



# EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL *Acre Heads Primary School* "A place to nourish thinking minds"



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## 'THE HORSE'S MOUTH' BULLETIN

### Dyslexia Award

The new school year got off to a great start with the arrival of our Dyslexia Award certificate, proving that we are a Dyslexia friendly school. As far as we are aware, there are only a few, if any schools in the Local Authority that hold this award so we are especially proud of it.



### School website

Just about everything you need to know can be found on the school website. It's well worth a regular visit to see photos and articles of news, weekly letters, information about the curriculum and homework topics you can do with your child. It is updated on a daily basis. Click on the main menus tabs, drop down menus and side menus for all sorts of information. Important documents, policies, reminders and results are all there too. Have a good exploration and don't forget to check Twitter too. Please remember though that we do not have a school Facebook account so any account or post done in our name will not be an official one and may well contain misleading information. Please always check the website and school emails for the horse's mouth info.

### Items needed

For the Nurture Reserve we would like a caravan to do up as a 'Craft-a-van' so that children can choose to craft at playtimes. If you know anyone who is getting rid or selling one cheaply, please let us know.

We would also like to up-cycle any old metal or plastic cooking pots, hanging baskets or planters you may have waiting to go to the tip. Not ceramic or glass thank you.

If you ever have spare cuttings, seeds or plants that you do not need, please give us first refusal.

We can always use wool or clean fabric (cotton or the like) fabrics.

Old games and jigsaws that are in good condition are always welcome for Breakfast / Teatime club and wet playtimes.

### Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business in the newsletter it is £1.50 a week.

If you would like us to email out a flyer it is also £1.50.

This is to cover admin costs and help us raise funds for school.

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### Building News

Over the Summer holidays, the great British weather struck again. All that driving rain entered the cracks and crevices of the roof above Cudworth. It's pricey to repair but can't be helped and you may see people on the roof soon, hopefully repairing it for good.

A planning application has now been lodged for the school to be extended to better house the children we have on roll in two new classrooms and three small studies for group work. We won't be extending our roll, just improving the accommodation for those we already have. This is the most oversubscribed school in East Yorkshire and we are very proud of this fact. We were informed last term by local house buyers and Estate Agents that prospective buyers are now actively seeking our school catchment more than ever before. The houses suitable for the family market within catchment are generally selling unseasonably quickly at or above the asking prices, thereby adding value to property in the area. Vendors are using close proximity to school as an attractive feature on property details. It shows that we are a family that people would like to belong to and we think that family deserves to have nice, suitable accommodation of its own.

Please feel free to view the plans on the East Riding Council website. You will need to register and log in.

### Trips and payments

We do try and keep prices as low as we can for all school activities and educational visits and we do always subsidise them from school budget and funds.

However, many activities would simply not run if it were not for the generosity of parents and carers who help us to raise funds through FOAH, fundraisers and pop up shops.

Sorry, but Pupil Premium money cannot be used for school trips.

### Friends of Acre Heads

We are always indebted to FOAH who work tirelessly to provide fun and funds for our children. What a great bunch of people they are.

This year they have all the usual events planned and money raised will go to providing the more expensive play and educational equipment that our school budget would never stretch to.

When your children enjoy the shade of the Pavilion, read the lovely outdoor signs, tuck into sweets at the panto, enjoy the Y6 sleepover and learn new circus skills, please remember that none of that would happen without the FOAH and your kind support of their events.

### Tern time holidays

There's no such thing as an authorised term time holiday. Holidays taken to fit in with parents' work schedules, special occasions, extended family schedules and cheaper prices are simply not allowed. This is not the school's rule, it is the ruling given by law. Any absence other than illness is authorised only if it is:

- 1) A true family emergency (e.g. sudden hospital admittance death or accident)
- 2) to attend a wedding / funeral of a **very** near relative (not friend of the family)
- 3) A family trip having to be fit in between tours of duty for parents who are currently serving members of the forces
- 4) A trip to receive medical treatment that has been recommended by the family doctor / consultant and can only be accessed abroad.

**No other circumstances can be authorised.**

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