



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is our final newsletter of the year, barring last minute messages. It has been, as always, an action-packed year that has seen a 'Good' OFSTED inspection, sporting and musical achievements and the pleasure of seeing all of our children take the next steps in their educational journey. We hope you all have a well-earned summer break.

### **Sports Day**

A very hot day in June saw Class 1's sports events take place in the cool of the morning with age appropriate fun athletics activities. Classes 2 + 3 braved the heat of the afternoon sun and different children showed their prowess in throwing, jumping and running activities with Y2 taking part in the long race for the first time and KS2 having the option to extend the long race to twice its usual length. All the children showed great determination and completed at least one lap of the course. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped to make the afternoon possible.



### **'Hoodwinked'**



Classes 2 and 3 are putting the final touches to their end of year production of 'Hoodwinked'. They will be having a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July for Class 1, at which their costumes will be required. Performances for families and friends will be at 2.00 p.m. and at 6.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Tickets cost £3 and are available from the school office. Very young children, who are sitting on their parents' knees, will not need a ticket. As some of our children have quiet voices, please can we make a polite request that parents take out from the Hall any young children who are crying or making a disturbing noise until they have calmed down as it may mean many weeks hard work are wasted if we can't hear the children on stage.

We are in the process of reviewing our Acceptable Use of ICT Policy and have agreed that pictures can be taken for personal use. They should not be reproduced on social media.

We are very grateful to the PTA for organising a fundraising raffle as part of the event and would appreciate any donations of prizes or assistance.

### **'The Giant Slayer'**

On 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July, Class 3 took part in a Bedale Cluster musical production of 'The Giant Slayer' based on the story of David and Goliath at the Hambleton Forum, Northallerton. The songs were very enjoyable to sing and special congratulations go to Emma, Dylan and Tyler for taking part in small singing groups and to Cicely, for a super narration; we were very proud of them.



### **Y6 Cluster Day**

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, Y6 went to Pickhill CE Primary School to take part in a small schools' Cluster day where they took part in archery, fencing and street dance activities. They had met many of these children several times before and had a very active day.



### **Golf**

Bedale Golf Club would like to flag up several two-day sessions with Steve Pearce, a recognised Junior Specialist coach. The sessions are on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Aug, 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Aug or 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Aug at £45pp. Phone 01677 422443/07818 446591 to book or for further information.

## Rounders

On 27<sup>th</sup> June we entered a team in the Bedale interschool rounders competition where 16 teams were competing to win the competition. Our team played 7 games of which we lost 1, drew 1 and won 5 which meant that we had won the whole competition. This was a fabulous achievement and we are very proud of our team.

## PTA

This year's Duck Race in Hunton included new activities and refreshment options courtesy of the PTA that led to a marvellous £240.77 being raised for school funds. Many thanks to the parents and families who organised and supported this event.



## School Birthday

The party to celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> birthday of our school will begin at 2.15 p.m on 20<sup>th</sup> July. You should have had your invitation, made by the pupils of class 2.



## Final Assembly

Because of our birthday party, we will be having our final assembly of the year on the morning of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15 a.m. We use this assembly to mark achievements by all our pupils, throughout the year, with certificates and trophies and to say 'goodbye' to people leaving our school.

## Parent Pay

Please can all outstanding monies be paid by the end of next week?

## Transition

It was lovely to meet our new starters on their visits over three days and they were able to meet Mrs Saunders at our school, having previously met her at their pre-school settings when she went to visit them.

## Goodbye

The final newsletter of the year always has a touch of sadness to it as we say goodbye to people who have been a big part of our lives for a long time. Our Y6 pupils are going in many different directions: John and Joseph to Richmond School, Max and Tayla to St. Francis Xavier School, Dylan and Emma to Wensleydale School, Lucy to Risedale School and Tyler to Bedale High School. We are also saying 'goodbye' to Evie, Isla, Cicely, Freddie, Gigi and Brooke. We wish them all well as they move onto their new schools.



Mrs Jobling is also leaving us after 23 years at Hunton and Arrathorne CP School. She has worked alongside the children in class and provided one-to-one support where it has been needed; giving children the skills and confidence they need to help them on their way. Mrs Jobling's contribution to the children's love and knowledge of plants and animals has been considerable. Her care and dedication to the children will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

## Governors' Corner

Mr Lawrenson has included a piece for 'Governors Corner' and it will be his last posting as, after six years as our Chair of Governors, he will not be standing for the position again in September. I should like to take this opportunity to thank him for all of the time and effort he has invested into making our school the best it can be for our children and am very pleased to say that he has agreed to continue to hear readers in Class 1!

Yours sincerely,

*Joanne Grainger*  
(Headteacher)

## Diary Dates:

12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 STEM day at BHS
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports out to parents/carers
16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 at Bedale Cluster Athletics p.m.
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 social night at Hollywood Bowl
17 <sup>th</sup> July	'Hoodwinked' dress rehearsal – Classes 2 +3
18 <sup>th</sup> July	'Hoodwinked' performances 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUN BY SCHOOL TODAY
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Assembly 9.15 a.m.
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Hunton School 140 <sup>th</sup> Birthday party 2.15 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer break 3.15 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Staff Training Day
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Children start school after the summer break
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Internet Safety presentation for parents by the Health & Wellbeing Adviser 5.30-6.30p.m. at School

### **Governors Corner – July 2018**

In my last Governors corner I started by referring to the atrocious weather and feel I must now celebrate the fabulous weather of recent weeks and hope that the forthcoming school summer holidays are also similarly blessed.

The term has been a busy one especially for staff but since my last report we have held 2 Board meetings, one in May and our final meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July. The May meeting was naturally dominated by the OFSTED Report and unpicking the comments made by the Inspector to inform our future planning. Whilst we are never complacent and always want to improve educational outcomes for the children in our care, I think it is fair to say that the Report was mild in its recommendations and we have naturally embraced them and will be building on those recommendations in our 2018/19 School Development Plan.

One of the main issues facing all Boards in May is the Start budget which quite simply tells us what funding is available for the financial year which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. I have previously mentioned the financial issues facing schools and certainly 2018/19 is no exception. At Hunton we are generally fortunate but having said that we are acutely aware of the very simple fact that money is tight and we need to make what we have work hard. Looking forward, it appears that funding is going to be tighter over the coming years but we will obviously have to adapt to whatever comes along.

May I say a huge thank you to all those who returned the Parent Questionnaire. The overall response was a bit disappointing with a 42% return representing 16 out of 38 families represented at the school. Nevertheless the responses that were received to the list of questions were without exception very positive about the school and at our recent meeting the Board was delighted that so many of you share our views and those of OFSTED about the school. Hopefully next year we can look forward to a greater percentage return.

In May we also discussed our strategy to fill existing and upcoming governor vacancies. At present we have 1 co-opted governor vacancy but in December there will be a further 2 vacancies. In addition there is a possibility of a parent governor vacancy arising. This will mean 4 vacancies on a Board of 10 so a significant upheaval to a team which has been together for some considerable time. What we have done is take a good look at the skills that will be leaving the Board and to then advertise for candidates who can bring those skills to

the Board and hopefully other skills that will benefit governance going forward. Notices in this regard have been posted in the Shop, Village Hall and the school notice board and information will also appear in the upcoming Village News and the Parish Magazine. If a parent governor vacancy arises then there is a set procedure to fill the vacancy and again keep an eye on the school notice board for details of this after the summer holidays. If you know anyone who meets the skills criteria and would be prepared to offer their services, but are unsure of what it involves, please contact Admin at the school who will be more than happy to arrange an informal chat with myself or one of my colleagues. Good governance of the school is important and vital to retaining a Good OFSTED judgement. Governance is also a very rewarding experience.

When I wrote this column at the beginning of the academic year I did mention that as a Board we had set an attendance target for pupils of 95%. The position to date is that actual attendance is 96.53%. Naturally we recognise that there are a whole range of factors which affect attendance but it is also a simple fact that OFSTED and others use attendance as a factor in judging a school. I can only ask that every effort is made to ensure that children attend the school and that absences are justifiable.

This will be my last Governors Corner as Chair of the Governing Board and I would like to place on record my heartfelt thanks for the support that I have received over the last 6 or 7 years from my colleagues on the Board, from parents and others associated with the school, from the staff and in particular Mrs Grainger who has very generously given of her patience, time and expertise in guiding and helping me to fulfil my role as Chair. In December, both Mike Gibson and I will complete our terms of office as governors. For several years Mike was Vice Chair of the Board and to that role he brought common sense and an expertise in many areas of the Board's work and I could not have wished for a more supportive and hardworking Vice Chair.

Many thanks for taking the time to read Governors Corner which I hope you have found useful in helping to understand the work of the Governing Board and, in conclusion, may I wish you a restful, enjoyable and sunny summer break.

David Lawrenson  
Chair of the Governing Board



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