



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – March 2020

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Coronavirus Update

The children have been talking about the Coronavirus, however, sometimes incorporated into a game which can upset people because obviously they are unaware of the possible seriousness of the virus. We have reminded all children in school on the importance of good hygiene and we've also covered this in assembly this week. You can help by doing the following:

- Encourage regular handwashing for at least 20 seconds - by singing the Handwashing song whilst washing your hands ensures they'll be squeaky clean! Wash your hands after sport activities, using the toilet, on arrival at any childcare or educational setting and before cooking & eating.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles If unwell do not share items
- Bin it. If you need to cough or sneeze, you should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser
- Please advise us if you are aware of any links with positive diagnosis's so we can put plans in place if necessary.

We continue to monitor government guidelines from Public Health England. Please note all visitors to school will be asked to wash their hands on arrival. To further support this, we will not be shaking hands with visitors.

Website 'News' Tab

Already this year, we as a school community, have achieved so much and taken an active role in the community. The children are keen to keep you all updated and we regularly post their written work under the 'News' tab on the website.

Please check this regularly as well as the school calendar for all recent updates and school news.

World Book Day

We really enjoyed seeing all the children and staff dress up for World Book Day last week, the costumes were brilliant! Also, well done to everyone who participated in the sponsored reading event put on by Mrs Hogan, we were really thrilled to see the children getting stuck in. A further update will follow on this as we are still receiving sponsorship forms – if you haven't already sent yours back please can you do so by Monday 16th March 2020.

Over the next fortnight we have two authors visiting Y2-6, sharing their latest book in assembly and hosting workshops for Year 2 and 6. A separate letter has been sent out with these details and if you would like to purchase a signed book by the author, please hand in all monies to the school office.

Calculating Mr One – Quantum Theatre visit

Children in Years 2-5 have thoroughly enjoyed their show this morning, Calculating Mr One. We were extremely lucky to secure this at a greatly reduced price to enrich our Maths curriculum. If you haven't yet forwarded your contribution, please do so this week – thank you.

Educational School Trips

This is a plea for help! A lot of work goes into organising educational school trips to extend children's learning and enrich their curriculum, however, we are often having to phone and email parents to chase outstanding consents and payments. It is stated as a voluntary contribution for the majority of our school trips, however, as stated on all letters, if insufficient funds are received it puts the trip in jeopardy as we don't have a budget to cover this. Please check your children's bags regularly as we always send home hard copies appreciating not everyone has access to a printer, this is also emailed, put on the website under News and also on the online calendar – we are looking at reviewing our policy on this in line with National Guidance to see how we can manage this more in a more time efficient way. Thank you in advance for your support.

IMPORTANT: Travel Updates

Last week we were notified by a couple of parents who were witness to, what could have been a nasty accident, on the Valley Road, on our school crossing. Mr Antoine was stepping out into the road when a car failed to stop and drove straight past, narrowly missing him. Mr Antione does a fantastic job helping our families cross the road safely every day and dangerous acts like this shouldn't happen. Please be mindful of the crossing at peak times and ensure you stop immediately when the patroller steps into the road.

BCC are still trying to recruit additional crossing patrollers – please let us know if this is of interest to you.

Dropping Off/Picking Up arrangements

We would like to remind our parents of the dropping off arrangements for children in the mornings.

Children can arrive from 8.30am onwards when office staff have arrived and are able to supervise children prior to going into the classroom. If there are no staff on duty outside, KS1 parents must bring their children to the school reception door so we both have peace of mind they have arrived safely.

For KS2 children, especially in year 5 and 6, we would like to encourage independence and incorporate this into their transition for secondary school by letting them walk to school either from a local side road, home if appropriate using the crossing patrol or the Village Hall.

We have a walking crocodile every Tuesday and Friday from the Village Hall where staff are there from 8.30am to supervise children walking to school and this also helps ease congestion on the local roads immensely. There is a registration form for this should you be interested.

Learn to Play Day

On Saturday 28th March, 9am – 12pm, Bucks Music Trust are hosting a fantastic opportunity for children who would like to start a musical instrument, have siblings/ friends who might like to try, or already play an instrument and simply wants to have a go on something else. Adults are welcome to have a go too, and many parents come along and try an instrument with their children.

There are a range of free taster lessons at both Music Centres taking place throughout the morning. There will also be the opportunity to chat to Area Leaders about all the exciting ensembles and membership opportunities that they have on offer.

The online booking system is now live! If you've any questions at all, or would like to find out more about your local music centre, email kwallace@bucksmusic.org for more information.

Phoenix Netball Club

Phoenix Netball Club will be holding a trial session for a new U12's team which will be entered into the High Wycombe Summer League which commences 26 April 2020. Applicants MUST have been 11 years of age or younger on 1st September 2019 and not be over 12 years of age on 1st September 2020. Those wishing to trial should have a working knowledge of the positions and rules of netball.

Please come wearing suitable clothes for playing netball, sturdy trainers, plenty of water and layers of warm clothing and a blanket to keep warm while you are waiting to trial. PLEASE NOTE – if selected players are expected to attend weekly training (day yet to be confirmed) and be available for matches on Sunday mornings at 8:45am.

Wednesday 25 March 2020 - WEATHER PERMITTING, 6pm – 7.30pm at Kingsmead Netball Centre, Fennels Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1JB.

Easter Holiday Clubs

On the website, under 'Clubs' > 'Holiday Clubs' we share local events, workshops and holiday clubs that you can book. It's also worth looking under 'Community Groups' on the website also as there are often lots of fun activities for the children to do at the Wycombe Museum, Leisure Centre and Wycombe Swan.

FREE Bowling & Softplay

Every Sunday morning, the Absolutely Together Charity offers FREE bowling and softplay for children / young adults with SEND and their families at Rogue Leisure in Aylesbury. If you have any questions or families would like to book on, please contact Laura directly - L.Murphy@absolutely-group.co.uk

Wycombe Lotto

We are excited to share with you that our account is now up and running with Wycombe Lotto who give out prizes and cash prizes every week, with better odds than the National Lottery! This gives us money back on the ticket sales towards projects we want to fundraise for.

You can purchase tickets through this link: <https://www.wycombelotto.co.uk/support/hughenden-primary-school>

Good luck and thank you in advance for your support, once again.

SPRING TERM 2020

Tuesday 10 th March 2020	Quantum Theatre Production, Y2 – 5 Calculating Mr One (£2.50 per pupil)
Wednesday 11 th March 2020	Year 5 Tag Rugby @ Misbourne Parents Evening, 5pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 12 th March 2020	Nick Cook visiting Y4-6, author visit
Monday 16 th March 2020	Parents Evening, 3pm – 6pm
Tuesday 17 th March 2020	Cliff McNish visiting Y1-3, author visit
Wednesday 18 th March 2020	Year 3 Mega Sports Festival, Dr. Challoners Discovery Education Parent Workshop, 2.30pm
Thursday 19 th - Saturday 21 st March 2020	Year 3 Energise performance – further details to follow
Friday 20 th March 2020	Science Day – whole school Deadline for Parent Governor Election Nominations

Monday 23 rd March 2020	Y1 Phonics Screening Parent Talk Mother's Day Tea & Coffee Afternoon, PTA event
Friday 27 th March 2020	Easter Eggscitement – Bucks Uni Student led fundraising event in school
Monday 30 th March-3 rd April 2020	Year 6 Calshot Residential trip
Tuesday 31 st March 2020	Hazard Alley – Year 4 and Year 5 - 8.45-4pm
Friday 3 rd April 2020	Last day of term, 1.30pm finish
Monday 6 th April 2020	EASTER HOLIDAYS (6 th – 17 th April)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20 th April 2020	Back to school – including Hoppers preschool
Tuesday 28 th April 2020	Friends Meeting – 7.30pm all welcome
Friday 8 th May 2020	BANK HOLIDAY – no children in school
Thursday 21 st May 2020	Year 6 Ufton Court – further details to follow
w/c Monday 25 th May 2020	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June 2020	Travelling Book Fair arrives (open Mon-Fri times tbc)
Tuesday 2 nd June 2020	Tempest traditional class photos, Hoppers-Year 6 Non-school siblings from 8.30am
Wednesday 10 th June 2020	Friends Meeting – 7.30pm all welcome
Wednesday 24 th June 2020	Year 6 Games Festival @ The Misbourne
Friday 3 rd July 2020	INSET DAY – no children in school
Tuesday 7 th July 2020	County Transition Day
Wednesday 8 th July 2020	County Transition Day
Saturday 18 th July 2020	Village Day
Monday 20 th July 2020	Last day of term, 1.30pm finish
Tuesday 21 st July 2020	INSET DAY – no children in school

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