



# Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – October 2020

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## SCHOOL NEWS

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### **Attendance Email address**

Our new email address for attendance is working well, however, we note that some parents are still using the office account. In order for your child's attendance to be recorded and responded to accurately, it is essential that you send all attendance emails directly to [attendance@hughendenprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@hughendenprimary.co.uk). We still have the school message service available as a useful back up.

### **Getting a Covid Test**

If you need to book a Covid 19 test, please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please keep us informed and forward your results for our records as soon as they become available.

### **NHS & Key Worker Photomosaic at Eden Shopping Centre in High Wycombe**

We're inviting YOU to take part in our heartfelt message of thanks to NHS & Key Workers by asking you to send in your photos to help create a giant photomosaic installation. The photos will form a large 'Thank You' message from the community and will be displayed here in Eden.

We feel it's important to continue to show our appreciation to these special people for caring for us and keeping society running during such a difficult period and we hope you will join us and show support by sending us your photo! The mosaic will feature a beautiful rainbow design that has become a beacon of hope during the pandemic, the photomosaic will incorporate a message of thanks to help bring colour and positivity back into the lives of our community. We need to collect over 1,000 photos to generate the mosaic which will form part of a lasting tribute to the commitment and bravery of all NHS staff and key workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you would like to give your thanks and be part of the photomosaic tribute, simply upload a photo to Eden's website [www.edenshopping.co.uk/photomosaic](http://www.edenshopping.co.uk/photomosaic). Whether it's a family photo capturing lockdown moments, a picture of your child's rainbow drawing or a photo of yourself holding up your own message of thanks, Eden would love to see them all.

As well as being displayed inside Eden, the photomosaic will also be available to view on their website with the opportunity to zoom in and find your photo!

### **Warm Clothing and Wellies**

As the weather turns cooler, please ensure your children wear layers to stay warm. In order to keep areas well ventilated, windows and doors remain open throughout the day. Please also ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school as without them, they will not be allowed on the school field. This is to help minimise the mud coming back into school.

### **One Can Trust**

Thank you to you all for your support with our food collection this week, what an amazing response! We are delighted to be working and supporting the One Can Trust and will be setting up regular collections at school to become a School Hero. Our next collection is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020. Following this, we will be holding 2 collections per term, dates will follow in the next Newsletter when confirmed.



Fresh fruit and veg (especially carrots / broccoli / onions / bananas)

Cooking sauces

Cooking oil (especially olive oil)

Tinned veg (e.g. mushrooms and green beans)

Tinned pies and ham

Halal tinned meat

Biscuits

Jam and spreads (Marmite, peanut butter etc. Thank you but not homemade)

Washing up and clothes wash

Loo rolls and soap

### **World Mental Health Day**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October it is World Mental Health Day. We would like to recognise this day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October in school by each child coming in dressed in the colour green – this is the colour of the Mental Health Foundation's ribbon.

Friday afternoon will be dedicated to Mental Health awareness activities. If your child would like to contribute a £1 donation, we will use these donations to buy Mental Health and Wellbeing resources for the school.

This will also be the day when the Year 6 Peer Mentors introduce themselves in a video to the rest of the school. Although currently they will not be able to meet face-to-face with children to help with worries, we know that they will play a vital part in raising awareness about mental health and wellbeing throughout the school.

Covid has affected us all in different ways and we hope you will support us in recognising the importance of supporting World Mental Health Day.

Thank you in advance for your support, it is appreciated.

### **Notices**

In line with our Covid Risk Assessment, we are still unable to allow parents into the school building for the foreseeable future to ensure we reduce the footprint coming into school. Staff will be on duty outside to help with any queries and alleviate any worries or concerns. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

We want to highlight a number of issues that are concerning us. The safety of our children and families remains our highest priority.

We have noticed an increased number of parents using the turning circle without permission - this has never been permitted and unless you have a disabled sticker or permit from the office we would ask you not to enter the site. We really do not want to have to close the gate or check everybody coming in and we appreciate your support in keeping road safety at the top of the agenda.

We ask you to park respectfully in the neighbouring roads and where possible, park further afield and use our School Crossing Patroller who is on duty at the beginning and end of every day.

We are doing our best to stagger the collection times at the end of the day and children are getting used to our new procedures - this will only work if all parents keep to the times we have stated. It is essential that ALL parents arrive on time and leave the school site promptly. Social distancing remains extremely important and will work if parents collect and leave without stopping to talk. With the increasing Covid infection rate, face coverings are strongly advised for all adults.

Hoppers, Foundation, Year 5 and 6 - 3pm      Years 1 and 2 - 3.10pm      Years 3 and 4 - 3.15-3.20  
Children in years 5 and 6 can collect younger siblings in years 3 and 4 to reduce waiting times further - please email the school office so we are aware and can ensure children are ready to leave. Children won't be released with siblings unless you have informed us.

Siblings in Years 1 and 2 can come out with the earliest timing of the sibling, ie: 3pm or 3.10pm depending in year group but please do keep emailing us so we can relay this information to each class to help make this work efficiently. We have staff briefings every morning and at the end of the day so it is essential that parents keep to the times stated above. We often still have children being collected late which impacts staff attending their briefing.

It is important for children to continue their home learning using our online activities: RM Easimaths, TT Rockstars and Nessy, etc - this is essential as handwashing and hygiene procedures is time consuming when done well and it's unavoidable that it will eat into the school day.

#### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

The Clubs Timetable for the Autumn Term is on the school website under: Clubs/Clubs Timetable and is updated termly to provide you with all the information you need. Details on how to book and pay are instructed on the timetable. More clubs will be added as the term progresses in line with our Covid risk assessment. Currently, all clubs are being held outside only.

#### **New Weekend Gymnastics Classes at Hazlemere Youth Centre**

Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to restart our Gymnastics breakfast club. Please see details of some weekend classes taking place locally.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Saturdays 3.15 - 4.15pm ,or Sundays 2.30 - 3.30pm  
Years 3 up to 6 - Saturdays 4.30 - 5.30pm or Sundays 3.45 - 4.45pm

There are some limited spaces available for each session so please get in contact asap if your child would like to join by emailing [springbucksgc@gmail.com](mailto:springbucksgc@gmail.com) or by phone on 07581 384176. Sessions start this coming weekend - 26th and 27th September.

#### **Wrap Around Care – new Provider: Sports4kids**

We are pleased to be working with Sports4kids as our new wrap around care provider from September. To find out more information please go to the school website and look at the Wrap Around Care tab. This will give you all the pricing structure and access to their online booking and payment system.

We already work closely with Sport4kids coaches as they provide our PE classes in school – this further reinforces our good working relationship with them.

Sport4kids are running different sporting activity clubs everyday between 3.30-4.30pm which parents can sign up to – for more information please go to the school website/wrap around care.

## **HALF TERM SPORTS CLUB – Sports4kids**

[https://booking.sport4kids.biz/hughenden\\_october\\_camp\\_2020](https://booking.sport4kids.biz/hughenden_october_camp_2020)

Sports4kids are running a Holiday Camp during the half term break – details were emailed out last week and can also be found on our school website under Clubs. Or you can paste the above link into your browser to book.

## **My Maths**

MyMaths can be used on Android and Apple tablet devices through the free Puffin Academy app. The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or from the Apple App Store. Please note that Amazon have not made the app available for their Fire tablet.

It is our aim to make MyMaths accessible via tablets, and our work to move away from Flash based content will allow us to do this. In the meantime, for the most seamless experience we recommend using MyMaths using a desktop PC or laptop. Find out more about our work to move MyMaths away from Flash on our [support site](#).

## **School Crossing Patrol**

The School Crossing Patrol team are currently recruiting for patrollers – if you are interested in applying please contact Georgina Longley for further information. This is a part time role or can simply be to provide cover or relief work and is a vital part of our children's school day. Direct: Dial: 01494 586639 - email: [glongley@bucksc.gov.uk](mailto:glongley@bucksc.gov.uk)

## **Dolce Hot Lunches**

The new Autumn Term menu is available on the school website under the 'Hot School Meals' tab. If you need a reminder of your login details, please ask the school office for these so that you can order your child/ren's meals online in advance. Please note that for the Autumn Term, we have remained with sandwich style lunches and children will eat in their classrooms. We will review this again at half term and revert to hot lunches as soon as it's viable. If you pay for your child's lunches, please ensure there are sufficient funds on the account. If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office to get an application form.

## **Crocodile Trail – we will update you when this is re-starting**

Unfortunately, we are unable to confirm when the Crocodile Trail will restart – we have to be mindful of the class bubbles and stay within our Covid Risk Assessment. An update will follow when we are able to restart this service.

## **School Prospectus**

Our updated School Prospectus is on the website under 'About Our School'. See below for information on our Open Days.

## **Open Days for Prospective Parents**

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to hold our Open Days in school this year following advice from the Council. Applications for school places open in November 2020 and close in January 2021. We are working on a promotional film which will incorporate our Welcome message and overview of the school along with a tour of the school and grounds. This is being filmed at the beginning of November and will appear on our website soon after. Thank you for your continued patience. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will do our best to help.

## **Secondary Transfer Testing – Year 6**

Following the letter sent out previously from The Buckinghamshire Grammar Schools, we are writing to clarify the school arrangements for children sitting their transfer tests this year.

Children who are sitting the transfer test will sit their practice paper on Tuesday 3rd November. They will sit the actual test on the Thursday 5th November.

We are aware that Tuesday 3rd November is a school inset day. However, we will open only for the Year 6 children who are sitting the test so they can sit their practice test uninterrupted, as is our normal practice.

Children should come to school for 9am on both days. Children will be ready to be collected on Tuesday 3rd November by 11am. Please make arrangements for children to either walk home or be collected bearing in mind there will be no crossing patroller available at that time.

If your child isn't sitting the transfer test, then they do not need to be in school on Tuesday 3rd November. If you have any concerns, please email the school office.

## **Applying for a Secondary School Place**

Please note that parents can apply online from the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The application deadline is Midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

## **Meet the Teacher**

All class teachers are preparing a short video to introduce themselves, this will be emailed to all parents very soon. Curriculum Overviews for each year group can be found on the school website under Curriculum. Should you need to contact your child's class teacher at any point, please email the school office who will forward your message on your behalf. Teachers will no longer be replying to messages sent directly to them through Eschools – thank you.

## **Parents Evening**

We are currently awaiting guidance from the DfE on this – more information will follow when guidance becomes available.

## **Harvest Festival – 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Unfortunately, as with other planned events, our Harvest Festival this year will be held in school in class bubbles via Zoom. We hope to involve the Church too remotely. We will be accepting donations for One Can Trust, please bring these in on the day. Unfortunately, we can't allow parents to join us on this occasion but we will be posting non recognisable images from each class on Eschools.

## **School Nursing Team – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Flu vaccination Clinic**

All children in school will receive their flu vaccination. The school nursing team will provide us with details 3 weeks prior to this with an online link for you to give your consent for this to take place. Please await further details.

## **School Trips**

Following guidance from Buckinghamshire Council, all school trips that require coach transport, or are taking place indoors, are on hold until further guidance is made available. We are making the most of our local vicinity and organising local walks where possible until restrictions start to lift.

## **AUTUMN TERM 2020**

16 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	World Mental Health Day – wear green
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	Harvest Festival in school – collections for One Can Trust
W/C 26th October 2020	Half Term (children return 4 <sup>th</sup> November after Inset Days)
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Deadline to apply for Secondary School Place
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccinations – Foundation –Year 6 inclusive
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2021	Tempest Photos – individual only, currently no non-school siblings or family photos