



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – November 2023
SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents,

Following the half term break, all pupils have settled well and are looking forward to their learning challenges. On Monday, Year 6 visited Hughenden Manor and had a thoroughly enjoyable day exploring the house of Benjamin Disraeli and looking at various artefacts from World War II. In Year 5, preparations have already begun for their up and coming Anglo- Saxon Day – we hope you enjoy the immersive learning day and we look forward to seeing your costumes! The cinema trips are also taking place this half term and again, we know they will be enjoyed by all.

The face-to-face parent/ teacher meetings are taking place on Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th November. These meetings are an opportunity for you to view their English and Maths books (KS1 & KS2) and to hear from your child's teacher about how they have settled into the academic year and the progress they have made so far. These are scheduled to be 10 minutes each; we kindly ask that if they do run over, that another appointment is made. If your child has a SEND need then separate appointments have already been made.

We are grateful to the work and dedication of the PTA who work together to help raise much needed funds to support the learning opportunities of the pupils. As well as this, we have a Hughenden Primary School Fund which allows us to receive donations directly from both parents and members of the local community which in turn, allows us to purchase further curriculum resources.

We are truly grateful to those families who have contributed already and we would kindly ask you to consider further contributions no matter how big or small. We understand that many families' budgets are tight during the current financial climate so we must stress that any contribution would be voluntary based on what you can afford. If you are interested to contribute to The Hughenden Primary School Fund then the details are shown below. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can maximise your donation by claiming Gift Aid. Forms are available from the school office.

Hughenden Primary School Fund

Lloyds Bank

Account Number: 00341839

Sort Code: 30-94-28

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards, Katherine Mann



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

6th November - Remembrance Day

The Poppies and school merchandise have arrived and will be on sale at the beginning and end of every day up to and including Friday 10th November. Prices are 50p/£1 for the merchandise and donations are appreciated for the poppies. Thank you for your support.

10th November – Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

The School Nursing Team will be coming into school on Friday 10th November for the year 6 NCMP Height & Weight checks. Parents can then opt-out if they do not wish their child to be measured.

Smarties Challenge – Diwali



On Friday 3rd November children will be sent home with a tube of smarties (alternatives are available for those with allergies). In return for a free tube of smarties we are asking for students to preform age appropriate chores around the home in return for small change to raise money for friends PTFA.

Please only give what you can afford. Any money that fits in the tube is welcome. Please return for the 10th November. The class that raises the most money will win a prize and points for their house. All proceeds go towards supporting the children at Hughenden primary School.

17th November Children in Need

On 17th November, children may come in their Pyjama's with a 50p donation, going towards Children in Need. Please can the children wear trainers/sensible shoes only and remember to bring in coats!



We are participating in RunPudsey 2023! Where there are fun and exciting challenges to get all children moving and raising money for BBC Children in Need!

If your child would like to take part, please sign them up using the link and code below. This will take you to a page to create a fundraising page for your child that you can share with friends and family or on social media to receive donations!

Link: <https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/hughenden-primary-school>

Code: 2C1C

Every child that will sign up and participate in the challenge, will receive a RunPudsey Medal! We will be hosting the challenge in school during the week of BBC Children in Need.

24th November Hi Vis Day

It's an obvious one, but wearing brighter clothing, especially for younger and less able people, is really advisable to make you more visible to traffic and other road users.

Children are encouraged to wear Hi Vis on the top half and normal uniform and school shoes on the bottom half.



7th December 2022 - Christmas Jumper Day

Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers/top/sparkly clothes on the top half with normal uniform and school shoes on the bottom half. If children would rather not participate in these events, they should wear their school uniform to school as normal.

Data Collection Sheet

We are still waiting for a few Data Collection Sheets to be returned to school.

They were sent home for checking and/or amending and would be grateful if you can make any necessary changes ensuring all contact information; phone numbers and email addresses are correct. Please return this to the school office as soon as possible. If there are no changes, please simply sign, date and return and we'll know the information we hold on file is still current.

GDPR

Thank you to everyone that has completed and returned their GDPR form. To those that haven't returned these we will assume the information we hold is correct.

Halal food preferences

We have become aware that parents do not have the facility to annotate a dietary preference on Schoolgrid, only allergens. This has been taken up with Schoolgrid but in the meantime we want to ensure that all parents preferences are noted correctly for their child. This may be Halal, vegan, vegetarian, etc. Where this has been noted on the original admissions form, we will update Schoolgrid on your behalf as only Dolce or school have access to this field. We can only go on information provided to us by parents and thank you for your support in ensuring our records are accurate.

Road Safety & School Travel Plan

Mondays and Fridays, we will continue with the crocodile trail. As parents please can you reinforce the importance of wearing seatbelts as this is a legal requirement to keep children safe, the importance of crossing the road safely and using the crossing patroller.

Permission to walk home

If you have given permission for your KS2 child to walk home please note this does not apply to the after-school clubs. We will need parents to email to give consent as there is no crossing patroller with night's drawing in and getting darker earlier.



Dear Parents,

We have noticed an increasing number of parents driving onto the school site and parking both at the beginning and end of the school day despite having no parking permit. Parking on site is strictly reserved for staff and parents who have an identified medical need.

Please note, whilst we are happy for parents to use the turning circle at the beginning and end of each day, we ask you to adhere to the following so parents who have a permit with a genuine medical need, are able to park safely and drop/collect their children.

- AM - kiss and drop - parents can drive onto site around the turning circle and pull up alongside the blue railings to let their children out - this is for KS2 children who can walk into school independently. If there is a queue, please wait until you are alongside the blue railings before letting your children out of the car.
- PM - there is no parking on site at the end of the day except for the small number of parents who have parking permits displayed on their dashboards. Parents are asked to park respectfully in the neighbouring roads or further afield making use of the crossing patrollers who are in attendance at the beginning and end of school.

Thank you in advance for keeping to these simple rules to promote our road safety and safe travel into school.

Friends Fundraising Update



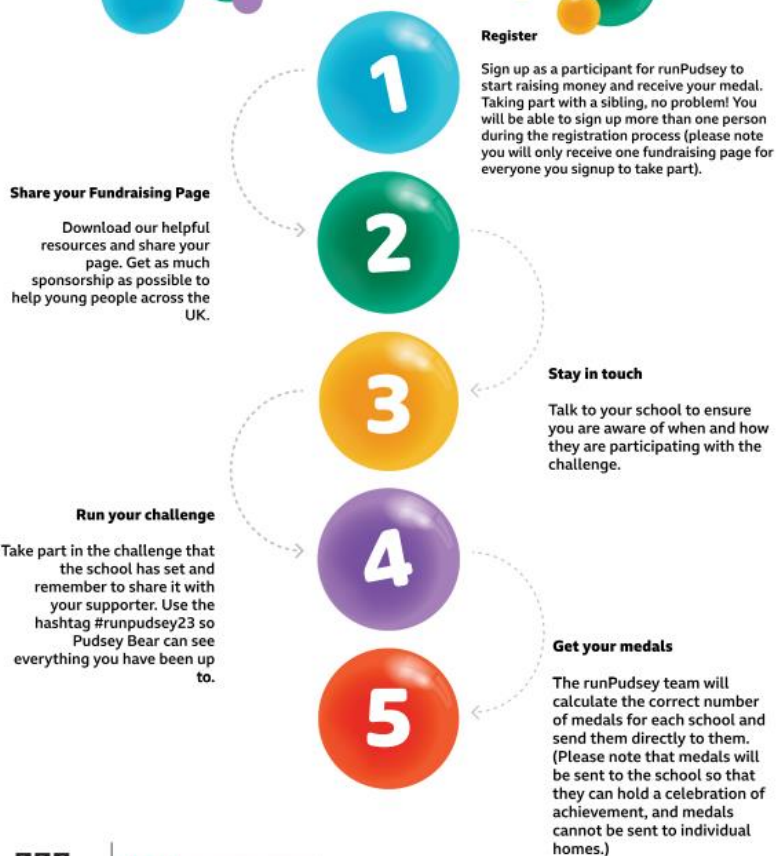
Below is a precis of how much each event has raised – with 14 separate events, this wouldn't have happened without the help and dedication of our committee and volunteers. Please do all you can to help, however small.

Please see below the dates for the Friends Open PTFA Meetings for this year.

<u>Autumn Term:</u>	<u>Spring Term:</u>	<u>Summer Term</u>
23rd November 7:30pm @ School	11th January 7:30pm @ School 7th March 7:30pm @ School	25th April 7:30pm @ School 13th June 7:30pm @ School

Eden Eco Elves 25th November

Eden Shopping Centre in High Wycombe will be holding a Christmas event that may be of interest, please see attached flyer.



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School Immunisation Update July 2023

MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) & Pre-School Booster

You may be aware that we have had several cases of measles in Bucks over the past few weeks. Cases of measles continue to rise across England in those that are not fully vaccinated. All three diseases can be very serious and are highly infectious.

Please ensure your child has received 2 doses of the Combined MMR vaccine since their first birthday. The vaccine is routinely given at 1 year and approximately 3 years 4 months in the UK, usually at the same time as their pre-school booster. This information can be found in your child's Red Book or from your GP.

If you believe your child still requires their MMR and/or pre-school booster vaccination, please either contact your GP or the School Immunisation Team to make an appointment for vaccination.

Any queries regarding school age vaccinations please contact us:
The School Immunisation Team
Telephone: 01494 323000
Email: buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net

Flu Vaccination Programme Autumn Term 2023

Once again, the School Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school in the Autumn term to administer the flu vaccine.

Please keep an eye out for the online consent form which will be sent to you via your child's school as part of an email approximately 1 month prior to vaccination session.

We request that you complete a consent form whether you wish your child to have the vaccine or not stating a YES or NO consent.

Check your child's MMR status!

Helpful Links:

[The complete routine immunisation schedule from February 2022 \(publishing services.nhs.uk\)](#)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[MMR for all: general guide - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Oxford Knowledge Project

is a very helpful, independent source of information for all vaccines. It also contains a language translation facility (top right of the site home page) [Home | Vaccine Knowledge](#)



FRIENDS OF HUGHENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT THE ...


DIWALI SMARTIES CHALLENGE

Diwali is the Festival of Light & Prosperity
A time to illuminate our homes and eat sweet delights
FoHPS would like to give you a yummy treat
So we're sending these colourful smarties* to eat
Keep the tube don't throw it away
Do chores & good deeds to earn your pay
Fill your tube with silver/gold coins, right to the top
To help raise money for the PTA pot

Hand in on Friday 10th November – The class that raises the most money will win a prize and points for their house.
Thanks for participating!

Tubes will be given out on Friday 3rd November. We would love for you to share pictures of you doing your chores & good deeds on classlist. Please only give what you can afford – Any money that fits in the tube is welcome

Alternative provided for allergies



We have amended the jewellery section of our Uniform Policy slightly, please see below

School Uniform

Our uniform supplier is Ultimate Incentives, based locally in Great Kingshill, Bucks. Our school uniform has been chosen for comfort and practicality.

Hughenden Hoppers Preschool
White or pale blue polo shirt Preschool logo cardigan or sweatshirt – or plain green which is widely available Preschool logo book bag
Hughenden Primary School
KS1 (Foundation - Year 2)
Pale blue polo shirt School logo sweatshirt or cardigan Grey skirt or grey pinafore dress or smart grey trousers Checked blue/white dresses during the Summer Term - optional White or navy socks, grey or black tights Headscarves can be worn for religious reasons in plain blue or grey.
Whilst it is desirable for children to wear the logo uniform, we accept this may not be affordable to all our families. As such, children can wear a plain navy sweatshirt or cardigan which is available widely. Our PTA have a selection of 2 nd hand uniform available, please email them on friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com
KS2 (Years 3-6)
White shirt (long or short sleeved) School tie Navy blue V-neck jumper with the school logo Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress White, grey, navy or black socks Blue/white checked dress in the Summer Headscarves can be worn for religious reasons in plain blue or grey.
Whilst it is desirable for children to wear the logo uniform, we accept this may not be affordable to all our families. A plain navy sweatshirt or cardigan available widely. Our PTA have a selection of 2 nd hand uniform available, please email them on friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com
All Children: these items are essential please
Sensible shoes – black Wellington boots Trainers or plimsolls and socks Named drawstring PE Bag Navy tracksuit, top and bottoms, navy shorts, white t-shirt, PE socks School book bag with logo (for preschool, Foundation and KS1 only) Drinking bottle for water and lunchbox for KS2 Children if not taking a hot lunch ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELLED AND NAMED PLEASE Long hair should be tied back neatly away from the face. No extreme hairstyles or hair gel is permitted. Any hair accessories should be in school colours. Nail varnish is not permitted.
Jewellery The only jewellery which may be worn to school is: ● A watch ● Plain round ear-studs (gold/silver or clear) if a child has pierced ears (one set only). ● Religious jewellery e.g. cross on a plain chain (tucked inside the shirt) or a Kara (Sikh) bangle. For safety reasons, jewellery is to either be removed or covered (masking tape/ sweatband) during PE

Here is the complete list of Term Dates and inset days for the 2023/2024 term



2023 – 2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 5th September – Thursday 19th October – Autumn 1

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October – Half Term

Monday 30th October – Tuesday 19th December (1:30pm finish) - Autumn 2

Wednesday 20th December – Wednesday 3rd January – Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4th January – Friday 9th February – Spring 1

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half Term

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March (1:30pm finish) – Spring 2

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Thursday 23rd May – Summer 1

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July (1:30pm finish) – Summer 2

Wednesday 24th July – Summer Holiday

INSET Days – School Closed for all pupils

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 5th July 2024

DIARY DATES 2023

3 rd November 2023	Smarties Challenge launched – Diwali
6 th November 2023	Remembrance Assembly Year 5 Anglo Saxon Day Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm – book on eSchools from 3/10/23
7 th November 2023	Year 5 Geography Field Trip (Thursday 9 th if it's raining)
8 th November 2023	Parents Evening – 4.30-7.30pm – book on eSchools from 3/10/23
9 th November 2023	Open Day to prospective parents, 9.30am Coffee & Chat – Parents 9 – 9.30am with Mrs Mann
10 th November 2023	Diwali Mufti Day – PTA led. Year 3 & 4 must be in uniform for the school trip. They can change into mufti for the afternoon. Cinema Trip Foundation, Year 3 & Year 4, 10am – 11.45am Height & Weight Year 6 Smarties Challenge – return donation money
w/c 13 th November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week
17 th November 2023	Children in Need – Pyjama day
w/c 20 th November 2023	Road Safety Week
21 st November 2023	Cinema Trip Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2, 10am – 11.45am
22 nd November 2023	Cinema Trip Foundation, Year 5 & Year 6, 10am – 11.45am
23 rd November 2023	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
24 th November 2023	High Viz day
29 th November 2023	PFTA Christmas Disco
30 th November 2023	Christmas Unwrapped Year 6, Hughenden Parish Church
3 rd December 2023	Carols Around the Tree, Hughenden Village Hall, 4.30 arrival for 5 pm start
5 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity – 1.30 PM – Baubles- a Tree-mendous Nativity
6 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity – 9.30 AM –Baubles- a Tree-mendous Nativity Trenchard Museum Year 6 trip - 9am – 3pm
7 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day Coffee & Chat – Parents 9 – 9.30 with Mrs Mann
15 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day – 50p donation towards Save the Children Christmas Lunch – pre-order through Schoolgrid Christmas Carols 2.15pm in School
18 th December 2023	PFTA Grotto - and Christmas jumpers PFTA Christmas Wonderland – after school
19 th December 2023	Last day of term 1.30 Finish
4 th January 2024	School opens – Spring Term
9 th January 2024	Open Day to prospective parents, 9.30am
11 th January 2024	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
15 th January 2024	Application deadline for Reception & Junior school
28 th February 2024	Woodrow Year 5 - 28 TH - 1 ST March 2024
7 th March 2024	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
11 th - 15 th March 2024	Year 6 Residential Norfolk Lakes
25 th April 2024	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
13 th June 2024	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
24 th - 28 th June 2024	Travelling Book Fayre
29 th June 2024	Village Day – rescheduled date from 2023