 6 weeks, **Year 3 from Apr-May** for 6 weeks **and Year 1 from June-July** for 6 weeks. Letters have already gone out to Year 6 and others will follow later on.



Thank you for your support.

Conrad Fox

Headteacher

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2022

Tuesday 13th Sept – Year 6 swimming starts

Wednesday 14th September – Drumming starts in school for Year 3

Monday 19th September – Clubs start in school

Thursday 22nd September – Year 1 Museum Trust History workshop in school

Friday 23rd September – 9.30am MacMillan Coffee Morning in school

Monday 26th September – 2.00pm Rev. Tim School Assembly

Tuesday 27th September – 2.30pm KS1 parents Early Reading and Phonics Workshop, school hall

Tuesday 4th October -Flu immunisations in school

Friday 21st October – 10.00am Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Hunmanby

Half-Term – Monday 24th Oct – Friday 28th Oct

School Starts Back – Monday 31st October

Tuesday 1st November – Year 5 swimming starts for 6 weeks