



# Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – February 2020

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## SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to the new year we have had so far! Please read the articles below updating you on upcoming events and celebrating the children's achievements so far this term.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Ackland and her family, who recently gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Iris Winter Ackland, on 20<sup>th</sup> January, weighing 6lb 10oz. Mum and baby are doing really well and Iris is enjoying lots of cuddles with her proud big sister!

### KS2 Cross Country

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Sports Partnership Cross Country Festival which is being held at The Misbourne School on Wednesday 5 February 2020. Spaces are limited for each year group and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis so please could you return your forms as soon as possible. Copies of these can be found under the 'News' tab on the website.

The children will leave school after lunch at 12.30 pm and will be travelling by coach fitted with three-point seat belts. They will arrive back before the end of the school day. Please ensure your child arrives in school with their PE kit in a named bag and a water bottle. We would be grateful if you could send in a voluntary contribution of £3.00 towards the cost of the coach for this event.

As some of you have noticed, Year 3 have swimming lessons on Wednesday afternoons, so they will no longer be participating in the cross country festival. Apologies to those children who had already sent in their forms and contributions and were keen to take part. Envelopes with refunds are available to collect from the school office.

### Year 6 Literary Festival

We will hear from an author, Isabel Thomas, who is passionate about the subject we are currently studying and has written the book 'This Book is Not Rubbish'. Pipers Corner School have also offered the children the chance to purchase a signed copy of her latest books, ahead of time through the attached order form. If you would like one for your child, please return the form and appropriate money to the school office by Monday 3 February 2020. These books are also available to purchase, unsigned, online as well. Copies of the form can be found under the 'News' tab on the website.

The workshop and festival begin at 9.00 am promptly, so we will need to **meet at the Harrow carpark at 8.15 am promptly on Friday 7 February 2020 to walk up the hill to the school in time for a 9.00 am start.** We will be walking back to school in time for lunch. As this is a local walk, permission for this trip is covered by the 'Annual Consent to Local Off-Site Visits' form.

### NSPCC Number Day

A separate letter from Mrs Penfold & Mrs Churchman was sent out last month with details of the activities taking place on the day. This can be found under the 'News' tab on the school website. NSPCC Number Day will be taking place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **Outstanding Balances for Hot Lunches**

Please can all parents check their child/ren's balances on their School Grid account and ensure that any outstanding monies are paid. You can opt in for email and text reminders if you feel this would help.

### **Polite Notice from Residents**

We have received communications recently from residents, in the neighbouring roads to the school, about excessive noise and inconsiderate parking. Please remember that this is a residential area and that families travelling to and from the school need to respect this. If there is nowhere suitable to park on the roads nearby, please make use of the car parks close by at The Harrow and The Village Hall. Thank you in advance.

### **Extra-curricular Clubs**

We have a great variety of clubs for all year groups on offer every term. With all our clubs, we rely on take up to keep the clubs running to make them viable. We really encourage our students to participate in these fun activities. You might even find a new hobby or sport you enjoy! Go to our 'Clubs Timetable' on the school website (found under the 'Clubs' tab) for booking details with each provider.

David Joy, who runs Activ Kids, has just started two new clubs with us this term. There is a Monday breakfast club doing Multi Sports and an after-school session on a Friday doing Golf and Multi Skills.

### **The Theatre Shed**

The Theatre Shed are a charity that run children's theatre workshops for ages 6-11 years. They currently have spaces in one of their local workshops at The Beacon Centre on a Tuesday evening. All abilities are welcome! For more details, please see the attached flyer. Further information can be found under the 'Community Groups' tab on the school website.

### **Future Pillars Zambia Appeal**

As a school, we raised £248 for the Future Pillars Zambia Appeal! This is tremendous news and your kind donations will fund almost 5 children for a year. The children should feel really proud for helping to make such a positive impact on the work this charity does. Year 6 have written a short write up about this and you can read it on the school website under 'News'. You can also read the letter we received from Mr Barry Gransden, who has passed on thanks from the Headteacher at Family Future Community School in Zambia.

A special thank you also goes to Mrs O'Malley, Mr Meatyard, Mrs Brinkworth for running such a spectacular event and making it a success all round.

### **Inset Days for 2020**

Although it may feel like a long way off (!), we have set an inset day for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. The second inset day is yet to be agreed. Please check the school website calendar for updates and diary dates.

### **Parents Evening**

The dates set for parents evening are Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We have created a later session and another straight after school to accommodate working parents. You will be able to book your appointments from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. If you have any queries about your appointments or are unable to attend please contact the school office.

Parents in Foundation, please ensure you have your eschools login setup as you will not be able to book without it. If you need a reminder of your login details, please contact the school office to reset them.

### **PE Kits – Reminder**

Please can all children ensure they have their full PE kit in school every day so they don't miss out on their PE lesson. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Foundation & Year 6 – School Nursing Team**

Parents are again being asked to email the School Nursing team if they wish to "opt out" of either the *National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP)* for Years R & 6 or the *Vision Screening* for Year R.

Paper copies have been previously emailed out to parents with children in these year groups. If you require a hardcopy, please contact the school office. There is more information on the school website under 'News' > 'February'.

**The school no longer collect 'opt out' information on behalf of the school nursing team at their request. They ask parents to contact them directly via email or phone.**

## **High Wycombe Library – Theatre Show**

The performance is suitable for children aged 3-7years and lasts 45 minutes (no interval). There will also be an opportunity for the children to meet Goose and friends after the show! Tickets are available from the library or via Eventbrite. The links to these can be found under the 'News' tab on the school website.

## **One Can Trust**

Every year we ask for donations towards the 'One Can Trust' as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. We recently received an email, thanking all of you, for your kind donations last year. In total, the trust managed to send out 5608 food parcels which helped over 10'000 adults and children across the country!

This year they have teamed up with Wycombe Wanderers Football Club and they are collecting donations at every home game they play. They are particularly requesting donations of tinned meat goods and vegetables.

## **'Respect Me' Campaign**

Last week (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January) was the start of the School Crossing Patroller campaign 'Respect Me – It's The Law'. This will highlight the valuable work carried out by our Patrollers and remind all road users that they have a legal duty to stop when they are shown the 'lollipop' sign by a Patroller wishing to assist children and adults across the road.

They are launching the campaign because of growing concerns that drivers aren't always stopping and unfortunately they have also seen a rise in abuse and aggression towards Crossing Patrollers. As part of the Campaign the patrollers have been asked to wear an orange tabard over their coats for 4 weeks – until the half term holiday.

Mark Shaw Cabinet Member for Transportation said *"We need to raise awareness not only of the good work carried out by our Patrollers, but also to remind drivers that it's important they do stop so that children (and adults) can cross the road safely."*

## **SPRING TERM 2020**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020	<b>Parents Evening booking opens</b> Year 3 Energise rehearsal @ Wycombe Swan
Wednesday 5th February	Cross Country, KS2 @ Misbourne
Friday 7th February 2020	NSPCC Number Day Year 5 Young Voices, Wembley Arena, 11am Year 6 Pipers Corner Literacy Festival 9-10am
Monday 17th February 2020	HALF TERM (17th – 21st February)
Monday 24th February 2020	Back to school
Monday 24-26th February 2020	Bikeability – Level 2 -Year 5 – details to follow

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	School Nursing Team, Foundation class, 1.30pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	Year 3 Energise Rehearsal @ Wycombe Swan
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Friends Meeting – 7.30pm all welcome
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	World Book Day – more details to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Parents Evening booking closes
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 5 Tag Rugby @ Misbourne Parents Evening, 5pm – 8.30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Parents Evening, 3pm – 6pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 3 Multi Activies @ Little Chalfont
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March & Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	Year 3 Energise performance @ Wycombe Swan
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Science Day – whole school
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March-3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Year 6 Calshot Residential trip
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	Hazard Alley – Year 4 and Year 5 - 8.45-4pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Last day of term, 1.30pm finish
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	EASTER HOLIDAYS (6 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April)

### SUMMER TERM 2020

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Friends Meeting – 7.30pm all welcome
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	Year 6 Ufton Court – further details to follow
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	Travelling Book Fair arrives (open Mon-Fri times tbc)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020	Tempest traditional class photos, Hoppers-Year 6 Non-school siblings from 8.30am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Friends Meeting – 7.30pm all welcome
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Year 6 Games Festival @ The Misbourne

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