

Hutton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 4



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In our hands we hold the future.*

November 2013

Dear Parents,

Shoe Boxes

Thank you so much for your kind generosity regarding the shoe boxes. We managed to fill a fantastic 47 boxes! These have been added to the church ones which now total over 100. You will have made many children very happy this Christmas.

Mufti Day for Christmas Fete

There will be a mufti day on Friday 22nd November (this Friday) in aid of the Christmas Bazaar. We would like you to bring appropriate gifts for the stalls- bottles for the bottle stall, gifts for the tombola, toys, good quality books etc. if you do not have anything appropriate please bring a money donation of at least £1 so that we can purchase items ready for the Fete- which will be held on Saturday 7th December 2-4pm in the school Hall.

School Disco

The school disco will also be held this Friday 22nd November. Reception and KS1 are invited 3:30- 4:30pm. KS2 from 4:45pm-5:45pm. The entry price will be £2:00 and sweets and drinks will be available for the pupils to purchase. If KS1 pupils wish to get changed into party gear for the disco please bring it and help them change after school. Parents will need to collect pupils from the hall after each disco. Thank you.

Christmas Fete

This will be held on Saturday 7th December 2-4pm. If you would be willing to volunteer to help at the fete (either on a stall or setting up/clearing up) then please give your details to the office who will pass them onto Cheryl Smith who is organising this year's fete.

Messy Church

The next meeting of Messy Church will be held in school on Saturday 14th December 4-6pm. All welcome.

School Christmas Lunch

At Christmas we try to have the whole school together for Christmas Lunch so all the pupils eat in the hall at the same time. It is a little squashed but creates a great atmosphere! We could do with some volunteers who are willing to set up tables, carry meals to the pupils and help to clear the hall afterwards. If you would be willing to help at lunchtime on Tuesday 10th December please give your name to the office.

Christingle Service

Christingle Service this year will be on Christmas Eve in church at 4pm. Please bring an orange per child to turn into a Christingle.

Alpha Course

THE ALPHA COURSE is starting here in school in the library on Tuesday 14th January at 1pm. The meeting will start with some lunch together. The Alpha Course is for anyone in the village to come to - whether you are a parent or a grandparent. You don't have to have a child in school to come along. The course consists of watching a DVD and then informal discussions about the DVD. There is no singing, prayer or Bible Study. It's for anyone who wants to explore what it means to be a Christian and looks at topics like 'Who is Jesus' 'Why did He die?' 'How can I be sure of my faith'. The course lasts for 8 weeks but we can extend it if people want to. If you would like to join us then please call Revd. Anne Lee on 823556 or e-mail revdannelee@yahoo.co.uk

Questionnaire

Last June I sent out questionnaires to all the parents to provide feedback about school. These were overwhelmingly positive with 100% of parents agreeing or strongly agreeing that their children were happy and safe in school, that they were taught well and make good progress, the school is well led and managed and any concerns raised are dealt with.

We have now gone 'electronic' and you can complete another questionnaire on our website. It is called 'Parent View' and is in line with the questionnaire that Ofsted will look at when they visit us this year.

Please do complete a new one, however please be aware I do not get to view them until there are enough on the website. If you have any concerns or queries about school please use the usual channels- your class teacher first, the Deputy or myself if any situation is not resolved. We are outside most mornings and afternoons so please do come and chat to us, ask questions or if there is

something you would like to discuss or find out about in more detail, please attend the next Parent Forum meeting (open agenda) which will be held on Tuesday 10th December 5:30-6:30pm in the Library.

Cross Country - well done to the following children who represented Hutton in the Cross Country at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre last Wednesday. Josephine Taylor, Eloise Fairhurst, Fleur Denis, Issy Peters, Holly Stoneman, Alex Garland, Daniel Walker, Tommy Carter, Lewys Williams, Sid Sheppard-Sugg, Ronnie Betteridge and a special well done to Beth Bryant who came 23rd out of over 200.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

I have been asked to see if there is any interest in us setting up a breakfast club or after school club to help parents with child care. These have to meet Ofsted criteria and so need to be manned by trained staff (not just volunteer parents). There would therefore be a cost for your child to attend. When I have previously looked into them it has required at least 12 pupils per day to make them financially viable to run, however this has not been for a while. If you would be interested in your child attending such a club could you please fill in the slip and return it to school so we can decide if it is worth investigating this idea any further. Thank you.

I would be interested in my child attending:

Breakfast Club: From _____ am until 8:45am on

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday

After School Club Care: From 3:20pm until _____ pm on

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday

Signed: _____

Parent of: _____ Year: _____