



Welcome Newsletter August 2018

Delivering Excellence and Equity to Raise Attainment ***“Building Up One Another”***

Head Teacher’s Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. It has been great to welcome back all of our pupils this week. Our P1s have settled so well and our thoughts are with our previous P7s hoping that they have a successful first week in S1. We now look forward to another year of Building Up One Another.

Please find attached the new School Calendar and After School Club Overview for this term. More details to follow on these.

With thanks for your ongoing support and co-operation
Head Teacher
Lisa Moore

School Priorities and Pupil Equity Fund

At Howden St. Andrew's this year our School Priorities continue to be in line with the National Improvement Framework Priorities which are Health and Well-Being, Literacy and Maths. Our Improvement Plan, which will be shared at our first joint Parent-Pupil Council Meeting outlines how we plan to raise attainment in those areas and how our Pupil Equity Fund is being used to enrich our plan. We will also make available the report that was produced by members of the local authority during our very positive Validated Self Evaluation visit outlining their findings about our school.

Build Up Charter and High Expectations

Our first job this year is to develop a Build Up Charter which will outline our School Rules and Code of Conduct. We will also be refreshing our Positive Behaviour Toolkit to reflect this. We would be delighted to have input from families on this and will be in touch to give you the opportunity to give us your views. We have high expectations for behaviour at Howden St. Andrew's and have already spoken to pupils this week about taking pride in lining up and moving through the school, making sure our Playground is litter free and wearing our Howden St. Andrew's Uniform with pride.

You Said-We Listened!

As always we are delighted to hear your views at Howden St. Andrew's. We always listen and act upon what we can. Some examples of this have been our enhanced range of After School Clubs, our refreshed Home Learning Policy and our successful school concert HSA

School of Rock. We were really pleased with the results of our family survey last session and will continue to seek your views throughout the year.

Communication

As always we will strive to communicate as effectively as possible to families at all times. You will continue to receive a Termly Newsletter and Monthly Bulletin. These will be emailed to you so that you have colour copies. We will also provide a non-colour paper copy for each family which will be found in your child's bag. Our Weekly Update will continue to be emailed to you every Friday and we will send regular emails and group calls with ongoing updates. Please join us on Twitter for school and class updates and check our Blog for up to date school documents. See below for the relevant links. We will also be launching our new website soon which will give you immediate access to our Blog and Twitter page.

Social Media

Our blog can be found by googling Howden St Andrews blog. Please take a moment to have a look at what we all get up to. And if there's anything you would like to see added to it, let us know! We also have a school twitter account - you can find and follow us using @howdenstandrews.

Parent School Council

Our first PSC Meeting is Wednesday September 5th at 6.30pm. This will be a joint meeting with our Pupil Build Up Council. Our new Pupil Council members will have the opportunity to come along with their parents to join in with the meeting and make plans for the new session. We provide a crèche as well as tea, coffee, juice and biscuits! Please join in! We are especially looking forward to our first fundraising event which is our Family Fun Run. See the Annual Calendar for more details.

Quotes of the Week

"This is what I do and I do it with my heart."

Pope Francis

"I'm new here. I like it!"

P1 Pupil



Stay tuned for our ongoing
Howden St. Andrew's Updates!