



# Hunmanby Primary School

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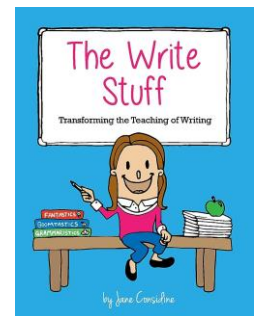
Newsletter 1

15<sup>th</sup> September  
2023

Dear Parents and Families,

## Welcome Back Everyone

I hope you all had a relaxing and happy time with your families this Summer. I have to say, I am feeling very optimistic about how our school improvement will continue to evolve in the 2023-24 academic year. The previous year was very busy, with a lot of work put in to improve and embed the curriculum. However, we are not complacent and recognised that further improvements to your child's curriculum was needed. As a result, we are introducing a new whole school approach to Writing called *The Write Stuff*. This is a highly structured approach, supporting children who sometimes find writing a challenge, whilst providing opportunities to stretch more able writers in school. The teachers used the Summer Term to be 'up-skilled' in this approach and it was trialled in Year 2 and Year 6 with quite dramatic results.



We are also introducing an improved Computing curriculum called *Teach Computing*, which has started this term. At the core of this is *computer science*, knowing how *digital systems* work through *programming*, using *information technology* to create programs, to ensure our pupils become *digitally literate*.

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

### PTFA

We also hope that 2023-24 will allow us to build up our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA), which raises funds to help subsidise the cost of transport for schools trips for example. We would love for you to be involved in some way and more information will follow.

### 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.

### Animals within the school site

I would like to remind everyone that dogs and other animals are prohibited on North Yorkshire Local Authority school sites. Exceptions have been made for educational purposes, where a risk assessment will have been carried out.

### Staff Changes

We welcome Mr Pottage as the new teacher for Year 5. He will be leading Science across the school, as well as supporting campaigns and initiatives that our Eco Team will promote this year. We also welcome Mrs Stuart, who will be teaching for one day in the Reception Class. We are very pleased to have Mr Tanner back with us and he is looking after Year 2 on a Thursday each week. Mrs Simpson is the new Teaching Assistant in Year 3 and Mrs Owen is the new TA in Year 4. Sadly, Mrs Shooter resigned from our staff at the start of term and we wish her well for the future. Currently, Mrs Flett is covering the TA role in Year 1 and we will be advertising for a new Teaching Assistant in due course.

## Attendance and Leave of Absence

Our attendance for 2023-24 has improved from last year, although we still need to work towards our target of 96% attendance.

Monitoring from last year 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. Improved attendance continues to be one of our school's Key Priorities in our School Development Plan.

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.

## KS1 MacMillan Coffee Morning

The KS1 MacMillan Coffee Morning will return to school on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 last week 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. Over the course of this term, we will be phasing out hoodie tops, as the hoods can often get caught when the children are playing invasion games such as tag-rugby in PE. This is clearly dangerous and we would encourage you to source a sweatshirt type top without a hood in-line with all other Primary and Secondary schools in the area.

## Clubs

Clubs will be starting week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September. A letter with information about signing up for clubs has already gone out.

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

Communication between home and school is a vital. We communicate with you using a **newsletter** like this one with diary dates on, the teachers on a daily basis using **Class Dojo**, 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.

Thank you for your support.

Conrad Fox

Headteacher

# **Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2023**

**Thursday 14th Sept – Year 6 swimming starts**

**Monday 18th September – Clubs start in school**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 trip to Murton Park**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am KS1 MacMillan Coffee Morning in school**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 2.30pm KS1 parents Early Reading and Phonics Workshop**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – National Poetry Day**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October -Flu immunisations in school**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 10.00am Harvest Festival**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – School Discos**

**Half-Term – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

**School Starts Back – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**