



Old Hutton C of E School

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End of Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our Summer Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our whole school team and community for their hard work, enthusiasm and support for the school over the year. It's been such a busy time of learning, events and achievements! A very well-deserved holiday is coming up, but just before that, here are some news items from the last half of term, and event updates to share.

Excellent SATs results news

Congratulations to our brilliant Y6 pupils and the KS2 teaching team, led by Miss Harrison, on another superb set of SAT (National Standard Assessment Test) results! Results were once more well above national, with some especially high value-added scores this year for individual pupils. 88% of our pupils achieved the expected standard or more in Reading and Maths (national figures were 75% for Reading and 76% for Maths), in Writing and in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling an excellent 100% achieved expected or more (national for Writing was 78% and GPS 76%). 88% achieved expected in Reading+Writing+Maths combined, which is well above the national score of 64%. Excellent percentages achieved the greater depth standard: Reading 38% (2017 national figure was 25%), Writing 38% (2017 national 18%), Maths 25% (2017 national 23%) and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling 75% (2016 national 23%). Our average scaled scores are also all above national at 107 for Reading, Maths and GPS (national 105 Reading, 104 Maths, 106 GPS).

We would also like to **celebrate the achievement of our super Y2 pupils, supported by the KS1 team, led by Mrs Hopkins**, with another set of outstanding results in the KS1 assessments. They achieved 94% at least expected standard in Reading and Writing (national figures in 2017 were 76% for Reading, 68% for Writing) and 100% in Maths (2017 national was 75%). In Reading+Writing+Maths combined they achieved 94%, well above the 64% national figure for 2017. High proportions also achieved at greater depth: Reading 38% (2017 national 25%), Writing 31% (2017 national 16%) and Maths 38% (2017 national 21%). In the Y1 Phonics test 89% passed (national 2017 was 81%).

Superb results were also achieved by our **fabulous Class 1 pupils and Mrs Hayes' team** too! The EYFS pupils achieved 82% GLD (the national expected 'Good Level of Development') compared to the 71% national figure in 2017. Also, 10 of our 17 pupils were 'Exceeding' the GLD level in 1 or more areas. These are our highest-ever figures achieved for EYFS!

So... we are all feeling very proud of our starry school! A HUGE well done everyone!

Leavers' news

We will be very **sad to say goodbye to our wonderful Y6 pupils, James C, Reuben, John, Ed, James M, Riley, Toby and Kate**, but wish them all good luck for the future as they move on to Secondary school in September. **We are also saying farewell to Rafael and Luis (Y4)** as they leave us to move out to a new school in Spain. Many tears were shed at the very special **Leavers' Service** yesterday, which did a brilliant job to celebrate the leavers' time with us in songs, evocative music, readings and photo stories. Thanks again to Miss Harrison for putting this together so well. A delicious **tea for our leavers and their special guests** was also enjoyed afterwards – many thanks to the PTA and our Y5 pupils for organising and serving this. The Village Hall looked amazing!

2 members of staff are also leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Fisher (Class 3 part-time teacher) is taking up a new, full-time teaching post at Fir Ends School, Carlisle; **and Mr Cooper** (former Class 4

teacher and currently Acting Head at Brough Primary) is now officially leaving us to be the full-time Head teacher at Brough. They were presented with gifts in school this week at special assemblies and were thanked for the excellent work they have done in our school over the last 18 months (Miss Fisher) and 6 years (Mr Cooper) – we will miss them, but wish them both the best of luck as they move on to their new jobs in September.

Students and helpers in School news

This half term, Classes 1 and 2 have enjoyed working with University of Cumbria student **Lucy Taylor**, who completed her 1st year placement at the end of June, achieving a very high standard – well done Lucy! Former OHS and current QES students, **Matthew Hamill and Leo Nelson** also completed work experience with Classes 1 and 2 last week.

Many thanks to all parents and community members who have helped regularly in school during the last half term and year – your work is hugely appreciated by both staff and pupils. We are always keen to welcome new volunteers; please get in touch if you would like to come in and help us in any way next term!

Music news

Thank you to our many pupil musicians for playing with such confidence, talent and enthusiasm in the **Summer Concerts** held earlier this week. These were organised specially to share some of what our ukulele, recorder, keyboard, piano, violin, guitar, flute/fife and accordion players have been achieving in their lessons in and out of school this year. We were also treated to some very confident singing too from soloists, choir and R/Y1's wonderful rendition of 'Mr. McGrew', accompanied by fantastic percussion! Well done everyone, a big thank you to all our music teachers for their work with us during the year and to everyone who came along to enjoy some lovely musical endings to summer's afternoons. We hope that even more of our pupils will be inspired to take up instrument lessons next year; information on lessons available (including a new guitar/electric guitar/ukulele/drums teacher replacing M L'heureux, who is leaving us to move to Portugal – au revoir!) will be sent out at the start of Autumn Term.

Reading - Book Fair news

A HUGE thank you to everyone for **buying so many books at our Scholastic Book Fair** that it was another great success! A **fantastic total of £430 worth of books were sold**, which has meant we have been able to spend exactly the same amount on new books for school – FREE! Look out for these new books on our reading shelves and in the guided reading collections next term.

Senegal link and fundraising news

We welcomed our friend and Senegal link organiser, Claire Griffel, back to school last week. She brought the wonderful news that together, **we have raised a superb total of £2000 over the last 2 years, which means that not only have we reached our target to be able to supply our twinned school, Joachim Fode N'Diaye, with solar panels to provide electricity for every classroom, but also we have been able to help build some much-needed new toilets for the school!** The children both there and here are very excited. Work on the panel installation is still underway and should be finished soon – more news next year! We plan to continue fundraising for further improvements to their school during next year. It is brilliant that our work here can make such a difference to the education and lives of other children in a different part of the world. Thank you to everyone who has helped with our fundraising.

Sports and outdoor adventure news

Well done to all our pupils for participating with such energy and enthusiasm in our annual **Sports Evening!** A massive crowd turned out to support and enjoy a lovely community event. Thank you to the PTA for providing pupils' refreshments and a brilliant BBQ. Special congratulations to our **winning team of Helvellyn** and thanks to Miss Harrison and everyone who helped organise the event, including the many young people and ex-pupils who returned to their old school to get involved – so lovely to see! **Class 4** took part with great enthusiasm in the Kendal Schools' **Rounders Tournament**. KS2 also had a super time finishing their weekly **Rounders Club** with a **match against some very competitive parents and older siblings** last week – well done to the parents for being the winners and to Miss Harrison for organising!

The Kendal **Y3/4 Olympic Games** was another exciting sports event in which our pupils participated brilliantly earlier this half term. Class 1 and 2 have been the stars of outdoor adventure in July with a

brilliant **visit to Bendrigg** to enjoy a day of skill-building activities caving, climbing, archery and tackling the rope course and zip wire. Many thanks to all staff and parents involved in planning and supporting these adventures! Also a huge well done to our amazing **Y4 pupils** for succeeding in achieving their **Explore Level Arts Award through their weekly Dance project work with Jess of Motion Dance**. Their work had to be moderated by national examiners and all received high praise – wow!

Other events news

Just before and just after half term, Class 3 and 4 each enjoyed wonderful adventures in York and Edinburgh on their residential trips. Class 1 and 2 have taken part in exciting visits to Strickley Farm.

Power station proposal information

As I am sure you are aware, Old Hutton parish is currently being re-considered as the site for a new gas-fired electricity power station. Our school governors have submitted an objection to the South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) planning committee, on the basis of concerns about potential pollution, damage to the local environment and road traffic increase. Should any parents wish to register their objection, this is very easy to do, just Google: **SL/2018/0388**. For further information, please contact the STOP Old Hutton Power Station Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stopoldhuttonpowerstation/?ref=page>

Building Works in and outside School

We are very excited to share the news that there will be some major refurbishment works going on in school over the summer holidays! Cumbria County Council are funding a **replacement roof** above Classes 1, 2 and 3 and the corridor/offices, plus a **new roof for the Library**. The Library will also be repaired/re-plastered following years of damage from the current leaking roof. We will then look forward to beginning a special project next term to replace the old library books and give the whole room a new look and focus as part of a whole school focus on Reading. We are also beginning a much-needed **refurbishment of both the girls' and boys' toilets** – this will start in the summer and be completed in the October half term holiday. All pupils have been sharing their ideas for 'bathroom re-decoration' this week – we have some very interesting plans! **Due to all this building work, please can I remind everyone to keep away from the school building and playground over the holidays, as scaffolding and workmen will be on site.**

We are also asking everyone to please keep off the main part of our adventure playground equipment in the school field – the tower, bars and balance beams on the bark square at the far end of the field. Reminder signs are up in this area. This is because of urgently-needed repairs which will not be completed until September. All the adventure equipment in that area is NOT safe and so should not be used. Thank you.

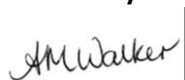
Car Share Buddies Scheme

For next term, parent Sam Scarr is organising a **car share buddies scheme** to help with our ongoing car parking issues around school and improve our environment. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to get involved in this excellent idea! Please contact Sam via school next term or on her mobile: 07917716070 for more information or to sign up. Thank you.

Plans for next term

We are already planning ahead to the new term, with History -based topic themes of **World Wars/The Right to Fight** in Class 4, a Geography theme of **Around the World/Fairtrade** in Class 3; and a Science focus on **Minibeasts in Class 1 and 2**. Across KS2 Science, the focus will be **Materials**. In RE, the whole school is studying **Buddhism** and our Christian Value for the term will be **Peace**. If you have any ideas or resources to help us with these themes, please send them in next term or let us know. See below for an updated list of some events for your diary planned so far for next term, plus term dates for the year ahead. Further event details will be available nearer the time.

With very best wishes for a safe and happy holiday from,



Andrea Walker
Head teacher

Diary dates

Monday 3rd September	Staff training day
Tuesday 4th September	SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 1ST HALF OF AUTUMN TERM
Wednesday 5th September	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Wednesday 12th September	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Thursday 13th September	Westmorland Show visit – KS2
Friday 14th September	Kendal Torchlight Carnival
Saturday 15th September	Kendal Torchlight street party
Wednesday 19th September	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Thursday 20th September	Governors SDP1 visit (English) AM
Friday 21st September	School photos (individual and families)
Wednesday 26th September	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Wednesday 3rd October	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Wednesday 10th October	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Tuesday 16th October	Full Governing Body meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 17th October	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Thursday 18th October	R/KS1 Buddhist temple visit AM
Friday 19th October	Claire Griffel in with Senegal news PM

School Year dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

Staff training day Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September – Friday 21st December

Half Term Holiday: Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October

Spring Term 2019

Staff training day Monday 7th January

Tuesday 8th January – Friday 29th March

Half Term Holiday: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Summer Term 2019

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May