



# Hickling Church of England V.C. Infant School

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## NEWSLETTER

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a start to the week! As you know we had our Ofsted on Tuesday - the children were wonderful and behaved beautifully, as always! A big thank you to the staff who all worked far more hours than they are paid for, staying late and arriving early. The outcome is confidential at the moment and cannot be shared with you until it has been written up by the inspector and quality assured by the powers that be at Ofsted - this may be delayed because of half term but we will send the report out to you as soon as we receive it.

Well done to the year 2 children have been completing their special quizzes and have worked their little socks off! They all really tried their very best and we are very proud of them.

All the children enjoyed the walk for wildlife last Friday and Ms Wones informed me that there were plenty of excellent puddles to splash through on the way to the church and back!

As I am sure you are all aware Hickling School are committed to providing pre-school provision when Hunnies closes. I know you are all keen for concrete information and we will provide this as soon as we can. What I can tell you is that we are working closely with the Hunnies committee and are making excellent progress with all the legalities (of which there are hundreds!) - we had another meeting on Monday with the local authority and myself, Ms Wones and Mrs Watts are meeting during half term to complete the business plan which will be a major step forward.

It has been a harrowing week with the events in Manchester and I know you will join with me in sending our thoughts and prayers to all who those have been effected. A few parents have asked for advice about how to deal with any questions from the children and some of the children have been asking questions in school. There is a good Newsround item which you may wish to share with your child to help to address their concerns - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38949047> and then further tips for parents <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>.

Below is advice which has been sent through to schools.

### Primary school setting

In a primary school setting, guidance may be centred on the following broad themes (and example questions):

- Offer reassurance
- Stress that terrorist incidents are rare
- Encourage questions and answer honestly
- Clarify the facts
- What has happened?
- What are facts and what is rumour/speculation?
- Allow pupils to express their feelings
- Encourage community cohesion
- Try to encourage inclusiveness and avoid the tendency to blame

Ms Nutbeam & Ms Wones

### Dance

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon we are having someone come into school to show the children how to do some Bollywood dancing and cheerleading. Please ensure PE kits are in school for this. Thanks

### Clothing Bank

We have had a new clothing bank delivered today, so please bring in any unwanted adult/children's clothing, paired shoes or trainers, handbags and belts, sheets, curtains and towels to help fill it. Any money raised will go to our School Fund account, which helps to pay for school trips and treats like the school disco for the children. Thanks

## Summer Bonanza

We are holding a Summer Bonanza on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Any help anyone can offer would be appreciated. We will be holding a meeting after parent's assembly on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June for any parents who can help in anyway. We will be having stalls and a limited number of car boot pitches (weather permitting), stalls and pitches will be £5 each. Please spread the word, stalls and pitches can be booked via the office. Thanks

## Links Afternoon

We will be holding a links afternoon on 15<sup>th</sup> June which will be linked to the eggs that we are having delivered on 13<sup>th</sup> June which will hatch into chicks (hopefully!). On the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June we will be looking for someone who would be willing to foster the chicks! If there is more than one person we will put names in the hat.

## Phonics

All yr1s and any yr2s resits of the phonic quizzes will take place the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please continue to go through your child's practice words with them. Thanks

## SATS

Well done to all the children who have sat the SATS quizzes, the all made Mrs Arnold very proud.

## Gardening Club

All the children have been working very hard and have enjoyed making their hanging garden which has strawberries, parsley etc growing in the pots. They have also planted a range of seasonal vegetables and a wild flower garden. The children are currently in the process of painting old tyres to create more planters. A huge thank you to Mrs Ward (Celene's Nan) for all her hard work in making it successful.

## Note from Miss Wones

I will be attempting to walk the London to Brighton 100km at the end of May. It was a spontaneous decision - no idea if I can actually walk that far?! I will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society and all donations would be greatly appreciated.

I've put my just giving page link below, or there is an envelope in the school office. Many thanks.

[https://www.justgiving.com/J-Wones?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraisingpage&utm\\_content=J-Wones&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email](https://www.justgiving.com/J-Wones?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=J-Wones&utm_campaign=pfp-email).

## Diary Dates

26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day before Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return after Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Dance Workshop (PM)
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Miss Burton from Stalham Academy visiting the Year2s going to the Academy
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Hearing and Vision Checks
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Links Afternoon
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Picnic Lunch – Nelsons Journey
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Movie Night with drink & snack 3pm – 5pm (£3)
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (PM)
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Day
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Visiting Catfield to watch their Leavers Play
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Football Tournament at Colney
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Bonanza
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Federation Day at Hickling Barn
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2s trip to Bewilderwood
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Beach Trip
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service at the Church 1.45pm
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term!

Attendance last week was 93.2% and this week so far it has been 96.57%. This term so far it has been 94.94%

