

Signpost

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a great half term break. Although summer has barely gone, Christmas will be here before we know it and we have lots of things going on between now and the end of term. Keep an eye on Signhills News and the school website, and make sure you add the important dates to your diary – there are lots included in this newsletter.

You will have received notification via Signhills News on Monday that we have now set our final Staff Training day for this academic year. School will be closed on **Monday 19th February**.

Since returning from the summer holidays, we have noticed that an increasing number of parents are arriving late to collect their child from school at the end of the day. When children are not collected on time it can cause anxiety for the child, who worries about where their parent is and why they have been 'forgotten', and also means that the member of staff supervising the child is unable to attend meetings they may have arranged, run their after-school club if this is the case or begin the second part of their job, which starts after children have left for the day. Whilst we understand that occasional delays are unavoidable, a minority of parents are persistently late collecting their children. If you are finding it difficult to collect your child on time at the end of the day, please make an appointment to speak to me, Mrs Dainty or Miss Dowson to discuss this. Cleethorpes Childcare offers an after-school club for parents requiring childcare beyond the school day.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival today. The children in Years One and Two enjoyed sharing their poems, songs and prayers. All donations have been gratefully received by the CARE food bank.

We will be holding our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December. Although some stalls will be duplicated across both schools, there will be a few additional stalls and games organized by our children to raise funds for specific projects. Two of the most popular stalls are the Lucky Bag stall and the Chocolate Tombola, and we are always very grateful for your contributions to these. Lucky bags will be sent home nearer the time.

On **Friday 24th November** children may dress up or wear their own clothes for the day, and bring a chocolate contribution for the Christmas Fair. We promise that the teachers won't eat it all!!!

After half term, children brought home leaflets about Operation Christmas Child (the Christmas Shoebox appeal). Thank you to those who have already brought in filled and decorated shoeboxes. These are being collected in a couple of weeks, so please ensure all shoeboxes are brought in to school during the week beginning **Monday 20th November**.



This year we are again doing our bit for the Children in Need appeal on **Friday 17th November**. Children are invited to 'Wear a Onesie' for the day. We will be collecting donations of £1 towards the appeal, which children should hand to their teachers on the day. In return for their donation, children will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win a Children in Need prize! This has been organized by our School Council. Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear and a coat for outdoor play.

Helping Your Child Stay Safe on the Internet – Wednesday 29th November at 6pm at the Junior Academy

As part of our e-Safety provision, we have arranged training led by Alan McKenzie of 'e-Safety Adviser'. At 6 o'clock Alan will provide information for parents on the phone apps and console/pc games that are 'current' with children and young people. He will also have advice on how to talk to children about keeping themselves safe online, be it on X-Box Live, their phone, or the many other ways you can get online these days!! He will also be able to answer any questions you may have. The staff team (even the young ones) find the sessions really useful and informative and we are sure that you will too!

On **Friday 1st December** there will be no Celebration Assembly as we will be holding our Christingle and Christmas Tree celebration. Unfortunately, due to space constraints, parents are not able to join us for this occasion, but I am sure your child will tell you all about it! Children will need to bring a lovely juicy orange to school for their Christingle – please check your Year Group newsletter for when it is needed. **Please be aware that your child will bring home a Christingle candle on 1st December.**

Week commencing 4th **December** is going to be a particularly busy one! Reception classes will be performing their Christmas plays on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. On **Friday 8th December** Year 1 will have their Christmas Assembly. Our annual Christmas Fair will be held from **2.45 – 3.45pm** on **Friday 8th December**. Parents are invited to collect their children to visit the fair – letters will be sent nearer the time.

On **Friday 15th December** Year 2 will have their Christmas Assembly. This is also the day we will have our Christmas Dinner and children will be able to wear their favourite Christmas jumper. A donation for the Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal will be made from the proceeds of our Christmas Fair.

Each year group will have a Christmas Party Day during the final week (Reception and Year 1 on Monday and Year 2 on Tuesday). Children may wear party clothes and will have a special Christmas party lunch.

Wednesday 20th December is our last day of term. As in previous years, you will have the option of an earlier (2.00) finish.

Allie Majer

w/c 13th November 2017



Class Attendance – The percentage attendances for the week ending 13/10/17 **93.6%**

The 100% attendance sticker and certificate was not awarded this week.

Blue Class 93.4%, Yellow Class 89.7%, Red Class 92.1%, Orange Class 95.9%, Silver Class 95.3%, Purple Class 97.3%, Rainbow Class 94.1%, Green Class 92.3% and Pink Class 92.5%

The average attendance for every child should be 95.0% or higher.

Class Attendance – The percentage attendances for the week ending 20/10/17 **92.7%**

The 100% attendance sticker and certificate was not awarded this week.

Blue Class 95.5%, Yellow Class 91.0%, Red Class 92.1%, Orange Class 94.1%, Silver Class 91.3%, Purple Class 91.3%, Rainbow Class 96.6%, Green Class 97.3% and Pink Class 84.6%

The average attendance for every child should be 95.0% or higher.

Class Attendance – The percentage attendances for the week ending 03/11/17 **93.5%**

The 100% attendance sticker and certificate was not awarded this week.

Blue Class 94.8%, Yellow Class 91.3%, Red Class 95.9%, Orange Class 96.8%, Silver Class 93.3%, Purple Class 91.7%, Rainbow Class 93.8%, Green Class 93.0% and Pink Class 91.4%

The average attendance for every child should be 95.0% or higher.

School Office - Please note that the school office and telephone is staffed between 8.15am and 3.45pm. An answerphone service operates outside these hours.

Leave of absence - If you need to take your child out of school (other than medical appointments), please complete a Leave of Absence Form (available from the school office). If the absence request is for a holiday, evidence of it being an 'exceptional circumstance' **must be submitted with the request.** Please return forms with a minimum of **six weeks notice.**

The Signhills Blog - The Signpost Newsletter is usually published on a Friday every two weeks.

It will be available by email, on our school website and the Signhills blog. Paper copies will be available from the school office.

We have established a Signhills blog - signhillsblog.wordpress.com – and we use this to let you know about events and activities in school in between each edition of the Signpost newsletter. Signpost will also be published here. There is a link on the website and blog so you can 'follow', and it is also linked to a Twitter feed - @signhillsblog. This is a good way to receive information to a second email address.



Appointments – If your child needs to attend an appointment for doctor, dentist, opticians or hospital during school time – I would be grateful if you could bring in the appointment card/letter to the **School Office** for us to copy for our records. Where possible these appointments should be made outside school hours.

Pastoral Advice and Support – If you have any concerns regarding your child's academic, emotional and physical wellbeing, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you would like to speak to our pupil support manager, Mrs Barrett, please make an appointment at the school office.

PARKING – When coming to or collecting from school, please can you ensure you park in a **safe and appropriate** place. **DO NOT** block dropped kerbs, stop/park on zig-zag lines or park on the corner of a road, all of which are an offence.

School dinner/packed lunch – Please could we ask that **one full week's notice** is given if you wish to change between school dinner and packed lunch.

Dogs – Could we please remind you that dogs are NOT to be brought into the school or grounds, except for guide dogs. (This includes carrying your dog) If dogs are left outside the school, could we ask that for Health and Safety reasons they do not obstruct the pavement or entrances. Thank you.

Clothes for wet weather – If you have any spare tights that we could have (larger sizes – 6yr+), please send them into the Office.

Christmas Fair

Friday 8th December 2.45 p.m.

Lucky bag stall

-Could you help donate goodies to put in our 'lucky bags'? Little treats such as toys, sweets, crayons, hair clips, marbles etc. (in fact anything that appeals to children and fits into a bag!) can be put in the white paper bags. Please could you decorate/colour it to make it look nice, then bring them into school as soon as possible. **Please only include items of a condition that you would be happy for your child to win.** Additional bags are available from the office. *Bags will be sent home soon.*

Wine tombola stall

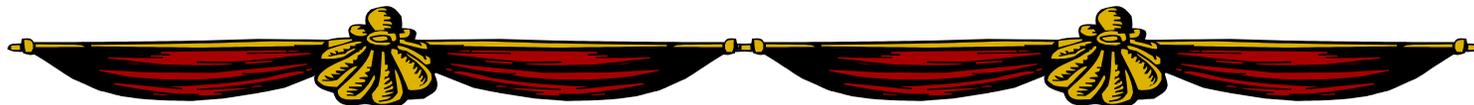
-We need wine for our wine tombola stall. If you have any, please could you deliver them to the school office – please do not send them in with your child.

Raffle

-If you have any prizes you would like to donate or know any companies that are willing to donate, could you please contact the school office as soon as possible.

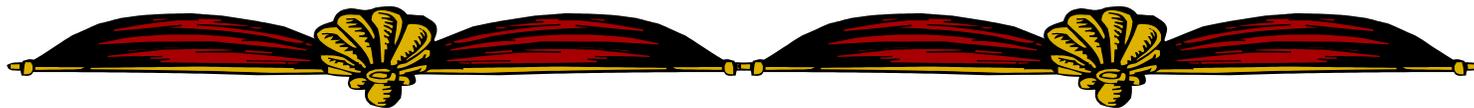
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – TERM 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
FITC – Year 2 18 th Sept – 4 th Dec (10 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.20pm	Gymnastics 31 st Oct – 28 th Nov Drop off at Hall 8.00am	Martial Arts – Year 1 & Year 2 20 th Sept – 29 th Nov (9 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.10pm	Archery 2 nd Nov – 30 th Nov Drop off at Hall 8.00am
Lego Club – Year 2/Group 2 6 th Nov - 4 th Dec (5 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door 4.10pm	Yoga – Year 1 & Year 2 19 th Sept – 28 th Nov (10 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.10pm		Choir – Year 1 & Year 2 21 st Sept – 30 th Nov (8 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door 4.00pm
			Fit n Fun – Year 1 & Year 2 21 st Sept – 30 th Nov (9 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.10pm



DIARY DATES

<u>November</u>	Wednesday 15 th Friday 17 th	Year 2 to Multi-skills Festival p.m. Year 1 Celebration Assembly Children in Need – wear a onesie/pyjamas (£1 donation)
	Monday 20 th Friday 24 th	Bring shoe boxes to school Year 2 Celebration Assembly Non-uniform day. Bring a donation of chocolate for the Christmas Fair
	Monday 27 th	Shoe boxes collected. PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN BOXES AFTER THIS DATE.
<u>December</u>	Friday 1 st	Christingle Assembly
	Tuesday 5 th Wednesday 6 th Thursday 7 th Friday 8 th	Reception Christmas Play - 9.30am BLUE CLASS Reception Christmas Play - 9.30am RED CLASS Reception Christmas Play - 9.30am YELLOW CLASS Year 1 Christmas Assembly Christmas Fair 2.45pm – 3.45pm
	Wednesday 13 th Friday 15 th	Year 1 Parent Sharing Session 2.45pm Christmas Jumper Day Year 2 Christmas Assembly Christmas Dinner
	Monday 18 th Tuesday 19 th Wednesday 20 th	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Party Day Year 2 Christmas Party Day End of Term 2 - 2.00pm. Letter to follow at a later date



TERM 1

SIGNHILLS STARS

22/09/17	Louis Gilmore	Chloe Senior	Charlie Dawson	Ava Harris
29/09/17	Nanci Robinson	William Hallam-Kershaw	Freddie Austwick	Reuben Harris
06/10/17	Erin Reavey	Noah Franks	Eves Radley	Evelyn Laister
13/10/17	Pixie Hillary	Kaitlin Reed	Jax Grant	Arthur Justice



SENSATIONAL STARS

22/09/17	Luca Illingworth	Jessica Storer
29/09/17	Stanley Zhang	Daisy Barton
06/10/17	Isabella Riggall	Rose Davis
13/10/17	Lydia Thickett	Isla Boyington



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