



Witham St Hughs Academy

'Education For Lifelong Learning'

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June 2014 Newsletter

Summer Term!

We can't believe that we've already reached term 6 of this academic year! As always, the children continue to work hard and do us proud. Term 6 is always a busy time in school and we will keep you updated with information as the term progresses.

Classes for September

We are now in a position to confirm which staff will be working in which classes from September. This information is attached to this newsletter. For parents of pupils in Reception and Year 1, an additional letter has been sent home today which specifies which of the classes your child will move in to from September. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Meet Your New Class

On **Thursday 17th July**, the children will spend some time with the teachers they will be working with in September. At the end of the day, we would like to invite parents to informally 'drop in' to meet their child's new teacher. All welcome.

Warm Weather Reminder

Hopefully, summer is about to start! On warm days, we kindly ask that sun-cream is applied to children prior to their arrival at school, and that children are sent to school with appropriate sun hats / caps. Thank you.

International Schools Award

We are delighted to announce that Witham St Hughs Academy has once again been accredited with the International Schools Award in recognition of our work promoting pupil awareness of different countries and cultures. We currently have link schools in Cyprus, South Africa, France and Kenya. Congratulations and thanks go to Miss Easey for all of her hard work in ensuring this aspect of our curriculum is so successful.

Eco-Schools Award

Just after Easter, we were reassessed against the Green Flag Eco Award. The assessor visited the academy and listened to our Eco-Action Team as

they explained about some of the work they had been undertaking during the last 12 months. The assessor was suitably impressed, and we were successfully reaccredited with our third Green Flag Award. A huge 'well done' to Miss McDonald, Miss Riddell, Mrs Helgesen and the rest of the Eco-Action Team!

Online Booking System

Thank you to all who have been using our online booking system for hot meals, trips, extra-curricular clubs etc. By doing this you have helped us improve the quality of service we can offer, and have saved the academy money which is then used to buy resources for our children. If any parents require any help getting started on this system, or require access to a computer, please let us know via the main office.

Road Safety

I have been approached by several parents who are concerned by the dangers posed by the roads outside of the academy. Concerns relate to the speed with which some motorists travel along the road and the speed with which some motorists travel through the village car park. Please help us to keep all of our children safe by raising awareness of road dangers with your children, as well as reminding drivers about the dangers as well. Thank you.

National Sports Week

National Sports Week takes place the week beginning Monday 23rd June. Due to the success of the activities we organised last year, we intend to offer a range of sporting activities again this year. Some of the activities include swimming, rock climbing and kayaking! Mrs Gelsthorpe will be sending out further details in due course! Within this week, our sports days will also take place. Sports Day for Reception, Y1 and Y2 will take place on **Tuesday 24th June**, and for Y3-Y6 Sports Day will be held on **Thursday 26th June**. Both days will start at **9.15am**. We hope you are able to attend.

End of Term KS2 Production

We are pleased to announce further details of our end of term production. 'Aladdin Trouble' hits



the stage at 6.30pm on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July. Tickets will be available in due course!

Extra-Curricular Activities

Last term, only 67% of the places offered in our extra-curricular programme were actually attended. As our staff willingly give up their time voluntarily to offer extra-curricular activities, and we have many activities which are over-subscribed, we kindly ask that if your child is offered a place in a club that they attend. Thank you.

End of Term Application of Learning Sessions

Our next application of learning sessions will take place on the following dates at 2.30pm:

Wednesday 9th July: Years 3 - 6
Thursday 10th July: Years Reception to 2

All welcome!

Healthy Snack

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack for mid-morning break. Suitable items are fruit, vegetables and dry cereal / cereal bars. Our Healthy Tuck Shop sells items each day at 20p.

QR Codes / Web-links

Year 4 War Poetry



<https://vimeo.com/95028826>

The password will be sent by text later today to those who have signed to receive them. **Please note: passwords are case sensitive.** You can view the link by entering the web address into the internet, or by scanning the code above using the scanner option on your phone / tablet computer. In both cases, you will need to enter the password. We hope you enjoy the clip!

Volunteers

As always, should any parents wish to be more involved in school, we are always eager to hear from you. Anyone willing and able to help with

reading, classroom displays, or gardening, please let us know.

For further information, please contact the main office. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Neil Spencelayh,
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

June

9th Dads, Lads and Lasses Event at 5.30pm
9th Story Stay Sessions for Sep 2014 Reception Children
11th Y3/4 WWII Experience Day
13th Y2 Class Assembly
16th Y6 Safety Day at Waddington Training Centre
24th YR-Y2 Sports Day: 9.15am start
26th Y3-Y6 Sports Day: 9.15am start
30th Transition Meeting for Current YR Parents – details to follow

July

7th Y5/6 Trip to Magna
10th End of Year Reports sent home
12th PTFA Summer Fair
14th & 15th KS2 Summer Production: 6.30pm start
23rd End of Term – 2pm Finish

September

4th Children Return to School