



BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term – I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break.

As the weather is most definitely turning colder, can I ask that all children have a cardigan/jumper each day in school as well as a coat. We try to get them outside every day (as long as it is not pouring down) so having a coat to keep them warm and dry is a necessity. If it is a particularly wet day, please send your child in wellies/boots with a change of shoes to wear indoors.

Regarding jumpers/cardigans, please make sure that these are named. We end up with a huge amount of lost property each year, despite our best efforts to reunite children with their school jumper/cardigan. Even a name written in pen on the label is a huge help and means that you don't have to keep replacing lost items. Please can we request that names are written inside coats as well – we know how expensive school coats can be and want to make sure that these do not go missing.

BOOK FAIR

During week commencing 20th November we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair every afternoon from 3.30pm.

Our library area will be open for you to view and purchase a wide range of books.

We are able to take cash payments or payments can also be made on the day using a special QR code.

This QR code can also be used to purchase books online in advance should you rather, or if you are unable to attend in person.





BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

MRS SMITH

We said a huge goodbye to Mrs Smith before half term as she retired after 30+ years at the school, working in our kitchen.

The children and staff gave her a great send off and we wish her all the best for her retirement.



MRS GAY

Mrs Gay is joining us, on a temporary basis, for the second half of the Autumn term.

Mrs Gay will be working mornings (Tuesday-Friday) in Y1/2 supporting with English and Maths provision. Welcome back Mrs Gay.

PARENTS' EVENING

Just a reminder that these are taking place on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November (4pm-7pm) – you should have had a booking form home in your child's bag.

We look forward to seeing you there.

FOBS HALLOWEEN DISCO

FOBS held a Family Halloween Disco at Blackburn Leisure on Friday 27th October 2023.

We know that the children all had a really lovely time, with everybody dressing up and having lots of fun. Congratulations to the 2 winners who each took home shopping vouchers to be used in over 180 stores.

Over £1100 was raised which is a fantastic amount for the school. Some of this money is being used to purchase some new musical equipment to benefit the whole school.

PANTOMIME TICKETS

FOBS are currently selling Pantomime tickets for this years Hull New Theatre performance of Cinderella.

Tickets are priced at £15 per person, saving up to 50%, for the evening performance on Tuesday 19th December.

Tickets are available to purchase via the FOBS Facebook page or via: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbroughschool. There are only 40 tickets left so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



SMART WATCHES

We are aware that many children have a Smart Watch and wear these in school. We politely request that if your child wears their Smart Watch to school, the following rules are adhered to:

- Settings do not allow them to send or receive messages whilst in school.
- If the watch can take photographs, they do not use this function in school. If this can be disabled during the school day then this is preferable.
- If the watch can make recordings, they do not use this function in school. If this can be disabled during the school day then this is preferable.

If we find that individual pupils are not sticking to these rules then we will ask them not to wear the watch in the future and will contact parents to discuss the reasons why.

MOBILE PHONES

Many of our older pupils bring their mobile phone to school to be left, turned off, in the school office for the duration of the school day. The agreement between home and school is that phones must be switched off at all times whilst on the school site.

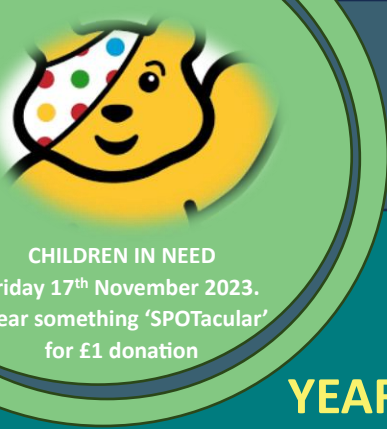
We have noticed that some children are turning their phones on after collecting them from the office and using them whilst still on the site. We ask parents to remind children to leave their phone switched off until they are off the school site.



SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Whilst we support children in bringing scooters/bikes as a means of transport to and from school, we do ask that these are not ridden on the school site, either before or after the school day.

Instead these should be wheeled/pushed around the site to be stored securely for home time or to be taken home by a parent/carer.



CHILDREN IN NEED
 Friday 17th November 2023.
 Wear something 'SPOTacular'
 for £1 donation

BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

YEAR 5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL

After weeks of anticipation, our Year 5/6 girls pulled on their football kit for the first time this year. Their efforts and desire throughout the tournament at South Hunsley were certainly to be admired!

After a draw and a marginal defeat in our opening two games, the girls almost got the win required in the final game but couldn't quite find that winning goal and so drew 2-2, meaning that we didn't quite reach the final.

An extremely encouraging start to the season girls. Well done!



ODD SOCK DAY

To support Anti-Bullying week next week, the children are able to come to school wearing 'odd socks' on Monday 13th November.

There is no financial contribution for this – it is just about taking part.



LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the table below for information on our extra-curricular clubs and activities.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	Colouring Club (open to all year groups on a rota basis) Table Tennis Club (Y6)	Gymnastics Club (Y5/6)	Eco-Club (members only – elected Autumn 1) TT Rock Stars (Y4) Gymnastics (Y3/4)	Netball Club (Y5/6) School Council (elected – Autumn 1)	Recorder Club x2 (KS2)
AFTER SCHOOL	Skateboarding Club (Y1/2 &3)	KS1 Fusion Dance Young Voices Choir	KS2 Fusion Dance	Multi-Sports Club (Y3/4)	Theatre Club (Y5/6) from Autumn 2

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

As you will be aware, attendance at school is key in ensuring children have a full education.

Whilst we appreciate that children are unwell from time to time, just as adults are, we are keen to minimise the amount of time children are absent from school. The link below is to the NHS guidance 'Is my child too ill for school?' which is a useful guide on which conditions/illnesses prevent attendance and which can be managed with over the counter medications.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

I would like to remind parents to let us know if your child will be absent from school, as well as providing some details of the reasons for absence. As part of our procedures, we will call parents if children are not in school to ensure we have a reason for absence recorded.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES – REQUEST FORM

As you will know, we follow the local authority policies and guidance regarding absence from school for circumstances other than medical.

The form, Absence From School In Exceptional Circumstances, is available on the school website and must be completed prior to any planned absence. Holidays during term time will not be authorised, except in very exceptional circumstances, or where they meet set criteria.

Further information can be found on the ERYC website but I have summarised this below.

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-attendance/holidays-during-term-time-and-authorised-absence-from-school/>

INFORMATION FROM EASTRIDING.GOV

CAN I TAKE MY CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL FOR A FAMILY HOLIDAY?

No. Headteachers cannot and will not authorise school (or other educational establishment) absence purely for the reason of a family holiday. If you feel you have an exceptional circumstance you must speak to your headteacher prior to making any arrangements or taking any absence.

Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their children receive education in accordance with section 7 of the Education Act 1996 and if on a school roll that they regularly attend school.

There is, however, a discretionary power held by headteachers to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances. Please note: this is not an entitlement and a family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance.

The Headteacher will only authorise absence in line with the East Riding Behaviour and Attendance Partnership 'Absence From School For Exceptional Circumstances Policy'.

Headteachers will not authorise absences if they believe it is to the detriment of a child's education.

Please note: that supporting documents to aid decision making must be submitted at the time of your request for absence.

Please note: we advise that you do not plan for your child to be absent from school without gaining prior agreement from their school first. Headteachers cannot retrospectively authorise absence from school under any circumstances. If your request is authorised, you are required to ensure your child catches up on any missed school work. This is your responsibility and school are not obliged to provide work for your child to complete. Any unauthorised absence will be recorded on your child's attendance records. This may result in legal proceedings against you, either through a Penalty Notice or the Magistrates' Court.

INFORMATION FROM EASTRIDING.GOV CONTINUED

WHAT IS ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES?

In order for consideration to be given, requests for absence must be for exceptional circumstances only.

The primary behaviour and attendance partnership, the secondary twilight partnership and the council agree to follow the law, in such that the provision for Headteachers to authorise absence purely for the purpose of a family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance.

Exceptional circumstances could include:

- Service personnel returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.
- The death or terminal illness of a person close to the family.
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a person close to the family.
- Where there are exceptional and unforeseen circumstances that fall outside of 1 to 4 above, the headteacher agrees to consult with the principal education welfare officer prior to any authorisation being given to the parent. The principal education welfare officer will discuss each case with an independent Headteacher and will make a recommendation to the referring school.

Please note: Evidence would be required in each case.

If a request meets the above exceptional circumstances but falls within the following times, the headteacher must be convinced that absence from school is the only option:

- The first half-term of any academic year (applies to all pupils)
- Year six transition day (for pupils in year six)
- Year six SATs week (for pupils in year six)
- At any time specified by the school (this will be communicated to parents by each school).

WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OR POOR ATTENDANCE?

The following link above outlines the process for penalty notices, how and when these are issued to parents for unauthorised absence or poor attendance.

<https://downloads.eastriding.org.uk/corporate/pages/holidays-during-term-time-and-authorised-absence-from-school/PN%20-%202018%20Penalty%20notice%20guidance%20to%20parents.pdf>

INFORMATION FROM EASTRIDING.GOV CONTINUED

WHAT IS A PENALTY NOTICE?

Under existing legislation, you commit an offence if your child fails to attend school regularly and the absences are classed as unauthorised (those for which the Headteacher has not given permission). Depending on circumstances such cases may result in prosecution under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

A penalty notice, if paid in full, is an alternative to prosecution and does not require an appearance in court, thus enabling you to discharge potential liability for conviction.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Payment within 21 days of receipt of a penalty notice is £60 which will increase to £120 if paid after 21 days, but within 28 days.

PENALTY NOTICE TO ADDRESS POOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, ADVICE TO PARENTS AND CARERS MARCH 2018

Who is liable?

Parents, defined as:

- All natural parents, whether married or not;
- Any person who has parental responsibility; and,
- Any person who has care of a child or young person (lives with and looks after)

So in short if you live with a child and take on a caring role for that child and you are over 18, you are responsible for their school attendance and therefore liable for a fine should you meet the criteria.

A penalty notice may be issued in the following circumstances:

1. Unauthorised absence from school, where a pupil has accrued 10 or more unauthorised absence sessions (two sessions per school day) spread over a 13 week period.
2. Unauthorised absence from school, where a pupil has accrued 10 or more consecutive unauthorised absence sessions (two sessions per school day) and the parent did not follow the schools request for 'Absence from School in Exceptional Circumstances' procedure.
3. Where a parent takes their child out of school and the child accrues 10 or more consecutive unauthorised absence sessions (two sessions per school day), when the parent has followed the request for 'Absence from School in Exceptional Circumstances' procedure. Following the procedure gives the parent the opportunity to provide evidence to support their application.
4. Where a child is found by a police officer or a police and community support officer, unsupervised by an adult in a public place during the first five days of a fixed term or permanent exclusion from school.
5. Overt truancy, where a child has been found out of school during school hours without permission. This can be during an organised truancy sweep or where found by a police officer or police and community support officer whilst carrying out their daily duties.

Details of any warnings given under each of the five circumstances above, are included on the link at the start of this section.

BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

DIARY DATES 2023-2024

OCTOBER

Monday 2 nd :	Harvest Festival (details to follow)
Wednesday 4 th :	Growing Up talks for Y6 pupils 6PM: Y5/6 Parent meeting for High Adventure & SATS
Thursday 12 th :	6pm: EYFS & Y1/2 Phonics Info Evening
Thursday 26 th :	Break up for half term
Friday 27 th :	FOBS Halloween Disco (Blackies)

NOVEMBER

Monday 6 th :	Back to school
Tuesday 7 th :	6pm: Y3/4 Maths Information Evening 7pm: Y5/6 Maths Information Evening
w/c 13 th :	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 th :	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 th :	Parents' Evening
Friday 17 th :	Children in Need Flu vaccinations for the children
w/c 19 th :	3.30pm Scholastic Book Fair (Mon-Fri)
Monday 20 th :	Y3/4 Diwali performance (pm)
Tuesday 21 st :	Y3/4 Diwali performance (evening)
Wednesday 22 nd :	Humberside Fire & Rescue (Y5/6)
Friday 24 th :	Non-uniform day (FOBS)
Monday 27 th :	BAE Assembly (whole school) BAE STEM workshop (Y5/6)
Thursday 30 th :	KS2 Anti-Bullying Workshop

DECEMBER

Saturday 2 nd :	FOBS Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5 th :	EYFS performance to parents (pm) 6pm: Safeguarding Information Evening
Friday 8 th :	Reindeer Run
Tuesday 12 th :	Y1/2 performance to parents (pm)
Thursday 14 th :	Y1/2 performance to parents (pm)
Friday 22 nd :	Break up

JANUARY

Tuesday 9 th :	Back to school Young Voices
---------------------------	--------------------------------

FEBRUARY

Friday 2 nd :	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 9 th :	Break up
Monday 19 th :	Back to school

MARCH

Thursday 7 th :	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th :	Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 th :	Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 st :	Break up

APRIL

Monday 8 th :	Back to school
--------------------------	----------------

MAY

Monday 6 th :	Closed for Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th :	Y6 SATs testing week
Wednesday 22 nd :	Y3/4 Sleepover at The Deep
Friday 24 th :	Break up

JUNE

Monday 3 rd :	Back to school
w/c 3 rd / 10 th :	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
w/c 10 th :	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week
Fri 28 th – Sun 30 th :	Y5/6 visit to High Adventure

JULY

Friday 5 th :	Summer Soiree
Monday 8 th :	Reports to parents out this week
Thursday 11 th :	Exhibition of Work evening
Friday 19 th :	Break up