Hutton Henry CE Primary What's Going On?

Reminders Attendance

If your child is unwell please can you telephone on their first day of absence and then send a letter on their return to school.

Good attendance is an important part of your child's education.
The EWO regularly monitors attendance in School.

Please remember that leave of absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances

Topic Contributions

Please send in topic contributions as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have already contributed.

April.

Rather than sending home a monthly newsletter we are trialling a half termly newsletter in an attempt to send home as much information as possible. We have added as much information as we can into just one newsletter and hope that this ensures families are as informed as possible about the exciting events and activities we have coming up.

Our new term is well under way. The children are enjoying the start of a new topic "famous people and famous events" and all the new experiences and events associated with it. The details of these are listed below. The new Open Homework project is ready to be launched too. The response from the last open homework was fantastic and far beyond what we had imagined. Evident in the projects was the imagination and creativity of families. The learning experiences that came from each project were far beyond those that could come from traditional homework and children followed their own interests and ideas. Thank you for those family members that got so immersed in the topic alongside the children. We are looking forward to seeing how the children approach a new homework title!

Things to look forward too!

KS2 Tudor Day - Wed 12th February (a separate letter has been sent home for this)

Topic Project Day - Thurs 13th February. All Children can come into school in non uniform. They will spend the whole day researching and exploring a topic to produce a project in school linked to our Famous People, Famous Events topic. **Break up for Half Term** - Friday 14th February, Return to school Monday 24th February.

Quiz Night - Thurs 27th February 5pm. Come and enjoy a night of pie and peas and test your general knowledge of famous people and famous events in our fun family quiz. Will the children be able to answer more questions than you? Tickets will be £2.00 per person, and are available on a first come first served basis. Pie and peas will be included in the price of the ticket. Snacks will also be available to purchase on the night. If you would like to come along please fill in the slip attached and return it to school along with your payment by Friday 14th Feb. Infant Trip - Tuesday 11th March, drop in from 1.30pm onwards, The children will be visiting the Captain Cook Museum and Stewart Park all day, a separate letter has been sent home.

Topic Open Afternoon - Friday 14th March, Come into school and enjoy seeing your child's work and share in their successes. It is always a lovely opportunity for children to feel proud of their achievements.

KS2 Drama Performance - Tuesday 18th March, This is always a wonderful performance. The children always surprise us with how confident they are and how much their drama skills have developed over time. A separate letter has been issue. Please remember to send back reply slips even if you do not require tickets to the event to inform us of who will be collecting your child. Break up for Easter - Friday 4th April , Return to school Tuesday 22nd



The children will have an opportunity to reflect on the meaning and events of Easter in an extended collective worship in the morning on Thursday 3rd March. Apologies that parents will not be present at this event but we hope to see everyone at the Friends of School Easter Fair which will be on Thursday 3rd April from 2.00pm.

Eco Commitee

The Eco committee have received the goods ordered using the Morrison vouchers kindly donated by families to the school. We now have lots of seeds, planters and some compost to keep us busy! We have some posters around school designed by the committee to remind us to turn off lights as we leave rooms so we hope this has a positive impact on our energy consumption.

International Committee

The international committee will soon be preparing to take part in an Easter Swap with other local school s. They will soon be preparing an Easter gift to swap with another school at an international event in April hosted in a local school.

Friends of School

Friends of school have been organising a new half termly craft stall where children can come and buy crafty bits and pieces to enjoy at home. The items will start from as little as 10p.

The stall will be held in the conservatory on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th Feb, both before and after school. Please come along and take a look. Our next friends of school meeting is on Friday 14th March0.0 at 9.am so please come along if you would like to find out more. Donations of raffle and tombola prizes for the Easter Fair can be sent into school.

Sports

On 4th March a selected team will be Representing school at a football tournament at Soccarena. Good Luck team!

You may remember that the Cross Country was cancelled due to bad weather. It has now been rearranged and will take place on 27th February at East Durham College in Peterlee. Children in years 2 - 6 will take part. A more detailed letter will be sent home to remind you of details for clothing etc.

Creativity Fund

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to Creativity Fund. If you would like to make a contribution, it is 50p per week £3.50 per half term or £7.50 per term, please adjust half termly and termly payment depending on the number of weeks that are between holidays. Creativity Fund benefits all of the children in the school as it enables staff do more creative activities in school.

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