

Hutton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 7



*Believe. Achieve, Succeed.
In our hands we hold the future.*

Dear Parents,

Well what a year! It's hard to believe that we have completed another year and it is time to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they move onto secondary school. We wish them all good luck for the future.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Year 6 parents who worked so hard on the 'Prom' Night for Year 6. Tina Baylis, Kay Allen, Kirsty Clements, had organised a wonderful evening, and they were aided by many others on the evening. The children had a black and white themed hall, with (non alcoholic) Bucks Fizz on arrival, followed by a 3 course meal and a chocolate fountain to finish with! All the pupils looked very elegant in their finery- and extremely 'grown up!' The children had a wonderful 3 tiered cake- representing school, Charlie and the chocolate Factory and the Prom Night. We will put photos on the website!

Farewells

Our huge thanks go to Miss Lynn who has been covering Mrs Smiths maternity leave. We wish Miss Lynn all the best as she moves on to her next school.

We would also like to thank Miss Simmonds who has been teaching DT/Art and photography and now has a full time placement at one school. She has really enthused the children and certainly got them to look at things from different angles! See some of their successes at the Horticultural Show.

Thanks

I would like to convey my thanks to all the staff team at Hutton. The staff and governors do a marvellous job, work hard and have earned their summer holiday! I would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents and friends who have been in and supported us over the year- whether that be in class, helping transport children to events or providing an enthusiastic audience for the children to perform to! Many events would not be able to take place without your support- so thank you for helping us make such a lively and vibrant community.

Events this term:

Cricket

Y3 and Y4 have been having Cricket Coaching this term. They had a competition- competing for the 'Hutton Ashes' - and the winners for Good sportsmanship and perseverance was Luo. The ashes were presented in Collective Worship.

Choir - the choir went to the Grange Nursing Home and entertained the residents with their singing, guitar and clarinet playing. The children performed really well. Thanks to Mr Holdaway for organising the choir.

Cello Concert

This was a huge success. Although many parents had attended in trepidation they all came out saying how impressive and tuneful the playing was after only 15 lessons! The pupils will be able to continue next year- so keep practising during the holiday- even 5 minutes a day will have a powerful effect!

Guitar Concert- congratulations to all our guitarists who played brilliantly at their concert. We heard a range from beginners to accomplished musicians and seeing how far some have progressed with regular practise is amazing! Keep on strumming!

Y3 Gardeners

A huge thank you to Mr Chatburn for helping the Y3 class harvest their potato crop. It was a huge crop this year and Sue in the kitchen has been kept busy cooking them for the children to eat with their school dinners.

Night Zoo Keeper Reading Torch Competition

Congratulations to the following children who all completed their reading torches by reading every day over the last term. It has made a noticeable difference to their reading!

Lois Clapp YR

Rose Edwards YR

Amelia Read YR

Billy Avery Y1

Ruby Avery Y2

Faye Baxter Y3

William Clapp Y3

Milly Fairhurst Y3

Tyler Symester Y3

Alyssa Ball Y4

Rebekah Insley Y4

Grace Edwards Y4

Sophie Stone Y4

Scarlett Williams Y4

Lily Price Y5

Olivia Harvey-Bennett Y5

If you haven't finished it but want to carry on with the challenge how about starting the Summer Reading Challenge with the library which is reading a book each week (6 by the end of the holiday). In September the teachers can always tell who has done this! The details are on our website.

Sports Day

Well the sun shone for us in June and we had a fabulous day! The children were very competitive, the first 3 placings each earning tribe points. The overall winners of the Cup were Kamba. Congratulations to you all!

Sports Competition

Next year there will be more opportunity to compete with other schools as we have been given some Sports Premium money to subsidise this.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit- green shorts, Hutton t shirt, trainers for KS2 outdoors and black daps or bare feet for gym. Only pupils with the correct equipment will be able to represent the school at these events. At external events we need to be able to easily identify them. If you are eligible for Free School Meals and this is difficult please come and talk to me.

Questionnaires

I would like to thank all those who returned the questionnaires sent out on Parents evening. We had 51 responses.

The results were extremely positive.

90% agreed/strongly agreed that their children received appropriate homework for their age. (5 respondents disagreed)

98% agreed/strongly agreed that school ensures pupils are well behaved (1 respondent disagreed).

100% responded with 'agree' or 'strongly agree' on all other questions.

We had lots of positive comments written about the school.

- Welcoming friendly staff
- Availability and accessibility of teaching staff
- Parents get lots of opportunities to come in to see what the children are doing.
- Lessons are interesting
- Traditional and Christian ethos
- Strong in music and dance
- Helping students with abilities to excel academically
- The manners and politeness of pupils
- Children are known as individuals
- School organises fun things for the children to be involved in eg Hutton's got talent, carnival, Easter play, animation club, Folk dancing festival etc

We have taken note of the areas that you feel we could develop further. These included:

- More interschool (cluster) sport involvement (we have planned events for all KS2)
- Replacement of crossing person (a lady has been appointed and trained and is due to start in September)
- Homework- these were evenly split between those saying there was too much to those requesting less (especially in holidays) !
- More trips
- Stricter on uniform (see below)
- Improving the buildings

- More extra curricular clubs (we have increased these and got more outside providers into school- although these do come at a cost)

Holidays in term time

Whilst you are all aware that we already have a strict policy regarding holidays during term time, I would like to alert you to the fact that the Government have now changed their policy and now 'prohibit' headteachers from authorising any holiday during term time except in very exceptional circumstances. Cheaper holidays, working hours, visiting relatives, birthdays are NOT exceptional circumstances and therefore will not be authorised. If you take unauthorised holiday you are likely to be fined. If you do this more than once you may end up in court for non-attendance at school.

New for September

We are going to build on and refine our target setting system in September. We are calling the new system 'A* Mentoring'. This is because it is based on 3'A's' -Attainment, Achievement and Attitudes. You will still get targets termly, but we will be making it even clearer for the children how well they are doing with their progress, the effort they are putting in and their attitude to learning- such as attendance, punctuality, having the right equipment, being ready to learn, completing homework etc. More details will be given out in September at the curriculum meetings (please see diary for dates) and the policy will be put on the website.

Uniform for September

Each year we plead with you to put your child's name into your school clothes, PE kits and belongings. Each week I go through the 'Lost property' box and find lots of jumpers without names!

PLEASE ensure your child's belongings are all named for September (the sew in labels are best as they don't fade- or use a permanent marker and reapply it after washing). All items which are named are returned to their rightful owners each week. If you haven't had it back it didn't have a readable name!

Some of the feedback from parents questionnaires was for me to be stricter on uniform! Therefore, in September, the children will be expected to have a visible logo at all times. It is important that everyone feels they 'belong' and it is important that we do not allow fashion items to dictate. I can assure you that although uniform may seem expensive, it is in the long run a lot cheaper than responding to your child's wishes of 'my friend has these trainers or this skirt/top/coat' etc. And dressing them in something different every day soon becomes 'competitive' over who has what!

The compulsory uniform we sell is:

- Green jumper or cardigan
- White Hutton top
- Hutton PE kit and Hutton sports bag.
- Hutton School bag.

We ask that you buy school bags as they are deliberately small (like our cloakrooms!)

We ask them all to wear black school shoes and grey or black skirts or trousers (which we don't stock).

We have optional items of fleeces, coats and hats.

The new Marks and Spencer website is proving popular. One parent said " It is fantastic, it is so easy to use and the quality is great- even better than it was before". (Mrs C)

PLEA for Help from Builders and Gardeners!

Our PTFA raised enough money to buy us a greenhouse. We are delighted with this and have ordered it for the 1st October. We, however, require a base! This requires some digging out and laying slabs. Mr Baker is extremely busy with other tasks and we wondered if there were any parents out there who might lend a hand (or shovel!) and also might know what they have to do ? We do have a basic plan but require someone to mix concrete etc. If you would be willing to help in September please contact school. We are aiming to do this at a weekend- possibly 7th September. (Bacon Butties and Builders tea provided!!) Thank you in anticipation of your support.

End of Year Awards

At the Leavers Service we handed out certificates to all the nominees and Award winners for most Effort, most Progress, greatest contributor to Pupil Voice, Young Musician of the Year (KS2 only) and The Stephen Jacobs Cup.

Nominees for Effort were:

William Stevenson YR
Hollie Hughes Y1
Billy Ferris Y2
Lorenzo White Y3
Summer Owen Y4
Eloise Fairhurst Y5
Shannon Andrews Y6

Nominees for Progress were:

Grace Moses YR
Billy Avery Y1
Heidi Raines Y2
Jack Currell Y3
Oliver Luscombe Y4
Ronnie McIlwain/Betteridge Y5
Tomas Wood Y6

Nominees for Young Musician were:

Jasmine Hopes Y3
Kris Hooper Y4
Daniel Walker y5
Ellie Mae Shearer Y6

Nominees for contributor to Pupil Voice were:

HAWK Council-Emily Smart
HI Council-Emma Cezaj
HAT Council - Mazie Baxter
School Council - Tommy Carter
Learning Council- Eve Huke
SHAPE Council - Lewys Williams
Health and Safety- Reece Wilkinson
Eco Council - Sophie Stone

Peer Mediator -
Ronnie McIlwain/Betteridge
Playground Buddy - Jack Buckingham
Librarian - Kieran Best
ICT monitor - Sophia Gott
Gardener - Sid Sheppard Sugg
French - Louis Stabbins
Clutter Clearance Club - Mia Neate
Tribe Leader - Dylan Baylis
Office Assistant - Finley Andrews

Nominees for the Stephen Jacobs Cup "This cup is awarded annually to the pupil who is assessed as having consistently shown selflessness, and putting the needs of others before their own"

Rose Edwards YR
Alannah Edwards Y1
Georgia Gibson Tuck Y2
Sophie Bird Y3
Grace Goode Y4
Alvin Lane Y5
Georgina Goodwin Y6

The winners were:

Effort: William Stevenson
Progress: Tomas Wood
Young musician: Kris Hooper
Pupil Voice Contributor: Eve Huke
Stephen Jacobs Cup: Sophie Bird

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners! You make us very proud!

We are also extremely proud of the pupils who achieved 99% or 100% attendance over the whole year. Well done all of you!

99% Silver Certificates

Faye Baxter
Rebekah Insley
Megan O'Neill
Isabel Peters
Adam Topham
Reece Wilkinson
Jacob Young
Lois Clapp
Jasmine Mitchell Miles
Olivia Stevenson
Finley Andrews
Alyssa Ball
William Clapp
Rohan Conroy

Molly Dolbear
Sophia Gott
Ellie Mae Herniman
Charlie Huke
Kay Isaac
Estee Parker
Woody Stoneman
Daniel Walker
Ilana Davidson.

100% Gold Certificates

Dylan Baylis
Owen Baylis
Amelia Clements
Jake Clements
Joshua Dolbear
Jessica Duncan
Hollie Hughes
Lucas Wheatley

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday so that everyone comes back refreshed and ready to continue their great learning in the new year.

Luci Amos