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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **September Newsletter**

#### Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to welcome back our returning students and extend a warm greeting to our new students and families at Hutton Rudby Primary School. As we embark on a new academic year, we are excited to foster a safe, inspiring and inclusive learning environment. Our school vision, based around the CHILD begins with culture and, importantly, *community*. I am very proud of the way that our school community has welcomed all of our new starters already this week and am excited to continue building excellent relationships with our new children and parents / carers.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Joanne Smith, who has started work as our new Office Manager. She joins our school with a wealth of administrative experience and is passionate about working here at Hutton Rudby Primary School. Mrs Smith, along with our other new members of staff have made a fantastic start to life here and are fantastic additions to our team. Mr Garbutt has settled well into life in Year 6, and Mrs Greenhalgh has thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of our wonderful new Reception children.

#### Congratulations!

Everyone at Hutton Rudby Primary School would like to extend their congratulations to Mr Beckwith on his marriage to his fiancé Danielle. We all wish Mr and Mrs Beckwith a lifetime of happiness together, as I am sure the whole school community will too.

### **Reception Class**



Miss Templeman, Mrs Greenhalgh and Mrs Thomas have been so impressed with the start to school life that the children have made in Reception! They have commented on how well behaved, polite and kind the children have been this week. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting this classroom and am looking forward to getting to know the newest additions to our community.















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## **Diary Dates**

We have lots of exciting things planned for the year. Below are some events that are already diarised:

Event	Date(s)
School Photos (Individual & Siblings)	4 <sup>th</sup> October
World Mental Health Day	10 <sup>th</sup> October
Parents' Evenings	23-27 <sup>th</sup> October
Dark Nights - Fire Safety Assembly	23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Half-Term	30 <sup>th</sup> October – 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Anti-Bullying Week	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Children In Need	17 <sup>th</sup> November
Flu Vaccinations	22 <sup>nd</sup> November
EYFS / KS1 Nativity Performances	12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> December
EYFS / KS1 Christmas Party	15 <sup>th</sup> December
Y3 / 4 Christmas Party	18 <sup>th</sup> December
Y5 / 6 Christmas Party	19 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day	21 <sup>st</sup> December
Christmas Carol Service / Last Day of	22 <sup>nd</sup> December
Term	



### **After School Club**

Mrs Straw has done a marvellous job of refreshing and refurbishing Before & After School Club, creating a warm and welcoming environment for all of the children who

attend. As you can see from these photos, through hard work she has developed a wonderful space for our children to enjoy before school starts and once it has finished. If you require a place at Before or After School Club, please contact the school office.

















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### Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

The school's PSHE topic for this term is called 'Being Me In My World'. They will learn about similarities and differences and how to manage feelings and make good choices. Discussions about hopes and fears, rights and responsibilities, democracy and being a member of a community will take place. As always, if you would like more information about what your child will be learning about in PSHE, please contact the class teacher on Class Dojo.

## **Behaviour Policy**

We believe that positive behaviour leads to a healthy mind and body, providing our children with characteristics of effective learning and behaviour that they can use for lifelong learning. As such, we have amended our behaviour policy to focus on rewarding positive behaviours and have adapted the way in which negative behaviours are addressed. We have adopted a restorative approach to addressing negative behaviours, recognising that there is always a reason for negative behaviour and aiming, through conversations, to establish what this reason is and preventing it in future. We have abandoned the 'traffic light' system, feeling that this is too public a sanction We have replaced it with yellow cards which are subtly handed to children to encourage them to reflect on their behaviour before a conversation with the class teacher takes place.

The way we recognise positive behaviours has also been tweaked, allowing children the opportunity to be placed on one of 5 stars, each representing a strand of the school's vision – CHILD.

A draft of the updated behaviour policy has been included in this email. If you have any comments / queries about the policy please feel free to contact me via admin@huttonrudby.n-yorks.sch.uk.

# **Homework Policy**

We are very lucky in this school to have a community of parents / carers who are incredibly engaged and supportive of their children's learning. At school, we greatly appreciate this and can see the difference it makes to your children. We are also aware of the benefits (and drawbacks) of homework. As such, I am attaching a draft Homework Policy for your perusal. It has been designed to ensure that homework is achievable for all children and is not going to become a burden on families, whilst also being beneficial to the learning of your children. If you have any comments / queries about the policy, please feel free to contact me via admin@huttonrudby.n-yorks.sch.uk.













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#### **Parent Teacher Association**

Keep an eye out for correspondence from our PTA, they have some fantastic things planned for the year ahead. Further information about our Halloween Discos will be distributed soon.

#### Reminder

Please can parents / carers remember to park considerately when dropping children off and picking them up. It is important that enough space is left for emergency service vehicles to be able to pass by cars if necessary. Please do not drive into school unless there is an emergency, this includes parking in the small car park at the bottom of the drive. Please remember that there are children present at the start and end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Johnson

Interim Headteacher

Mr.M. White

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Interim Executive Headteacher











