## NEWSLETTER

#### This term our value is 'Forgiveness'

## OCTOBER

This term we are focussing on the value of 'Forgiveness'.

Forgiveness is important in all our lives and the children will be learning to understand that selfforgiveness is essential. Everyone makes mistakes and we need to learn from them and move on. In being able to forgive ourselves we can learn to forgive others.

#### **Curriculum News**

The children are fully engaged in their autumn topics and working really hard.

Already this term Year 3 and Year 5 have had a visit from the Dogs Trust when they learnt about how to care for dogs and how dogs were used in WW2. This week Year 2 and Year 4 have trips planned to Spurn Point to support their topics of 'Lighthouses' and 'Spurn Safari' and on the last day of half term Year 5 plan to visit Eden Camp to enhance their learning of 'World War 2'.

The rest of the Year groups have settled well in to their new classes with their new teacher and routines.

#### Wanted!

Can you spare half an hour or more to come in to school and support out children by listening to them read or reading a story to them? Research shows that the more that children read and are read to the better their chances of achieving.

We want our children to develop a real love of reading and ask for your support in offering them more opportunities.

If you feel you are able to help, please contact the school office.

#### **School and Sports Council**

The children were given the opportunity to apply for positions on both the School Council and the Sports Council at the beginning of term.

# Disappointingly there were very few applications.

Being a student leader in school is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn additional life





and leadership skills. It allows them to be involved in some of the decision making in school and earns them respect from both their peers and the adults they work with.

As a school we would really like to promote student leadership as it really supports the development of so many additional skills which the children take with them through life.

Those children who have applied will be guaranteed positions on the councils but we will be asking for further applications to be made. Please encourage and support your child to apply. We will send information home over half term.

#### Attendance

Attendance so far this year is 96.6% which is a good start to the year. Less children are arriving after the bell which means they have a much more positive start to the day. Thank you for your support with getting your children to school on time.

The attendance for each class so far this year is as follows:

Reception	97.5%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	95.8%

Please remember that term time holidays have a huge impact on your child's education.

#### Safeguarding

Our school has safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure that every child, regardless of their age, gender, religion or ethnicity, can be protected from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development

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- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people have the best outcomes

Everyone has a responsibility to keep children and young people safe. If you have a concern about a child, staff member or volunteer at our school please make us aware of it. Our Safeguarding Leader is Mrs Atkinson.

#### **Healthy lunchboxes**

Patrington Primary Academy does promote a healthy lifestyle and in doing so we encourage our pupils to bring a healthy packed lunch. We ask you therefore to please avoid putting chocolate bars and sugary snacks in lunchboxes.

With healthy lifestyles in mind we also ask that break time snacks are fruit or cereal bars and not chocolate, crisps or sweets.

You will be aware that there was a case of choking in the East Riding last year where a child sadly died as a result. Please can we remind you therefore that food items such as grapes, cocktail sausages and similar sized food should be cut up so as to avoid choking.

#### **Parent View**

If you would like to give your opinion about our school you can do so at http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk.

There is a link under the heading 'For Parents' on our website.

#### Church

The school continues to have strong links with the church and Reverend Carol visits regularly to deliver Worship.

On 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am we will be visiting the church to celebrate **Harvest Festival**. Please come along and join us if you can.

Last term the children contributed their ideas to a design for a sculpture in the church grounds. That sculpture is now underway in the form of a tree carving by Allen Stichler. This week the children will have the opportunity to visit the church and watch Allen in action. Please do visit and have a look.

#### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take the same format and last year. We will hold drop in afternoon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 for you to visit your child's class so they can share with you the work they have done so far this year. Unfortunately staff will not be available to discuss your child's work during this afternoon. The children love to share their work, so please do come if you are able. This will be then followed by an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher about the progress they are making and find out how you can support them at home. Appointments will be available during the afternoon of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 or the evening of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### Uniform

Thank you for your support in providing your child with the correct uniform to attend school. We do have a uniform policy which was introduced last year and ask that all aspects are supported.

#### Friends of School Group

There have been a number of parents showing an interest in setting up a Friends of School Group to support with fundraising and therefore keep some costs for parents down and provide additional enrichment for the children.

If you are interested in finding out more, an open session will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30pm before the monthly Parents Assembly. Please come along if you are interested. Everyone is welcome.

#### **Monthly Parent Assembly**

Our next Parent Assembly will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the new time of 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and share our time for celebrating all the good work in school.



# Reminders

Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a water bottle which they will be able to access freely throughout the day.

Please remember that they should contain only plain water and not flavoured water, fruit juice or pop.

#### Clothing

Please remember to name all of your child's clothing. We already have a number of items in lost property unnamed and therefore unable to return to their owner.

#### Absence

If your child is absent from school please ring the office on 01964 5630315 on the first day of absence.

If you need to take your child to a medical appointment please remember to show the appointment card to the school office. Please note that only one session, i.e. half a day, can be authorised for a medical appointment unless it is an exceptional circumstance. If you require further information please contact the school office.

#### **Medicines in School**

Unfortunately staff are unable to administer medicines in school unless they have been prescribed for you child by a doctor. If this is the case you will be asked to sign a consent form at the school office.

If your child needs medication during the school day we ask that you or a nominated adult attends school to do this.

#### Dates for the Diary

- 10.10.18 Y4 visit to Spurn Point
- 11.10.18 Y2 visit to Spurn Point
- 15.10.18 Vision screening
- 16.10.18 Harvest Festival 9:30am
- 17.10.18 Book Fair week
- 25.10.18 Y5 to Withernsea High School
- 26.10.18 Y5 visit to Eden Camp Friends of School meeting 1.30pm Parent Assembly 2.30pm School closes 3.15 p.m.
- 05.11.18 School opens 8.45 a.m.
- 07.11.18 Flu Vaccinations 08.11.18 EYFS owl hunt

09.11.18 12.11.18 14.11.18 15.11.18	Open afternoon 1:30pm – 3:00pm Parent Consultation 1.30-3.00pm Parent Consultation 3.30-5.30pm Musical Theatre Company perform 'The Selfish Giant' in school
16.11.18	School closed for training
30.11.18	Parent Assembly 2.30pm
	Y4 Pedestrian Training
04.12.18	Patrington Christmas lights switch on
06.12.18	Y5 performance to parents
07.12.18	Christmas Fair
11.12.18	EYFS performance AM
17.12.18	EYFS Christmas Party
18.12.18	Y1/Y2 Christmas Party
19.12.18	Y3/Y4 Christmas Party
20.12.18	Y5/Y6 Christmas Party
12.12.18	Y1/2 performance PM
21.12.18	Church Service 9.30 a.m.
	Carols around the tree PM
07.04.40	School closes 3.15 p.m.
07.01.19	School opens 8.45 a.m.

### "Sowing the seeds, nurturing the growth, sharing the harvest, rejoicing with God"