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Dear Parents & Carers,

Newsletter: Thursday 6th September 2018

We would like to welcome back all of our children and families for the start of the new academic year at North Cotes C of E Primary.

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable time over the summer holidays, and that your children have come back to school refreshed and ready for the next stage in their education. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces coming into school.

As your children start their new classes, and for the next couple of weeks, they will be focussed on the basics of settling back into the school routine and establishing our high standards and expectations that exist across the whole age range. Our older children will be learning about the Second World War and start this term with a trip to Eden Camp, whilst our younger children have been out and about searching for fairies as part of their topic, 'Enchanted Gardens'.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 10th September 2018: Butlins Residential Meeting for Y5/6 Parents, from 3.30pm until 4.00pm.

Tuesday 11th September 2018: Eden Camp trip for Y3 – 6

Friday 21st September 2018: Da Capo Folk Group concert at 7:30 pm (see note below and separate flyer)

Wednesday 26th September – Friday 28th September 2018: Butlins Residential for Y5/6

Thursday 27th September 2018: Coffee morning hosted by Mr Grant, from 9.00am until 9.30am. This is an opportunity to meet with Mr Grant over a cup of coffee and have an informal chat about the school and the learning taking place.

Tuesday 2nd October 2018: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, from 2pm until 3pm. Come and help us raise lots of money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Any donations of cakes and biscuits would be gratefully received.

Friday 5th October 2018: Harvest Festival (times to be confirmed)

Tuesday 9th October 2018: Individual Photographs (Wrates), from 1.15pm.

Wednesday 10th October 2018: Starlight bags collection date. Bring all your old clothes, shoes in your own bags thanks.

Saturday 20th October 2018: Half-term Holidays begins. We return to school on **Tuesday 30th October 2018.**

KS2

A warm welcome back from the KS2 team; Mrs Milnes will be teaching KS2 from Monday until Thursday supported by Mrs McGrath. Mrs Hankey will be the class teacher on Fridays.

Important Information:

- As last year, P.E. will be taught by Mr Dixon, a sports coach from Premier Sports on Wednesday afternoons. Please note: in the interest of safety, please remove earrings before school and ensure that long hair is tied up.
- English and mathematics homework will be sent home on Fridays (mathematics will be in class books, so must be completed and returned the following Monday morning, ready for lessons).
- Reading books will be sent home every night and should be read (we recommend at least 10 minutes

of reading each day) and returned the following morning. Please encourage your child to complete a comment about what they have read in their Reading Records.

- Water Bottles will be sent home each night. Please wash and return them with fresh water each day.

Reception and KS1

The children have settled back into school very well and have made our new Reception cohort very welcome; showing them around the school and making sure that they are happy and included with the class activities. This term the reception children will be finding their feet and will be starting Phase 1 phonics, which is learning to listen and tune into their environment, and will include lots of listening walks and musical activities. This phase prepares children to hear the sounds in words and is essential for learning to read and write. Wordless books will be sent home regularly and we ask that you spend time looking at the pictures with your child and discuss what they think is happening in the story.

Year 1 and Year 2 will have homework set termly, according to the topic that we are learning, and are expected to choose and complete at least 6 tasks by the end of term please. Spellings will be sent home weekly and the children will be tested on a Friday. Reading books are changed regularly, and we ask that you spend 10 minutes each day reading with your child as this is invaluable to their progression.

Please make sure that your child has a full, named P.E kit in school that you are welcome to take home on a Friday to wash, as well as a coat as the weather starts to change.

Attendance

At North Cotes C of E Primary School we are determined to get the best outcomes for all of the pupils. One very important factor in achieving this is regular attendance. Obviously, a child cannot learn if they are not in school so, in partnership with you, we are aiming for as best as possible for each child to have 100% attendance.

Lateness: We want to take this opportunity to remind you of our registration period which is at 9 am - a pupil is considered to be late after that time. After 9.10am, a pupil will be marked in the register as 'U' which is considered to be an unauthorised absence. Thank you in anticipation of your support with the above.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Just a reminder, that we do offer extended provision from 8am until 5.30pm. Please ask at our office if this is of interest to you.

Friends of North Cotes School

In the past, we have had a hard-working team of parents/guardians/carers/grandparents who have done their best to raise money to benefit, and bring joy to, the wonderful children as they attend our primary school.

At present, we are looking for parents/guardians/carers/grandparents who would be willing to meet with teachers once a term to discuss fun and exciting ways of raising money for the school. If you can help in any way, please contact Mrs McGrath, we would be really pleased to hear from you.

Da Capo Concert Friday 21st September

Da Capo are a folk band from Market Rasen and will be performing a concert in our school on Friday 21st at 7.30pm. This is for all our community and will be a fun evening of entertainment. The cost is £5 but all children are free, the proceeds are to support the church. Refreshments will be available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Milnes

Base Lead and Class Teacher