



## July 2019 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Service** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Nurture**.  
"Serve one another in love" Galatians 5:13



### Dear Parents

As you know life is never dull at Hackthorn and this has certainly been true of the past few weeks. Agatha Christie solved the Mystery of Magpie Manor in the KS2 production, much to Inspector Spectre's disgust, KS2 pupils were amazing ambassadors for the school when visiting Lincoln Mosque, KS1 enjoyed their visit to Chapel St Leonards (and were finally blessed by good weather!), Y6 attended their secondary school induction days whilst we had our new Reception pupils visiting, and all pupils enjoyed first aid training. Y6 also had an E-Safety Workshop delivered by Safer Lincolnshire Partnership and last Friday the majority of children remained after school to attend the Leavers' Disco. Thanks to FOHS for organising the event and for providing the face paints and tattoos.

We also had visits from a Diocesan Advisor who spoke extremely positively about the school, participated in a Lincolnshire Study on Spirituality, had two young men from the RAF talking about their work and had two moderators validating our KS2 writing. The latter both spoke highly of the standard of the children's work and validated our judgements. All this has happened since the last newsletter!

Furthermore with only two more weeks of school to go we still have our Y6 workshops delivered by 'Positive Health' a live performance by Lincolnshire Music Service, Centurion Sports Festival at Sturton, as well as our own Sports day and not forgetting the Y6 Leavers' social (at Frontline Lasertag) and Church Service to look forward to.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement this year. I hope you have an enjoyable summer holiday.

**Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher**

### Sports Day - Wednesday 17 July (weather permitting)

We have been truly blessed by the weather in the past week or so. Let's hope that the sun will shine for us on the afternoon of Wednesday 17 July for our annual Sports Day (although not too hot!) Parents are invited to attend. Events will begin at 1.30pm. Last year we continued the tradition of having several rounds of parent races so come in your running shoes! FOHS will be providing refreshments this year - they are determined to raise funds for resources that will benefit your children and would value your support. Please bring a deckchair or rug to sit on.

Please note: If the weather is bad we will TEXTround by 10.00am on Wednesday **IF IT IS NOT ON**. Unfortunately if it is wet on 17 July we will not be able to reschedule the event, due to lack of time.



### School Swimming



Friday 12 July will be our final swimming session for this year. Could I respectfully request that those parents who have yet to make any voluntary contribution towards the £30 per child sum which the school has to fund to enable these sessions to take place, please give some thought to perhaps now doing so. If you have lost track of how many sessions you have submitted a contribution towards, then please do contact Mrs Woodhouse or Mrs Walker in the school office for clarification.

It has been wonderful to hear of the progress that all of the children have made. They certainly enjoy their lessons. It will obviously be another year before your child attends swimming lessons with school, therefore we would encourage you to...

**Take your child to the pool regularly so they can show you their progress.**

**Do not let time go by without letting them practise their skills.**

### Reports - Monday 15 July

Over the past four weeks the teachers have been working hard to write your children's reports. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading these. They show how well the teachers in this school know each individual, recognising their strengths whilst acknowledging their next steps of development. Once again I have this year added my own comments to the reports of pupils in Reception, Y2 and Y6 as I feel these are significant milestones in a child's development.

If you are a parent of a Year 2 or Year 6 child, you will be aware that your child completed the National SAT's tests. You will receive details of your child's results, in addition to their school report.

There will be an opportunity after Sports Day (Wednesday 17 July) from 3.45-5.00pm if you wish to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's report with their teachers. Please speak to the office staff on Wednesday morning if you would like a time to meet with your child's teacher.

## Attendance

Our overall school attendance percentage of 95.81% has again fallen short of the Government's target this year. May I remind you that children should not be removed from school for holidays during term time. Please bear this in mind when you are booking your holidays next year.

As you are aware the Government, in September 2015, changed the percentage target for persistent absence from 85% to 90%. If your child has had an attendance of 90% or below this year you will be receiving a letter indicating this with your child's report. We will continue to monitor attendance regularly again next year and you will be notified throughout the year if we have concerns.

## Thank You to FOHS

As this month's Christian value is Service, it seems particularly appropriate to thank FOHS for serving our school so well over the past year. We are very grateful for their efforts and on behalf of the school, I would like to thank them for organising all the fundraising events this year. They have raised an impressive £1,800 this year and your children have benefitted greatly from the money they have raised.

FOHS are keen to complete some maintenance jobs over the holidays so please get in touch with Chair, Jo Crowther, at [gandjrcrowther@talktalk.net](mailto:gandjrcrowther@talktalk.net) if you are available/interested. They will be holding their next meeting and AGM on Tuesday 17 September 2019.



## End of Term Timetable



**Thu 18 July:** Clear desks and drawers (**please bring a plastic bag**)

(KS1 Book bags will stay at school over the summer)

Plimsolls home

All PE kit taken home

**Fri 19 July:** Leavers' Service in Church followed by refreshments outside the church (weather permitting)

## Leavers' Service - Friday 19 July

The Leavers' Service for the Year 6 children will take place on the last day of term, Friday 19 July, in the village church at 2.00pm. This is quite a milestone for our children and everyone connected with the school is invited to attend. Please ensure you complete and return the attached permission slip before Monday 15 July.



## Lost Property



Once again we have a growing pile of water bottles, school sweatshirts, cardigans etc accumulating in our reception area at school and taking up valuable space. We would be grateful if you could remind your children to check through the box carefully if they are missing any items and would also like to ask any parents dropping off/collecting their children to please check also. We will dispose of any unclaimed items at the end of term.

## Review of 2018-19

Another school year is nearly over ... where did the time go?

This is a good opportunity to thank all those who have helped support the school and maintain its continued success. This is also a good time to look back and remind ourselves of the many outstanding events of this academic year. A review of 2018-19 is being compiled and will be available on the school website at the end of term. It is hard to believe that such a small school can offer its pupils so many opportunities. Please take some time to look through it and reflect on many of the highlights of the year.

# 2018 – 2019



- 10 Jul** Y6 Positive Health Workshops
- 12 Jul** Final School Swimming Session
- 15 Jul** Reports Out
- 16 Jul** Centurion Partnership Sport Event at Sturton  
(Please return consent slips if you have not already done so!)
- 17 Jul** Sports Day (weather permitting)
- 19 Jul** End of Term Leavers Assembly in Church (2.00pm)
- 02-03 Sep** Staff INSET Days at School  
(Any items of uniform ordered which have not arrived before the end of term may be collected from the school office during our INSET Days)
- 04 Sep** Children return to school



Don't forget

Children return to school on **Wednesday 04 September**

**CONSENT FORM**

**Collecting Children After Church - Friday 19 July 2019**

The school is responsible for bringing children back to school after church services to be dismissed in the usual way at 3.30pm unless we are informed, in writing, otherwise.

There are many potential dangers and hazards surrounding the church yard and village hall areas. When collecting your child please ensure they:

- do not play among the grave stones
- keep away from the lake and water ways
- are guided on the path ways and car park avoiding cars and other vehicles
- are safely escorted through the working stable yard on the way to the village hall
- stay within the boundaries of the gated village hall area once at the village hall

Please complete and return the consent form below **by Monday 15 July** to advise whether or not you (or another named adult) are going to collect your child/ren directly from the church, or from school in the usual way.

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**Collecting Children After Church - Friday 19 July 2019**

***(Please return completed slips to school by no later than Monday 15 July 2019)***

Name of child/children .....

(Please tick)

- I will be collecting my child/children myself and will be responsible for them for the remainder of the day
- My child/children will be collected by \_\_\_\_\_ (named adult)  
who will be responsible for them for the remainder of the day
- My child will return to school to be dismissed in the usual way

Signed ..... parent/guardian