HOOTON PAGNELL ALL SAINTS PRIMARY JUJSCHOOLOGUS

Looking back on June

June was such a busy month at Hooton Pagnell. We began the month with the Pathfinders visiting Austerfield on their school trip, closely followed by the Year 6 pupils having their residential visit to Kingswood. Both groups absolutely loved these experiences. The Adventurer class had a visit from Doncaster Mayor, where they had the opportunity to ask some hard-hitting political questions – what a great experience for them!

Our year 1 pupils have completed their phonics screening checks and our year 4 pupils have completed their times tables test. We were extremely proud of all of these pupils who did extremely well. We have also been moderated for Year 6 writing. I am pleased to say that the moderators were in full agreement with Mr Horton on his teacher assessment for writing, which is great news! Many of our year 6 pupils have also started their transition visits to their next schools, which has helped them to be excited for their next steps.

All parents had the opportunity to come into school for an event with their children. Explorers held an outdoor learning session, Pathfinders had a stay and learn, Adventurers performed a Shakespeare play and Navigators took on (and beat) their parents at rounders. We really hope you enjoyed yourselves at these events.

We also held a second hand uniform stall. This was not quite as successful as we had hoped and we still have uniform left over if anyone would like to take a look.

July looks like it is going to be just as busy - make sure you have the dates below in your diaries.

YOUNGMINDS fighting for young people's mental health

We have noticed that more and more children are struggling with anxiety and lots of parents/ carers are asking for our advice. Young Minds are a great charity, focussed on helping young people with their mental health.

Here is their message:

We know parenting isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your children grow up, and to help them learn to be independent, it can also be really hard work. It can feel especially hard if your child's mood and behaviour seem different and you're not sure why, or what you can do to help. But you are not alone. We have lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child – from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services. No matter what you and your child are going through, things can get better.

For more information, click on the link to their website: <u>https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/</u>

Online-summertime!

As we head into the summer holidays, we may find our children are online more or having more screen time. Childnet have produced this blog, which includes how to help your child with managing their screen time: <u>https://www.childnet.com/help-andadvice/screen-</u> <u>time-boundaries-parents/</u>

You may also be looking for activities to do with your child. Google and Parent Zone have produced some great resources that are free to download. They include a mix of online and offline activities, such as asking them to create a poster to show what they would do if they were worried about something they see online. You can access all the resources here:

https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/download

