



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – November 2021

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term 2021, I trust you all had a relaxing and fun half term. The children were certainly keen to tell us all about their adventures when they returned back to school!

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the recent parent consultation evenings, it was lovely to be able to have you back in school again and to be able to talk to you about how your child has settled into their new classes.

In staffing news, the Governors have placed an advert for a Deputy Headteacher at Hughenden Primary who will support the school's continued development going forward and provide further consistency in light of other recent staff changes. This is a full-time position with some teaching responsibility. We have already received many expressions of interest which is encouraging. Any updates will be made in due course and after any interviews have taken place. In further news, I am sure you will want to join me in congratulating Mrs McCammond who recently secured a headship position in another Bucks school from January 2022 which sadly means she will be leaving Hughenden at Christmas but the new job is great news for her!

I am really sorry to have to keep coming back to the matter of parking and drop off, but having observed drop off this morning, it is apparent that some parents are still not clear about the allowed use of the turning circle. If your child can leave your car (with all their belongings) on the school side of the car (not the roundabout side) and walk **unaccompanied** to the front gate so that you can drive off **immediately**, then the turning circle option **is** for you. If your child needs you to get out of the car to retrieve belongings from the car boot or you need to walk them to the gate, or you need to wait to watch them safely inside the school building then the turning circle option is **not** for you and you should park safely elsewhere and walk your child to the gate where you can help them with their belongings and watch them enter school.

Similarly, our disabled bays at the front of the school are only for parents who can show either a Gov.uk blue badge or one of our new **yellow** school parking permits for 2021/ 2022 which can be requested from the school office. We know which of our parents legitimately need a parking permit and they will be issued with a new one by the end of this week via your child. Please ensure these are displayed in your windscreen when on the school site. It is not fair for other parents to use these bays and we have mentioned this many times already in communications to you but there are still some parents who are ignoring our instructions which

is not a great example to set to your children. The only time the disabled bays should be used at other times is if you are picking up a sick or injured child from the main entrance.

Open Days: Please do pass the dates below to any local families who are looking for a Foundation (Reception) place from September 2022. There will be an opportunity for them to view the school and hear from staff. Bookings can be made via the school office.

Wednesday 17th November 2021 1.30pm	Tuesday 30th November 2021 9.30am	Friday 7th January 2022 9.30am
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Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Garlick

Poppy Sale for Remembrance Sunday – 11th November 2021

Poppies and merchandise will be going on sale soon at the front entrance before and after school. We will advise when the merchandise is available. We will be recognising in key stage assemblies in school in the morning before children depart for their cinema trips to celebrate Film Festival week.

Covid update

As the government have now eased the restrictions, we have amended our internal procedures accordingly. It is now personal choice as to whether face masks and visors are worn by staff in school and when parents drop off and collect. However, we request that you maintain a 2m distance if talking to members of staff and that if you attend school events this term, you do continue to wear a face covering. The risk has certainly not gone away (and is increasing in Buckinghamshire again) so we need to continue to be vigilant.

If a member of your household tests positive, your child can continue to attend school according to government guidelines but we would prefer they take a Lateral Flow Test at home initially following by a PCR test if required to make sure they are not carrying the virus without any symptoms. You may of course, prefer to keep your child at home for a few days to make sure they do not become ill and we will also support parent's decision on this.

If increased positive cases are seen in school, we will inform parents of that class group and may need to close bubbles again if there are increased positive cases. Please do inform us as early as possible if there are any positive cases within your household.

Health Care Plans

There are currently some plans that remain outstanding for parental checking and approval. If we have sent a copy home for checking, please return it to the School Office so we know our records are current and we are able to meet the medical needs of your child.

Uniform

It's been lovely to see the children return looking so smart in their uniform, however, we have noticed a few children not wearing their full uniform, ties, etc. or arriving with their shirts not tucked in. Please also note, that PE kits must be white/navy/grey/black – no bright colours or slogan tops please. PE kit should now be brought into school and kept in school, NOT worn on PE days. The uniform list is here for anyone who wants a reminder: https://www.hughendenprimary.co.uk/website/uniform_1/

A reminder that the only jewellery that should be worn are stud earrings and a wristwatch. Please also ensure that any hair bobbles, bows or scrunchies are discreet and not 'fashion items.' These can be worn on Mufti days but are not part of everyday school uniform.

Please also ensure your child has a rain coat in school each day. Several pupils have been caught out this week with the unexpected rain and it is not pleasant for them having to sit in wet clothes after break / lunchtime.

Children in Need 2021 – 19th November 2021

Children in Need is taking place on Friday 19th November this year. We are asking that children come dressed in either yellow or spots and to bring in a £1 donation to go to the charity. This year's theme is 'Together we Can'.

Diwali – 4th November 2021

Diwali is a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists. The festival usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month Kartika.

Firework Safety

Remember, Remember the 5th of November. Please stay safe and follow the firework safety code.



Friends of Hughenden Primary School



Dear Friends of Hughenden, WOW, what a spooky fun filled half term it's been for us, starting with the Halloween Trail!

Events held and funds raised



1) A massive thank you, to all the staff, parents and families who helped make the trail possible. Also, a big thank you, must of course go to the village shop for supporting us with this fundraising event. Due to everyone's combined efforts the trail has been a fantastic success! It's been wonderful to see the community out and about following their maps around the village.

The final total is yet to be confirmed but we think we have raised over £1000.

Amazing!!



In



case you missed out here a few pictures of the trail:



2) The Pumpkin Carving Competition.

We have received lots of super entries from talented students across the year groups. The winners will be decided on soon and prizes will be given out at school for those who participated and won their age category. So far this has raised £24.

3) End of term Smarties chocolate sale. The children loved this! Thank you to the parents who volunteered and helped at the sale.

4) Christmas Cards. You will soon receive details on how to order your child's Christmas Card design. Choose from cards, gift tags and much more!

5) Peter Pan Pantomime. This has been tremendously popular and we've sold 151 tickets, totalling £302 profit.

6) Diwali 4th November. A very Happy Diwali to you for Thursday. Children will be learning about Diwali this week in class. Friends of HPS will be donating clay and accessories for children to make and decorate their own diyas in class.

7) Christmas Disco December 13th. We need parent volunteers for this event please, and a qualified first aider. If you can help please get in touch.

Funds donated to school

1) Teacher Floats have been distributed for the term. £90 for Early Years and £45 per class.

Dates for your Diary!

2) Peter Pan Pantomime, 12th Dec @ 5:30.

3) Christmas Disco December 13th.

How to keep up to date with PTA events and fundraising

1) Classlist is used to convey information to parents regarding our activities. Please make sure you're checking for updates via the App or www.classlist.com

2) FaceBook @Friends of HPS

Get involved!

Many hands make light work, and the more support and volunteers we have the better! If you're interested in getting involved or have any fundraising ideas, contact us at: friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com

How can you help raise funds for our projects throughout the year?

1) Amazon Smile. Earn money for our school on every item you purchase.

2) Stikins: Stick in Name Labels. If you are ordering Stikins name labels PLEASE use the fundraising number 10300 so that we get 15% commission. <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

3) Clothes Recycling Bin. Donate any clean, unwanted adults and children clothing, paired shoes, handbags and linen.

Next Open Meeting: AGM Thursday 11th November at 8-9pm, zoom details will be sent soon.

The board ensures the day to day running of Friends PTA Committee but can't run it alone! We rely heavily on our Class Reps and Volunteers. Thanks to all that have supported us so far.



AUTUMN TERM 2021

1/9/21, 22/10/21, 4/1/22, 25/4/22, 8/7/22	INSET DAYS
Starting on the 15 th September 2021 (every Wednesday)	Swimming – Year 3
2 nd November 2021	Flu vaccination Clinic in school Foundation to Year 6
10 th November 2021	Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne
11 th November 2021	Foundation, Year 1 & 2 Cinema Trip - Cineworld Year 3 & 4 Cinema Trip – Empire Remembrance Day
16 th November 2021	Year 5 & 6 Cinema Trip - Empire
17 th November 2021	Tempest School Photos (re-arranged from the 8 th October) Open Day for prospective parents, 1.30pm – please book in advance
19 th November 2021	Children in Need - £1 donation – <i>‘Together we Can’</i>
30 th November 2021	Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30am – please book in advance
2 nd December 2021	Sports Festival Foundation @ The Misbourne
5 th December 2021 (corrected date)	Switching on the Christmas Lights – Village Hall 4pm All welcome
8 th December 2021	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to Parents and Toddlers. 9.30am
9 th December 2021	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to Parents, 2pm
10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children - £1 donation
11 th December 2021	Christmas Service KS1 – at school KS2 - St Michaels & All Angels Church – PM
12 th December 2021	Christmas Pantomime @ Wycombe Swan – organised by PTA (Ticket only)
13 th December 2021	Children’s Christmas Disco – PTA event
17 th December 2021	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish
7 th January 2022	Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30am – please book in advance
9-11 th Feb 2022	Woodrow Year 5 Residential
16 th July 2022	Village Day – Heroes and Heroines Past & Present more information to follow
6-10 th June 2022	Isle of Wight Year 6 Residential