



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – April 2018

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Dear Parents,

SCHOOL NEWS

Matific

We are delighted to let you know that Hughenden Primary School placed 2nd in the Matific maths competition out of the whole country!

Out of all of the classes in the whole country, every class at Hughenden managed to place within the top ten.

Foundation - Miss Berry's class - 2nd

Year 1 - Miss Jackson's class - 4th

Year 2 - Mrs Hogan class - 3rd

Year 3 - Miss Sleight's class - 7th

Year 4 - Mrs Churchman and Mrs Ali's class - 3rd

Year 5 - Mrs Kittler's class - 2nd

Year 6 - Mr Meatyard's class - 2nd

Along with this, some of our pupils placed very highly compared to others in the same year across the country.

Foundation

Hanna – 4th

Aariv – 9th

Oliver – 10th

Year 2

Kellen – 4th

Caspar 10th

Year 6

Rehan - 1st

Omarion – 5th

Shyan – 6th

William – 10th

We are really proud of all of our students and it was a pleasure to see them all enjoying themselves while learning, and competing enthusiastically for their goal.

Energise

We would like to thank all the pupils, staff and parents that made such an amazing Energise performance possible. We are really proud of all the effort that went into practicing their dances and learning the songs, and the audience was amazed at the children's performance.

A write up from some of the Year 4 girls who took part will follow in the next newsletter.

Mercy Ships

Following on from our previous emails earlier this year, we are still collecting donations for toothpaste, tooth brushes, foreign coins, used stamps and monetary contributions. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Sing, Perform, Inspire

On Friday, 16th March, Year 2 took part in a "Sing, Perform, Inspire" workshop led by Chiltern Music Academy. The aim of these workshops is to inspire children to reach a high standard of performance in less than 3 hours, and to raise their confidence and self-esteem as they perform a short video recorded concert to Headteachers and Governors.

220 children from six different schools came together for the morning and responded brilliantly to the leadership and teaching of Mrs Venvell and Mrs Marsh. The children (and staff!) learnt three songs and were able to perform them with style, focus, passion and musicality. The audience of Headteachers and Governors were extremely impressed, and all the children should be congratulated on their fine performance. We look forward to hearing and seeing our Year 2 children perform to this standard in future school assemblies and events!

All the children were given three leaflets to bring home so that you, their parents, can see what CMA offers every week. You are invited to register your child for the Space Explorers event on Saturday, 21st April – a musical space themed party complete with craft activities, photo booth, an interactive musical adventure led by an orchestra during which the children are invited to help them to rescue the Man in the Moon who has been captured by the Purple people eaters who live on Mars! This will followed by a space themed tea party and a chance to try out instruments. Early booking is recommended.

<https://thelittleboxoffice.com/chilternmusicacademy>

Finally, here is a link to the short video of the Year 2 "Sing, Perform, Inspire" workshop:

<https://youtu.be/FkEXQ6zevMI>

Stamp Collection

SAVE THE ALBATROSS STAMP APPEAL

"Since Christmas, I have been collecting used postage stamps. I read about the RSPB's stamp appeal to help save the albatross and I wanted to help out. The albatross is the largest seabird in the world. There are over 22 different species and 17 of them are endangered.

The RSPB is collecting used postage stamps to raise money to help albatrosses. The stamps will be sold to raise money to help rescue these birds. There are lots of reasons why the albatross needs help. One is that they get caught on fishing lines. The other is that they are eating plastic that is in the oceans. The money will go towards paying for new special fishing nets, hooks and teaching fishermen to use them. If you want more information look on www.rspb.org.uk/join-and-donate/other-ways-to-help/save-your-stamps/

I now have over 18,000 stamps but I would like to collect a lot more. Each stamp only raises a small amount so we need to collect as many as possible. Remember, the more stamps the more birds we save.

You can help by bringing in your used postage stamps to the office of Hughenden Primary School. There is a collection box there. It is very easy to do and doesn't cost you any money. Or you can take your stamps to any RSPB visitor centre.

Thanks for saving your stamps to help save this amazing bird."

-Alissa

Classlist

We would like to thank all parents who have already signed up to Classlist.com. It's important to note that all Friends PTA communication and event news is now published on Classlist and this is their main platform for communicating to all parents, including event news.

For more information regarding classlist, please see the Friends section under community groups on the school website.

Welcome Wednesdays

Welcome Wednesdays is a new initiative led by the Hughenden Parish Street Association to help people come together, running at the Village shop on Wednesdays between 2 & 3pm. Young or older, new to the village or longstanding resident, all are welcome. You can be assured of friendly faces.

Anne Smart is the Street Association Ward Lead and is happy to help if you have any queries or if you know someone who may need assistance or transport to and from the shop. Anne can be contacted on: 07970 037419.

Morning Drop off

We would like to thank you for encouraging your children to come into school independently. This ensures that they make it in on time and do not miss any of their learning.

We will still continue our staff presence outside to aid the children safely into school and this will also give you the opportunity to relay any concerns with our Senior Leader, Linda O'Malley who is our lead on pastoral care who can pass onto the Class Teachers on your behalf. Alternatively, if you would like to speak to the class teacher, you could send a note in or see them after school between 3:30-3:45 as part of our open door policy.

Quackers

If you have any wraparound care needs, or if your child is just looking for something fun to do, Quackers can provide childcare before and after school. Please ensure you have completed their booking form prior to turning up, which can be found on their website.

Breakfast Club

Upon arrival, the children will be offered Breakfast consisting of a choice of cereal, along with toast with various toppings, yogurt and fruit. Should your child have a favourite cereal that they do not stock please let them know and they will do their best to cater for them (please note that they are a nut free club so there may be certain cereals they cannot provide).

After School Club

Once all children have arrived and the register has been taken, they all go outside and play until 4.30PM. This allows children to get some fresh air and give them the opportunity for physical activity such as football, skipping, rounders etc. There are also areas where the children can just sit and talk outside should they be tired after their day at School.

If your child is staying past 4.30PM, they will be provided with a snack. Their snack normally consists of a choice of two of the following foods being Rolls, Sandwiches, Wraps and Cracker Bread. For fillings, there is always a choice of Ham slices, Chicken slices, Cheese, Quorn, Marmite, Jam and Honey. With every tea two varieties of Vegetables and two varieties of Fruit are offered.

For more information on Quackers after school club, please visit their website at:

<https://www.quackersoutofschoolclubs.co.uk/hughendenprimaryschool-afterschool>

Clubs

For information on the times of our school clubs, please refer to the timetable on our website.

SPRING 2018 DATES

Thursday 29th March	Friends Mufti Day LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1:30PM – Quacker's will be running their after school club from 1:30pm – 6:00pm
Monday 16th April	BACK TO SCHOOL
Friday 27 th April	RE Day
Saturday 28 th April	Friends of Hughenden Primary School Quiz Night
Tuesday 1 st May	Davenies Maths Challenge – Selected Children from Year 5
Friday 18 th May	Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea Party
Tuesday 22 nd May	Tempest - Class Photos
Thursday 24 th May	Great Fire of London Day – Year 2
W/C Monday 28th May	HALF TERM
Monday 4th June	BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 5 th July	Sports Day
Saturday 14th July	Hughenden Village Day
Friday 20 th July	Friends Stay and Play
Tuesday 24th July	LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1:30PM – Quacker's will be running their after school club from 1:30pm – 6:00pm

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