

HUTTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

5th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year

Welcome back to the start of an exciting new term. I am sure that your children will already have come home talking about the exciting events occurring in school!

Year 6 have visited the revamped Lifeskills Centre in Bristol and have been learning how to stay safe and what to do in an emergency.

Y4 have become 'foragers and gatherers' from the Stone age and have built a lovely shelter on the field.

Y1/Y2 are studying the Fire of London and there are flames everywhere in and around their classrooms!

Spelling Bee

Hutton are again going to take part in the Spelling Bee competition with our collaboration of schools. This will be for Year 1- Year 6 pupils. Each class of children will have a list of words to learn. (These are key words that they need for their year's learning anyway.) For the spelling bee the children will need to say the word- spell it out letter by letter- and then repeat the word again. E.g. 'Cat' -c-a-t- 'Cat'. And so on. Further details will come out from your classteacher- but we want all the children to learn the spellings and then each class will have 'playoff's to find Hutton's representatives for the spelling bee which will be held at Ashcombe in April.

Reading

At the start of this new year, we are going to be having a focus on enjoyment of reading. We are introducing a new 'star' system which we hope will motivate all the children to read more regularly. We are asking you to initial when the pupils have read to you- we are expecting a minimum of 5 times a week. This is to build the children's reading stamina so they can read in a sustained way for 10 minutes at a time. Further details will come from your class teachers during the week.

Thanks

Again, I would like to thank you all on behalf of the staff and Mrs Hall (lollipop lady) for the kind gifts and cards we received at Christmas. I am sure we have all drunk, eaten and bathed in many of the lovely items we received!

Diary Dates

10th-13th Mentor Meetings

13th Coffee morning

16th Year 5 Parents into Class

23rd Year 4 Parents into Class

30th year 3 Parents into Class

7th February-Safer Internet Day

7th February-'Dance their Socks off'- Y2/Y3

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