



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – December 2021

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach what is probably one of the busiest fortnights in the annual school calendar I want to thank the staff and pupils for their continued hard work, resilience and enthusiasm. We have experienced a fair amount of winter bugs in school this week affecting pupils and staff alike but the school community has rallied round to ensure that classes are appropriately supported and the children are not missing out on any learning or activities such as our Year 5 visit to the Church as part of *Christmas Unwrapped*, the visit from a Parliamentary representative on Monday to talk to our KS2 pupils about Democracy and the EYFS trip to their *Winter Olympics*. In addition, our Open Morning for prospective parents was well attended with really positive feedback about the information given and we have a further date planned for Friday 7th January if you know of any parents looking for a reception place for September 2022. Although we have had to scale back on some of the events planned for the rest of term or restricted numbers of guests, we are very much hoping to be able to continue with the Disco, Grotto, Christmas Service in church and the EYFS / KS1 Christmas production. Important upcoming dates are at the end of this newsletter.

Also a huge well done to Aariv in Year 4 who has been selected for County Training for Tennis within the 9 & Under age group. This is a great achievement and one that he should be very proud of!

Once a year we like to carry out a parental survey to ensure we are aware of the views of parents in relation to their children's education. A link to our parental survey is below and we would be very grateful if you would spend a few moments over the weekend completing it. We will share the results and feedback early next term. As ever, if you have any specific questions please do direct them via the school office.

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With kind regards and best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Miss J E Garlick

Interim Headteacher

School Crossing Patroller – Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for the School Crossing Patroller on the Valley Road to start from January 2022. This is a crucial role to fill to ensure children can safely cross the road and walk to meet their parents and it makes a huge difference in easing congestion by the school.

If you are interested in applying, in the first instance, please contact Georgina Longley for further details. This is a job share to work alongside the existing crossing patroller.

Georgina Longley

School Crossing Patrol and Sustainable Travel Supervisor, Buckinghamshire Council
01494 586639/07734 481586, Georgina.Longley@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Unite the Uniforms Day

On Friday 3rd December 2021, Hughenden joined schools, colleges, and universities across the UK to hold a unique non-uniform day in honour of the millions of people who have served in the NHS and emergency services. This is part of a campaign called #UniteTheUniforms for the @999Cenotaph.

The campaign saw children wearing the colours of the emergency services (red, blue, green or orange) and donating £1 towards building the UK's first 'Emergency Services Cenotaph' which is supported by His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge, the Prime Minister and First Ministers of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Thank you to everyone who donated and took part and in doing so, recognising the importance of the work the emergency services do for us all. In total we raised £127 so thank you!

Christmas at Hughenden Church

Hughenden Church are holding their Christingle Service on Sunday 5th December, 3pm – all welcome.

Lights Switching On – Sunday 5th December



Discover Bucks Museum



Raring2go

It's been a while, but we are thrilled to tell you that we're back with our digital Winter edition of Raring2go! High Wycombe...

It's full of great ideas for families to have fun, getting out and about, making things and generally enjoying the Winter season. We'd be really grateful if you could please send out the magazine link in your next communication to your parents, as we're sure they will find it useful to keep the kids entertained during the Winter months...

We're running a Book Bundle Competition specifically for Schools in this edition and we think this is the best bundle we've ever had. There are some great quality, educational and fun books for children across your age range to read. Wouldn't it be great if your school won it? Please can you underline how easy it is to enter to your parents, all they need to do is just click on the advert on page 25!

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/highwycombe/winter/>

We really appreciate your support in sharing link to our magazine in your next e-newsletter home. We know from feedback in other areas just how much our readers enjoy our magazines and how useful it is to help them plan fun family times together. We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and we thank you once again for everything you do to support Raring2go!

Uniform

Full uniform including school shoes and ties should now be worn everyday. 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.

Permission to Walk Home

Children in Upper KS2 (years 5/6), with permission from parents or carers, are able to walk home or to a meeting point – if you would like your child to do this and have not yet given consent to do so, please ask the school office for a form to complete or send an email to the school office. Please make sure your child knows the arrangements. This is for a long standing arrangement. For any last minute arrangements, please continue to notify us and supply a password if the person collecting is unknown to the staff.

Mobile Phones

Children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring in their mobile phones and must hand them into the school office on arrival. Before sending your child into school with their phone, please request the permission slip from the school office. Thank you.

Dolce Christmas Lunch – Friday 10th December 2021

Dolce have sent through their Christmas Menu. Orders can be placed in the usual way through your Schoolgrid account. Please can orders be placed by Monday 6th December if possible.



Travel Plan News



During the **Road Safety Week** children were learning about Road Safety Heroes, people who help us stay safe on and around the roads.

We also ran a whole school competition to **Design a Hi-viz jacket**.

Junior Road Safety Officers awarded a prize for best design in each class in Achievement Assembly this afternoon.

Here are some of the fantastic designs.





Friends Christmas Events

Christmas is always a really busy time of year so we wanted to let everyone know what was coming up and a brief explanation of each event for new parents (and a reminder for old ones!) We have also highlighted what we ask from parents to allow these events to run. A Volunteer section has been added for each activity on Classlist. If you have any questions, please ask – via Classlist or email (friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com) or contact your class rep.

1) Christmas Cards (w/c 6th December)

All orders for Christmas cards have been received and will arrive at school w/c 6th December. We will keep you updated and let you know when they arrive.

We have raised £236.60 from this, thank you for your support.



2) Nativity Play Refreshments (8th Dec/ 9th Dec)

The PTA will be running a refreshment stall serving delicious treats – hot chocolate and mince pies as well as coffees and teas. This raises a fair amount of money in a short amount of time as well as being appreciated by attendees so **please bring some change-** all donations welcome.

Requests: Volunteers for the stalls (see volunteer section for this event on Classlist for number of volunteers needed)

3) Christmas Pantomime – The Swan Theatre Sunday 12th December 5.30pm

We will be distributing tickets soon to those of you who have purchased to see Peter Pan at The Swan Theatre. We look forward to seeing you all there.

4) Christmas Disco/Mufti – Monday 13th December

This is a disco for all the children in the school and will take place at different parts of the day (during and after school). Dave the Disco will put on a fun filled disco for all children. Party food will be available (crisps, chocolate, juice as well as water is available) and served to all children in the hall together with Disco music playing. They can wear party clothes to school as it is a mufti day and there is **no additional charge for mufti.**

ACTION: Disco Tickets - please view your tickets once purchased.

Once you have purchased your Disco ticket please view your tickets and complete the 4 quick questions to give us emergency contact details, etc.

Disco times vary:

- Hoppers & Foundation – 2.20-3.20pm : £1 donation as no snacks served
- KS1: YEARS 1, 2 & 3 – 3.30-4.30pm: £2.50 per child (purchase ticket on Classlist)
- KS2: YEARS 4,5,& 6 – 4.45pm – 5.45pm: £2.50 per child (purchase ticket on Classlist)

Volunteers for the KS2 Disco, please sign up via Classlist We appreciate all the support we receive. Events can only go ahead if we have enough volunteers. Please do sign up if you can – check Classlist for number of volunteers we require.

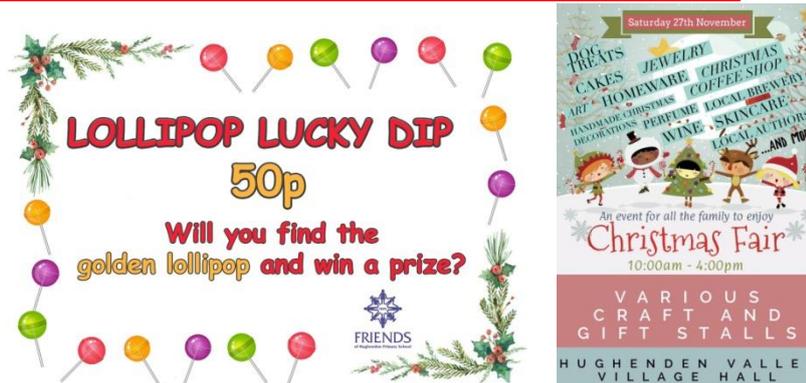
5) Santa's Grotto visit Monday 13th December

On the same day as the disco, Father Christmas will be visiting and children will be taken in their year groups to visit Santa's Grotto on site.



All the children in the school receive a gift from Father Christmas courtesy of Friends of HPS. Again, this is a fun event that the children love.

6) Hughenden Valley Village Hall Christmas Village Hall – Lollipop Lucky Dip



We had a great day at the **Christmas Fair and raised £27** - our lollipop lucky dip went down a treat and kept children entertained, whilst parents shopped around. A very big thank you to all parents that helped on Saturday - Karolina Comper, Dom, Shazia Younis, Deb Brown, Phil Andrews and Carlene Evans! It was a great community event which we were very happy to support.

Feedback

We would like to reach out to new and old parent/carers and get more parents involved. The more hands we have, the more money we can raise which ultimately benefits all children. Please speak with your Class rep for more information or email us and we can always speak with you or answer any questions you have. Please let us know of any feedback you have.

Treasurer Role Vacancy

Sadly, due to work commitments, we will have a Treasurer role available next year. Please see below job description. Please email friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com if interested. Becky is also able to speak with you directly if you have any additional questions. Please note the job description is a frame of reference and the Committee do work as a team, so there may additional responsibilities/ projects as part of this which may not be part of the role but lots of fun!

Additional information

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.hughendenprimary@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.

We wish you Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all those celebrating and can't wait to see you at our events throughout Christmas. May be also wish you a Happy New Year in advance

Many thanks

Kate, Alka, Becky, Friends of HPS PTA

AUTUMN TERM 2021

4/1/22, 25/4/22 8/7/22 21/10/22 19/12/22 20/12/22 7/7/23	INSET DAYS
15 th September 2021 (every Wednesday)	Swimming
2 nd December 2021	Sports Festival Foundation @ The Misbourne
5 th December 2021	Christingle Service at Hughenden Church – all welcome Switching on the Christmas Lights – Village Hall 4.30pm 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 Christmas Lunch – order via Schoolgrid account
16 th December 2021	Christmas Service KS1 – at school KS2 - St Michaels & All Angels Church – PM
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 via email/phone
1 st Feb 2022	Year 4 & Year 5 - Young Voices
9-11 th Feb 2022	Woodrow Year 5 Residential
6-10 th June 2022	Isle of Wight Year 6 Residential
16 th July 2022	Village Day – Heroes and Heroines Past & Present more information to follow