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# Autumn Newsletter

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## *"Building Up One Another"*

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### Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back for term 2! We are delighted with the start we have had to this School Session. There are lots of exciting learning and achievement opportunities for all of our pupils. This is a very busy term as we prepare for Advent and Christmas Celebrations. We look forward to working with you all to make this another exciting term!

Head Teacher

Lisa Moore

### Calendar Updates

Please refer to your Annual Calendar for an overview of the term ahead. Updates to the Calendar are as below as well as a reminder of all the Festive Activities coming your way:

30/10-Joint Pupil and Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm-Please come along!

31/10-Halloween Parade and Great Howden Bake Off in School

25/11-P1-P4 Christmas Movie Night

2/12-P5-P7 Christmas Movie Night

2/12-Advent Service in School

4/12-Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

6/12-Christmas Fayre and Jumper Day

11/12-P5-P7 Panto Trip to Howden Park Centre

12/12-P1-P4 Panto Trip to Howden Park Centre

12/12- P1 Nativity Performance at Church 2pm

13/12-P6B Assembly and Showcase

18/12- Christmas Parties with Disco DJ!

20/12-Carol Service and Jumper Day-Last Day of Term. We are very excited about our Annual Halloween Parade. Pupils may come in dressed up and start the morning with a fun Whole School Halloween Parade! Details for all of the above activities will be communicated nearer the time of each event.

### You Said We Listened

Thank you so much to everyone who provided us with comments for our Build Up Tree during Parental Consultations. It is so important for us to get your feedback so that we know how to be the best we can. Below are some examples of your comments and some actions of how we hope to take things forward.

#### We're Tickled Pink!

We are friendly and welcoming

We care

The new HSA Sway is fab!

Resilience and Mindfulness help everyone feel better

Open door and approachable team

The school looks great! Learning Areas and displays are really innovative

#### Our Great Green for Growths

You would like to see:

**More Twitter Updates**-we'll keep them coming! Our Digital Committee are making sure we have consistency for each class.

**Better Playground Equipment**-We agree! Please come to the next PSC Meeting and help us Fund Raise.

**More Parent Helpers joining in**-Thanks so much to those who signed up to help!

**More music**-We hope our new Music Room will help with this.

#### High Expectations

As always we start every term reminding pupils of our High Expectations for behaviour, learning and the importance of wearing School Uniform. Here's a reminder of our HSA Rules: [Have a Go and Be Ready](#), [Show Consideration and Be Safe](#) and [Actively Listen and Be Respectful](#).

#### Health and Safety Updates

Just a reminder that the school carpark is for staff, visitors and Blue Badge holders only. For Health and Safety purposes please **do not** use this as a drop off point for children.

If your child is going to be absent from school you **must** phone the School Office by 9.30am to let us know why your child is not able to come to school. This is essential for us to ensure that your child is safe. If we do not receive a phone call from you we will have to follow Safe Arrival Procedures involving Social Services.

#### 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, Monthly Bulletin and Weekly Update as well as frequent updates on our Website and Twitter page.

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

