



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – January 2023
SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents / Carers,

We've had such a positive return to school! I think a few of us were feeling a bit anxious and out of sorts in returning after such a lovely long break, but on Wednesday, having everyone back in and together was brilliant. The energy and enthusiasm around the school was amazing. While we loved the long break (lots of relaxing, Netflix and family time), it's great to be back doing what we do best- teaching our children and ensuring everyone achieves their best in all they do.

We've got lots to pack into what is only a short half term, and we know that the children are excited to dig into their new topics. The curriculum information leaflets are available on the school website within the Curriculum and Enrichment section.

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time. The school gate opens at 8:40am. More recently, we have received some requests for holidays during term time – only in exceptional circumstances will these be authorised; all other holidays during term time will be unauthorised.

We have our final Open Morning for prospective parents for children due to start Foundation in September 2023 on the 9th January. If you have any local friends or family looking for a school place, then please ask them to contact the school office for further details. Applications must be made on the primary portal before midnight on the 15th January 2023.

And finally, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Maryam, Waleed, Akira and Nicholas and their families who have started with us this term.

Kind regards,
K Mann Headteacher

New Year Discos – message from The Friends

The New Year disco arranged for the 16th January is being postponed to February. A new date will be released by the PTA soon.

Helping Hands Team

We have been asked by Buckinghamshire Council, to make you aware of the Helping Hands Team who are there to support families in need. If you have any concerns over the cost of living, for example, head over to their website for more information. <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

Dolce Update

Following a meeting with the Operations Director at Dolce, they are having to make some changes to the amount of additional food that is sent on a daily basis. This isn't just to reduce wastage, it's also to weigh up the increased costs they are facing as a company and to avoid any increase to their charges. Parents can help by ensuring all pre-orders are placed for meals required. Teachers will really appreciate this also as it saves them time at registration and ensures learning starts promptly. If you need a reminder of your Schoolgrid login, then please email the school office.

If your child is absent for the day and you've pre-ordered your child's/ren's lunch, please cancel this commitment on Schoolgrid before 9.30am as this will further help reduce unnecessary wastage.

Nuts and Allergies

We are asking for your help to ensure our children with nut allergies are not put at any undue risk. Please can we ask you not to provide your children with any food products containing nuts. This includes Kinder chocolates in packed lunch boxes. If you can check the ingredients first, it would be appreciated. If in doubt, don't include it and keep it for a snack at home instead.

Accelerated Reader- what is it and how can you use it at home?

<https://ukhosted102.renlearn.co.uk/6703707>

When do pupils start using it?

At Hughenden, when pupils are in Year 2 and finish the phonics scheme (this could be at any point in Year 2 but generally not before Christmas) they will move onto using Accelerated Reader.

What is it?

At its heart, 'Accelerated Reader' (AR) is simple. A student reads a book, takes an online quiz, and gets immediate feedback. Students respond to regular feedback and are motivated to make progress with their reading skills. Based on these comprehension tests as well as extra ones we do called Star Reader tests, the system generates a number range for the child. They will then go to our school library or their class library and choose a book that is numbered within this range.

Accelerated Reader gives teachers the information they need to monitor students' reading practice and make informed decisions to guide their future learning. AR reports reveal how much a student has been reading, at what level of complexity, and how well they have understood what they have read. Vocabulary growth and literacy skills are also measured, giving teachers insight into how well students have responded to reading schemes

What can you do at home?

Encourage your child to read every day. Read with your child, using voices when you read and asking questions along the way to check their understanding and to show your own interest in the text. Encourage your child to finish books before they move to another- unless they really aren't enjoying it! We want our students to build good reading stamina. You can log them in at home to take the comprehension quizzes when they have finished! Even if the book isn't from school, it is likely to be on the AR system so pupils can still take the quiz. The web address at the top of this page will take you there and your child will have been given their log in details at school. Feel free to message teachers for the login if it has been forgotten.

SPRING TERM 2023 DIARY DATES

07/07/2023	INSET days 22/23 academic year
4 th January 2023	Back to school – start of Spring 2023 term
9 th January 2023	Open morning for prospective parents, 9.30am – Last one!
11 th January 2023	Swimming lessons start for Year 3 – details to follow
15 th January 2023	Deadline for applying for a school place for Foundation September 2023 – portal closes at midnight
16th January 2023	PTA New Year Discos This has been postponed, a new date will be released soon for February.
20 th January 2023	Foundation height and weight checks in school – NCMP led by the School Nursing Team
30 th January 2023	Governor Day in school
1 st February	KS2 Cross Country Festival @ The Misbourne – details to follow
1 st -3 rd February 2023	Woodrow Residential – Year 5
3 rd February 2023	Numbers Day – further details to follow
6 th February 2023	Young Voices Concert @ Wembley Arena Year 5 Energise 1 st Rehearsal @ Town Hall
w/c 13 th February 2023	Half Term
20 th February 2023	Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle – more information to follow
22 nd February 2023	Open Classrooms until 4pm – all welcome
27 th February 2023	Parents Evening – 3pm to 5.30pm
1 st March 2023	Parents Evening – 3pm to 7pm Secondary Offer Day
2 nd March 2023	World Book Day
7 th March 2023	Year 5 Energise 2 nd Rehearsal @ Town Hall
16 th March 2023	Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival @ The Misbourne – details to follow
24 th March 2023	Energise dress rehearsal 9.30am @ Wycombe Swan Energise performance Year 5 @ Wycombe Swan –

25 th March 2023	Energise matinee performance Year 5 @ Wycombe Swan
31 st March 2023	Last day of Spring Term – 1.30pm finish
3 rd April 2023 – 14 th April 2023	Easter Holidays
17 th April 2023	National Primary Allocation Day
8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday
9 th – 12 th May 2023	KS2 SATS
w/c 29 th May 2023	Half Term
12 th – 16 th June 2023	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood – Isle of Wight
w/c 26 th June 2023	Travelling Book Fair
6 th July 2023	Year 6 Games @ Misbourne – details to follow
12 th July 2023	EYFS Multi Skills @ Misbourne – details to follow
21 st July 2023	Last day of Summer Term – 1.30pm finish