



Hutton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 2

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

October 2013

Dear Parents,

Our Thanks

School would like to say a big thank you to Mr Clive Mousley and his brother who have worked extremely hard and have very kindly, not only dug out, but also concrete filled the base for the greenhouse which was bought by the PTFA. We are very excited about its arrival and are looking forward to all the produce we will now be able to grow!

Art Exhibition

I would like to thank all the parents who took the opportunity to come and see the wonderful art work by pupils that was displayed in the school hall. We have some really talented and arty children and we hope to develop this further. Thank you Miss Miles for putting on the display.

Reminder: Blue Bags

Please could you send your filled blue 'bags2school' bags by **9am THIS WEDNESDAY**. **Please be aware we have not got space to store them after this date.**

Shoe Boxes

Although Christmas may still seem some time away it is now time to bring your filled shoeboxes for those children around the world who are not lucky enough to receive Christmas presents.

If you will find it too expensive to fill a whole shoe box perhaps you could send a few items which we can add to our 'collective shoe boxes' that each class makes.

We accept any of the items listed below. Please be aware we cannot send clothing except that listed, we cannot send 'warfare' items such as water pistols, guns, swords or reading material such as books and comics or liquids.

We would love to receive: colouring books, pens, crayons, chalks, stickers, pencil cases, yoyo's, skipping ropes, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, hair accessories, dolls and dolls clothes, cars, skipping ropes, soft toy, gloves, hat and scarf set, kites or any other fun activity that fits into a shoe box with these other items.

If you have no suitable new items, then please send in £3:00 because we can add these to each box to help pay transport costs.

Applying for A Reception Class Place

Anyone with young children who were born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 need to apply for their school place by midnight on 15 January 2014. The offer date will be 16 April 2014. You can apply online or contact North Somerset for a paper form. If you know if anyone with children of this age, please ensure you have alerted them to these dates. Parents with siblings at school still need to apply for a place at Hutton for September 2014. A place is not guaranteed even if there is an elder sibling already at Hutton, you still need to apply on time.

Applying for a secondary place.

There is also a closing date for applications for transfer to Secondary School of 31 October 2013. Once again applications can be made on line or by paper. In both cases if you don't make an application your child will be allocated a place by the Council's Admissions Department.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is this Tuesday 22nd (5 pm - 8 pm) and Wednesday 23rd (3.30pm - 6.30 pm) please take this opportunity to have a chat with your child's teacher. If you haven't signed up already the sheets are in the foyer. There are also slots available to see myself or Mrs Howe (Deputy Head and SENCO) and Mrs Sandy Skyrme (Guitar teacher).

Reading Meeting

Several parents joined us at our meeting about supporting your child in learning to read. If you were unable to make the date it will be re-run on Thursday 7th November at 1:00pm (just after the reception parents school lunch).

Maths Meeting

There will also be a Maths meeting that evening at 6:15pm for parents of all year groups where the staff will be going through the way we teach the 4 rules of number. If you are scared of, or dislike maths, this is the course for you to ensure your children don't grow up with the same fears!

Reception Parents Questionnaire

A questionnaire was sent out to Reception parents to see what they thought about their experience starting at Hutton. If you haven't returned the questionnaire please do so as this helps us to see where we can improve your experience. Your opinions are valued and are a great help.

Photographs

Can I remind parents that individual pictures are being taken again by Colorfoto on the 5th November. If your child has younger siblings not at Hutton that you would like included please bring them all along at 8.30 am. For brothers and sisters at school we arrange for group and individual photos to be taken during the course of the morning.

After School Clubs

We have put on a wide variety of clubs for different age groups but we have had a very slow uptake from pupils!

Ofsted do take account of how actively the pupils participate in school events.

As the majority of the clubs are currently free why are your children not participating? If we are not offering the courses your child is interested in, please let us know what they are interested in taking part in.

	<u>Before School</u> <u>8:15-8:45</u>	<u>After School</u> <u>3:20-4:30</u>
M		Street Dance Y3-Y6 Football Y3-Y6
T	Orchestra KS2	Hockey Y3/4 Netball Y3-6
W		*Zumbatomic (Family Zumba - come along with your child!) Cycling Y3-Y6 (they will need to bring a bike)
T	Recorders Y3-Y6 (children will need a recorder)	Singing YR/1/2 Art Y3-6 Sewing Y3-Y6 *Gym KS1 4-5pm, KS2 5:15 -6:15pm
F	Country Dancing Y2-Y6	Timbrels (tambourines) Y1-Y6 Philosophy Y5/6 Tennis Y1-Y6

* Starred clubs will have a cost charge as they are run by outside companies.
Board games/ choir/gardening clubs will occur at lunchtimes.

Wisewoods

I attach a letter from Wisewoods who have half term outdoor activities for children. This will get them away from the computers and TV and out into the open learning some new and useful skills. I am sure members of Nature Club would be interested in this and could well bring back some ideas for next term!

Fair Trade

We have been working with our Fair Trade links and Mr and Mrs Holdaway will be at school for parents evening on 23rd October with their Fair Trade Stall. There will be tea/coffee/biscuits for sale as well as gifts and ideas for Christmas. Please support them and bring your purses with you!

Some date reminders

Monday 4th Nov: INSET day-school shut

Tuesday 5th Nov: Photographs

Thursday 7th Nov: Reading meeting 1:00pm

Thursday 7th Nov: Maths Meeting 6:15pm

Monday 11th Nov: Remembrance Service at 11:00am - gather 10:50am school grounds

Friday 15th Nov: INSET day-school shut.

Saturday 16th Nov: Messy Church- school hall 4-6pm.

Friday 22nd Nov: School Disco. Yr/1/2 at 3:30-4:30pm. Y3-Y6 at 4:45-5:45pm.

Week of 25th Nov: Anti-bullying week.