



Hickling Church of England V.C. Infant School

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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope the start of the new school year has been smooth for you all - as ever it's been busy! All the children are getting ready for our harvest festivals and it would be lovely to see lots of you in school next Friday afternoon at 2pm. The service will be followed by the McMillan coffee appeal.

Our pre-school has made an excellent start and it's lovely to see the children utilising the school facilities - please spread the word that we are indeed open and visits can be made by phoning Mrs Edwards in the school office. Currently we still have no Internet access despite numerous visits from Openreach, our provider Updata and hours spent on the phone to County Hall. We are in the frustrating position of being bounced from one to the other as to where the fault lies. Our technician Mark is here as I type and about to take part in a conference call to try and resolve the issue. So apologies if you've sent anything we've missed - the team are coping admirably but week 3 with no Internet is taking its toll as I'm sure you can imagine! We'll keep you posted although you'll probably hear the champagne corks popping when we finally re-join the 21st century!

Forest Schools began last week and as yet Ms Wones hasn't got too wet! Mind you, it's early days. The children have been making the most of this bountiful time of year and the Reception children picked some apples and blackberries to make their crumbles with!

Our value for this half term is 'TRUST'. This week during collective worship we have been looking at different types of relationships and the trust involved. We then thought about how people can lose trust by thinking about the story of 'Peter and the Wolf'.

Enjoy what may be the last warm weekend of the year,

Ms Nutbeam & Ms Wones

Harvest Festival and MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

On Friday 29th September we are having our annual Harvest Festival at school. It will begin at 2pm and will be followed by a MacMillan Coffee afternoon. We would love everyone to come and share harvest time together. We also hope to raise some money for the chosen charity.

Instead of donating food and tins for harvest this year we would love a donation of cakes and biscuits for us to sell. Anyone and everyone is welcome so please spread the word or if you have somewhere you can put a poster please let us know.

Donations

We are continually updating our outdoor area for the children. If anyone has a pallet or some decking they could donate it would be much appreciated, and if anyone know where we could get some railway sleepers from, could you also let us know. Thank you

Slipper School

We decided to make Mrs Wards slippers in school official and so if the children wish to bring in 'sensible' slippers to wear indoors they are more than welcome. We are firm believers that children learn best when they feel comfortable and happy. We hope to see the evidence of this in their learning and progress this year!

Hopes and Dreams

Thanks to the parents/carers who have written on a ribbon for Mrs Holmes' 'Hopes and Dreams' wheel. You can see it in the entrance area. We like to see what is important for you and will endeavour to make your hopes and dreams come true! There are more ribbons available near the cake raffle rota.

Harry the Reading Dog

We are very lucky to have Mrs Baxter come into school on a Wednesday to hear readers. She thoroughly enjoys coming in and the children love reading to her. Mrs Baxter has a very loveable, docile dog called Harry who we think will make an amazing 'reading dog'. There has been a lot of research into the power of children reading to animals; improving confidence, a non-judgmental audience etc. We hope to have Harry in very soon. Look out for a letter of parental consent coming soon. There will also be no pressure to read to Harry, he won't be offended!

Family Photo

Thanks to the people who have brought in or emailed across a family photo. The ones that come in are going up on a display in the corridor near the hall. The children love seeing their family in school and it gets them talking about you even more than they already do!

Home Learning

Home learning is out for this half term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Be as creative as you like with the challenges. There is no right or wrong way. The children love standing at the front of the class and talking about their home learning and how they did the tasks.

Key Words

The children have new key words in their word wallets. These are words we are aiming to read from sight. Any spare moment – waiting for tea to cook, just before bedtime...grab those key words!

Date	Catfield	Hickling	Sutton
28/9	Harvest Festival – 9am		
29/9		Harvest Festival followed by McMillan coffee afternoon at 2pm	Harvest Festival – 9am in church
3/10	Open morning – 9:30-11		Open morning – 10-11:30
4/10		Open morning 9:30 - 11	
6/10	Alzheimers Memory Walk for Charity – Hickling - 2pm onwards		
6/11		Individual Photos (siblings welcome after school)	
10/10	Parent meetings		
11/10		Parent meetings from 1.15pm onwards	Parent meetings – 3-6
12/10			Parent meetings – 3-4:30
19/10	Maths Café – after assembly	Maths Café pm	Church 9am Maths Café pm
13/11	Anti-Bullying week		
30/11		Links pm Christmas Crafts	Christmas Crafts
1/12	Christmas Crafts after assembly		
4/12	Federation day – Advent		
11/12	Federation Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast		
12/12			Nativity 10am
13/12	EYFS/KS1 Nativity - pm	Nativity 10am in the church	1:30 - Nativity
14/12	Flu Vaccinations	Flu Vaccinations	
15/12	Christmas Lunch – all settings		
18/12	KS2 – carol service, church 6pm	Christmas Fayre - pm	Christmas fair - pm
19/12	Christmas jumper day School Breaks up	Christmas Jumper Day School Breaks Up	End of term Church Service Christmas jumper day School Breaks up

