



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – November 2019

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

We have been back from the Half Term a week already and this Monday 11th November celebrated Remembrance Day with a poignant service enjoyed by parents and local residents as well.

We are delighted that Mrs Khan is back in school 3 afternoons a week following her maternity leave.

Samurai Kickboxing Update

We had over 15 pupils from the school attend our FREE PLACE offer at the Spooky Halloween Samurai Kickboxing Camp this half term.

The feedback was very positive and we'd love to see them again at the regular kickboxing class at the school on a **Monday morning at 8am.**

We know from our other kickboxing classes we run before school that teachers notice a marked improvement in concentration after our session. Focus and discipline are a key part of what we teach as well as improving self-confidence and general fitness.

If you'd like your child to come along for a FREE TRIAL, please sign up at www.SamuraiKickboxing.com. We also have classes in Prestwood on a Monday evening.

Toy Sale

Year 3 are planning to hold a toy sale to raise funds for the school and for the charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (<https://www.hearingdogs.org.uk/>)

If you could identify any unwanted toys, please send them into school and Year 3 will price up all toys for a toy sale to the whole school on Friday 15th November at 3pm. Your child can bring up to £2 to buy any of the second-hand toys.

Second-hand toys can come into school from Monday 4th November.

One Can Trust

One Can Trust have been in touch with us regarding the Harvest Festival and your generous donations to their food banks. Here is what they said.

Referrals to the food bank are still increasing. During the summer we had a high volume of referrals and a decrease in donations despite our summer hunger campaign. This resulted in extremely low stock with empty shelves for some of our most needed items. Food Bank Referrals in October reached 484, our third highest monthly figure this year.

Our Harvest Festival campaign was successful again this year. Thank you to all those who involved themselves in some way. Our stock levels are healthier but we still have very low stock of some essential items these include: Long-Life Milk, Tinned Meat such as Stew and Minced Beef, Tinned Hotdogs/Meatballs & Tinned Vegetables. We thank you for the support you give this essential service.

Dolce Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch for the Children is Wednesday 18th December 2019 – TBC by Dolce

Dolce have also provided a Christmas Menu which can be viewed and ordered in the normal way via your account.

Christmas Concert Dates - Further Details to follow

Tuesday 10th December 2019 EY & KS1 - Nativity 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th December 2019 EY & KS1 - Nativity - 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th December 2019 Hoppers Christmas Sing Song - 9.30am

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Friends of Hughenden Primary

The Friends have organised a Christmas Fete that will be running from 2-4pm on 8th December. There will be Santa's Grotto, Mulled Wine & Refreshments as well as a Tombola and Gifts & Craft Stalls.

The Friends are also looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas festivities which include the Christmas Fete, the Christmas Play Refreshments, the Christmas Bazaar & the Christmas Party. A letter is being sent out with the children with all the details of what the Friends need help with at these events.

The proof card is being sent out this week of the Christmas Cards that the children designed in school for you to order your child's design to have on a Mug or Christmas cards to send out to your loved ones.

Maths Competitions

This week is **Mathsweekengland** and we are taking part in school by doing fun maths and activities and also taking part in the following competitions: TTRockstars.com-competition from 11th-16th November this is running from 7:00am - 7:30pm by logging in then choosing the tournaments tab and go to Mathsweekengland to join the fun.

Mangahigh.com from 11th-16th November

Sumdog.com from 8th-14th November teachers will give your child their login and they only have access during Maths Week. (Their teachers will give the children their login and they can continue to take part at home. In the past we have appreciated your support in encouraging your children in making maths fun).

The aims of Mathsweekengland are: 1. Raise the profile of mathematics throughout England 2. Change the conversation about maths in the population at large to be more positive. 3. Allow children and adults from all social and economic backgrounds to access and enjoy interesting mathematical experiences. 4. Support teachers to plan special low-cost high-impact maths activities at their own schools during Maths Week. 5. Make maths accessible and enjoyable for people who though it was an elitist subject for 'clever' people: 'love and enjoy' is a worthy goal!

Turning on the Lights

Please put this date in your diary to kick off the festive season. The children and staff will be singing along with local residents. This will be taking place on Sunday 1st Dec at 4:30pm by the Village Shop. We look forward to see you all there!

Race Night

This is a charity event for OKOurKids, who as you know have worked with the school to produce the Watch Out Book, now given to every child in schools in Bucks. They are having a Race Night which is taking place on Friday 29th November at Wrights Meadow Hall (behind the retail park, Wycombe Marsh) at 7pm. This is a worthy cause that it is close to heart of HPS's Ethos. Funds raised for this event will be going back into the school funds. There will be food and a raffle as well as watching the races!

Children in Need

This Friday 15th November is Children in Need. We are having a Mufti Day at school and children can bring in money for cakes and biscuits that will be sold in the hall from 2:45pm and we are asking for a £1 donation for children wearing their mufti clothes.

Scooters & Bikes at School

Please can all parents make sure that their children store their bikes and scooters in the rack. Once we have handed children over to parents at the end of the day it will be helpful if you can try and keep your children with you as it does get very busy as the different year groups come out of school. If children can refrain from using their bikes and scooters around the courtyard at this busy time it will make it a safer place for everyone. You can also view the letter that was sent out to schools regarding this.

School Clubs

The Clubs Timetable is updated termly and provides all the information you need. Please go to the Clubs tab on the school website to view the clubs happening this term. Details on how to book and pay are instructed on the timetable. We have lots of flyers in the school office with various clubs happening in and around the local area too, if you wish to know more. Unfortunately, some clubs have now been cancelled due to low take-up.

Any hardcopies of the Clubs letters needed can be collected from the school office or printed directly from the school website.

PE Kits

This is a gentle reminder for each child to bring into school a fully named and labelled PE kit. Without it they will not be able to take part in these lessons.

Wellies and Coats also need to be in school for when we have bad weather and/or classes taking part in Forest School activities. Please help your child to come to school prepared for what they need to fully participate in all lessons and activities.

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@buckscc.gov.uk both at Hughenden and other local schools.

Swimming

Year 3s and selected KS2 students (who still need to complete their 25m award) need to remember to bring in their swimming bags for lessons every Wednesday afternoon. Dates are listed in the term dates below and on the school website calendar. Children should bring in Pyjamas or long sleeved top and bottoms for water safety sessions as well as their swimming kit for Wed 13th November and Wed 20th November.

We have posted a 'Water Safety' poster under the Swimming section of our website which we encourage the children to look at.

Parking at drop off and pick up

As a school we work hard to reduce congestion and traffic pollution in the local areas and as our school continues to grow, we are aware that pollution levels are increasing. We are, once again, asking for your help in the following ways and to make you aware of a few facts:

- Please switch off your engines while waiting for the children
- Pollution from engines affects us all and can exacerbate ongoing health issues such as asthma
- It is **illegal** to sit in a parked car with the engine running
- It is an obstruction to park within 10 metres of any corner.

Only parents with Parking Permits issued by the school can drive onto the school site. Please make use of the valuable crossing patrol or park at the Village Hall and walk to the school.

Crocodile Trail

It's 8.45 in the morning and the roads around the school are thick with traffic. Parents are dropping off children with their engines still running, while others drive around searching for a parking space. It's a problem that occurs outside most schools, and a problem that could be helped by a Crocodile Trail.

More commonly known as a "Walking Bus", the *Crocodile Trail will allow children to walk from Hughenden Village Hall to School with the supervision of school staff and some parent volunteers.*

We will be starting the Scheme w/c Monday 9th September 2019 which means the first crocodile walk will be Tuesday 10th September 2019. Priority will be given to children who usually travel to school by car.

Permission forms have been emailed to parents via eschools which need to be completed before taking part. These are also available in the school office. If you want any further information about the scheme, please contact Mrs Ali or Mrs Wainwright, The Crocodile Trail Coordinators.

School Prospectus

Our newly updated school prospectus is now available to view on the school website under 'About Our School'. We currently have 1 more Open Day coming up on 3rd December.

Parents Evening

The Second Parents Evening is coming up on Monday 18th November with your child's class teacher. Staff will be keeping to a tight schedule, allowing 10 minutes for each appointment, due to a letting in the school hall at 6.15pm.

If you have any queries about how to book your appointment or need a reminder of your Eschools login, please contact the school office.

School Trips

Thank you to all our parents who return trip consent forms promptly, it really does help us get the vast amount of required paperwork sorted – we have more trips lined up for this term as well as Forest School and Swimming so do keep a look out for letters that require your consent.

Last Day of term and Wrap Around Care

With immediate effect, it is no longer viable to run the after-school club on the days we finish school at 1.30pm. This only relates to the last day of the full term, i.e.: Christmas, Easter and end of the Summer term. Most parents make their own arrangements and over the past 3 occasions there have been 2-3 bookings which doesn't cover the outgoings. By giving you enough notice, we hope any inconvenience will be minimal.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 18 th November 2019	Parents Evening, 3-6pm
Tuesday 19 th November 2019	Year 4 Chiltern Rangers Trip, letter to follow
Tuesday 19 th November 2019	KS2(Not Year 4) Cinema Trip, letter to follow
Thursday 21 st November 2019	KS1 Cinema Trip, letter to follow
Friday 22 nd November 2019	Year 6 Piper's Corner – French Play, letter to follow
Tuesday 26 th November 2019	Year 5 Trenchard Museum, letter to follow
Sunday 1 st December 2019	Carols and Switching on the Christmas Lights – Hughenden Village Hall
Tuesday 3 rd December 2019	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 4 th December 2019	Y3 Swimming finishes for the term
Wednesday 4 th December 2019	Foundation 'Winter Olympics' Sports Festival, letter to follow
Friday 6 th December 2019	Y5 Forest School (1 session only until new term begins)
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Thursday 19 th December 2019	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish (No Quackers club)
Thursday 19 th December 2019	End of term parties, AM 1:30pm finish

Monday 30th March-3rd April 2020

Year 6 Calshot Residential trip

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