



# Hickling Church of England V.C. Infant School

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## NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

This will be the last newsletter before half term.

It has been a busy time as ever - a big well done to our Y2 guides who showed a few visitors around on Open Morning last week - they did a wonderful job!

We had wonderful turnouts for both the Harvest festival and the maths café which was lovely - Mrs Lond fed back to me that the singing at the Harvest Festival was excellent!

The KS1 children had been very excited about the Gressenhall trip and they all had a lovely time learning all about the year 1953 – the year of the Coronation and the Reception children also had a wonderful time at Sutton where they took part in some lovely things which that were planned. These cross Federation events are a super opportunity for all the children to mix together.

Ms Arnold would like to thank all the parent and carers for taking the time to coming in for meetings this week to discuss how your lovely children are getting on.

I understand that there has been a fantastic response for parents to get more involved with fund raising events and the first meeting is next week. Could I repeat the plea for parents/carers who are prepared to join our governing body - Hickling currently has no parental representation. Please have a word with either myself or Ms Wones if you are interested.

Finally I'd like to say a big well done to the Hickling team - it has been a time of change and everyone has really risen to the challenge. The school looks fantastic - I have had to be firm with Ms Arnold and tell her off for coming in and working some weekends!

I wish you all a peaceful and sunny half term break.

Ms Nutbeam

### Christmas Cards

I understand that there has been a problem with the ordering system online. I have rung the company today who have apologised and assured me that their website will be up and running again by this afternoon. As there has been problems the deadline for returning your child's artwork to school has been extended until Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure these are returned then, however if you still have problems ordering over the weekend let me know and I will contact them again. Thanks

### Friends of the School

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for help us with this, we have had a great response. We would like to have a quick meeting if possible with as many of you who are interested on Monday (17<sup>th</sup> October) straight after assembly. If you can't make it but still would like to help, we will ensure you received any relevant information. Thanks again for all your help with this.

### Mobile Phones

Could we please ask parents to refrain from using their mobile phones when inside of the school please, in line with our safeguarding procedures. Thank you

### Bus Children

Could you please ensure that if your child is not going home on the bus or going home with somebody else you let a member of staff know, otherwise your child will be put on the bus. It would also be helpful to the driver in the morning if you could ensure you are on time and if your child isn't travelling by bus you let them know or another parent to pass the message on. Thanks

### School uniform

Could you please check to ensure your child has the correct jumper/cardigan. Several have gone missing again, but they don't appear to be in school. Please ensure everything is labelled, including book bags and lunch boxes. Thanks

### Morning Drop off

Now the children have had time to settle back into school, it would be great to encourage independence from the year 1 and 2 children and let them come into the classroom and sort their bags etc all by themselves, (and also to ensure no learning time is lost). Parents can just drop the children off at the classroom door, but you will still be able to speak to a member of staff if you need to. Thank you

### PE

PE now takes place on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school ready for PE with Mrs Mayhew. Also please ensure all of your child's PE kit and uniform is named especially school jumpers! Thank you



Certificates last week were awarded to all our 4 tour guides, Beth, Emily N, Bertie and Henry M who did a brilliant job showing people round the school on our open morning. The other children who received certificates were Ebony, Oliver, Celene and Ishtar.



The winner of last week's cake raffle was Henry Jones.

**Diary Dates.** These dates are on the website, please check regularly as we will update these as new things are added. Thanks

Date	Hickling
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Parents meetings
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Wheels Event at Catfield
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Anti-bullying week
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	School Photos
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016	Space Federation Day at Catfield
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Flu Immunisation Years 1 and 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2016	Theatre visit – We're going on a bear hunt
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Pantomime at Catfield
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Christmas lunch
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Nativity – 10 am (hopefully at the church)
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Christmas Fayre (TBC)
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	<b>Christmas jumper day - Last day of term!</b>

**Attendance so far this term has been 97.1%.**

