



# Hughenden Primary School

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## Newsletter – March 2018

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7<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support, especially over the last few days. Our ongoing commitment with our parents and families is to remain open whenever possible.

We do, however, stress that if a family feels that it is unsafe to travel to school, they must send us an email with the reason for their child's absence so that we can mark this with the correct code on our attendance.

### SCHOOL NEWS

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#### **Parents Evening**

We have decided to transfer all appointments from the 1<sup>st</sup> March over to the new date 22<sup>nd</sup> March, with the exception of Year 3 whose parents evening has been moved to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. All appointment times remain the same as they were on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

The booking system on Eschools has been amended to reflect this. For anyone unable to make the time on the new date, please contact us and we will look at rearranging the times. We regret we are unable to offer any other alternative dates other than these.

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

#### **Matific**

Hughenden Primary School is pleased to be taking part in the MATIFIC GAMES. This is an annual inter schools maths competition with the opportunity to win prizes for the school. The children will be given a special password to access the MATIFIC website from 1st - 14th March, when they will be able to earn stars for the school. It begins with a practice week 1-6th March and then the actual competition is 7th - 14th March.

We have been successful in previous competitions and it would be brilliant if you can encourage your child to take part during the two weeks. Every child will receive a pencil case for taking part.

#### **Maple and Chestnut House Treat**

We are pleased to announce that Maple (Green) and Chestnut (Blue) were the joint winners of the house treat, and therefore are having a mufti day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March for those houses only. If you are in doubt of which house your child is in, please contact the school office and we will let you know.

## World Book Day

We have decided to reschedule World Book Day for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. The details that were sent out on the original letter remain the same, and can be found here:

[http://www.hughendenprimary.co.uk/website/world\\_book\\_day/332146](http://www.hughendenprimary.co.uk/website/world_book_day/332146)

## NSPCC

*"The whole school was told to raise money for a charity called the NSPCC. Year 4 did a running event and got lots of money. The whole school raised £515.30 for NSPCC. They were very happy that the money we raised is for parents and children that need help because of cruelty. Over 1 billion people call the NSPCC for help and then they have a happy life.*

*At the assembly they came and said Year 3 had the most sponsors. In the last assembly they talked about a person called Anna. Her mum and dad were arguing so she called NSPCC and told them the problem. They said they will be there in five minutes and then they sorted her problem. If you need some help call 0800 1111."*



-Daniel, Year 4

## NSPCC visit to Hughenden Primary School

*"The NSPCC (The national society for the prevention of cruelty to children) is a charity campaigning and working in child protection in the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands. They help abused children rebuild their lives, protect children who may be at risk and try to prevent abuse from happening.*

*Hughenden Primary School, a small village school in High Wycombe, was very privileged to have the NSPCC visit them twice. During their first visit, they did a whole school assembly to make children aware of what the NSPCC is and how they can help. Everyone received sponsor forms to help raise money for those who were suffering. The children were shocked to see how other innocent children were being treated.*

*A few weeks later, NSPCC revisited the school. This time they did a workshop specifically for Years 5 & 6 to educate them on different types of abuses in more detail. Near the end of the workshop, the children received a booklet which included activities based on the NSPCC.*

*Mrs. Leighton, the Head teacher, was really proud of all her pupils for raising a massive £515.30 for the NSPCC. Elizabeth, one of the team members came to collect the money and was grateful to the school. As a reward, she handed every student an amazing NSPCC badge. The children were very proud of them-selves for raising a large amount of money and were delighted to wear their badges."*

- Rehan, Year 6

## **Stamp Collection**

### **SAVE THE ALBATROSS STAMP APPEAL**

*"Since Christmas, I have been collecting used postage stamps. I read about the RSPB's stamp appeal to help save the albatross and I wanted to help out. The albatross is the largest seabird in the world. There are over 22 different species and 17 of them are endangered.*

*The RSPB is collecting used postage stamps to raise money to help albatrosses. The stamps will be sold to raise money to help rescue these birds. There are lots of reasons why the albatross needs help. One is that they get caught on fishing lines. The other is that they are eating plastic that is in the oceans. The money will go towards paying for new special fishing nets, hooks and teaching fishermen to use them. If you want more information look on [www.rspb.org.uk/join-and-donate/other-ways-to-help/save-your-stamps/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/join-and-donate/other-ways-to-help/save-your-stamps/)*

*I now have nearly 18,000 stamps but I would like to collect a lot more. Each stamp only raises a small amount so we need to collect as many as possible. Remember, the more stamps the more birds we save.*

*You can help by bringing in your used postage stamps to the office of Hughenden Primary School. There is a collection box there. It is very easy to do and doesn't cost you any money. Or you can take your stamps to any RSPB visitor centre.*

*Thanks for saving your stamps to help save this amazing bird."*

-Alissa  
Hughenden Primary School

## **Classlist**

We would like to thank all parents who have already signed up to Classlist.com. It's important to note that all Friends PTA communication and event news is now published on Classlist and this is their main platform for communicating to all parents, including event news.

For more information regarding classlist, please see the Friends section under community groups on the school website.

## **Welcome Wednesdays**

Welcome Wednesdays is a new initiative led by the Hughenden Parish Street Association to help people come together, running at the Village shop on Wednesdays between 2 & 3pm. Young or older, new to the village or longstanding resident, all are welcome. You can be assured of friendly faces.

Anne Smart is the Street Association Ward Lead and is happy to help if you have any queries or if you know someone who may need assistance or transport to and from the shop. Anne can be contacted on: 07970 037419.

## **Next Thing Education Technology Club**

Dear Parents,

We hope you are looking forward to the Easter holidays. We would like to inform you of a 2-day Technology Club we are running on Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th April at Holmer Green Primary School HP15 6TD from 9am to 3pm each day.

Our ALL NEW Robotics themed technology camps are your child's ticket to another world, with even more exciting activities for curious coders, inventors and artists. From programming artificial intelligence robots to modifying madness with Minecraft to even controlling your very own robot arm, it is the perfect place for them to push their coding skills even further and delivers an unforgettable learning experience. What's more, we are the most action packed Technology Camp for the lowest rate in the south-east, £95 in total for the 2 days.

For a full list of activities and more information please see the flyer on our school website under clubs. Spaces are limited and work on a first come first serve basis. To check availability or to enrol simply visit: [www.nextthing.education/hc](http://www.nextthing.education/hc)

If you require any further information or have any questions, please contact us on the details below. We look forward to bringing some technological excitement to your child's holiday.

Kind regards,  
Next Thing Education

T: 01442 873150 E: [info@nextthing.education](mailto:info@nextthing.education)

## **Easter Parade**

Monday 2nd April 2018

Easter Parade Widmer End Recreation Ground & Village Hall from 12 noon to 4pm

An afternoon for all the family! Bring your decorated Easter bonnet or mask and show it off in our parade. Join in with our Easter egg scavenger hunt, enjoy fish & chips or an ice cream! The Cricket Club bar will be open, plus we will be serving teas, coffees and cakes in the Village Hall. Come and join in the fun!

If you would like to donate cakes for refreshments, please contact Lyn Marchant on 01494-713454, [lyn.marchant@btinternet.com](mailto:lyn.marchant@btinternet.com) or via our Facebook page - Widmer End, Four Ashes and Hazlemere Community Group

## **Morning Drop off**

We would like to thank you for encouraging your children to come into school independently. This ensures that they make it in on time and do not miss any of their learning.

We will still continue our staff presence outside to aid the children safely into school and this will also give you the opportunity to relay any concerns with our Senior Leader, Linda O'Malley who is our lead on pastoral care who can pass onto the Class Teachers on your behalf. Alternatively, if you would like to speak to the class teacher, you could send a note in or see them after school between 3:30-3:45 as part of our open door policy.

## **Quackers**

If you have any wraparound care needs, or if your child is just looking for something fun to do, Quackers can provide childcare before and after school. Please ensure you have completed their booking form prior to turning up, which can be found on their website.

### **Breakfast Club**

Upon arrival, the children will be offered Breakfast consisting of a choice of cereal, along with toast with various toppings, yogurt and fruit. Should your child have a favourite cereal that they do not stock please let them know and they will do their best to cater for them (please note that they are a nut free club so there may be certain cereals they cannot provide).

### **After School Club**

Once all children have arrived and the register has been taken, they all go outside and play until 4.30PM. This allows children to get some fresh air and give them the opportunity for physical activity such as football, skipping, rounders etc. There are also areas where the children can just sit and talk outside should they be tired after their day at School.

If your child is staying past 4.30PM, they will be provided with a snack. Their snack normally consists of a choice of two of the following foods being Rolls, Sandwiches, Wraps and Cracker Bread. For fillings, there is always a choice of Ham slices, Chicken slices, Cheese, Quorn, Marmite, Jam and Honey. With every tea two varieties of Vegetables and two varieties of Fruit are offered.

For more information on Quackers after school club, please visit their website at:

<https://www.quackersoutofschoolclubs.co.uk/hughendenprimaryschool-afterschool>

## **Ubiquitous Theatre – My Mother Said I Never Should**

The Ubiquitous Theatre Company will be performing 'My Mother Said I Never Should' at the Hughenden Village Hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If you would like to watch the performance, please view the attached flyer for further details.

Tickets cost £15.00 and are available to purchase from the Hughenden Village Shop or alternatively, via email at [secretary@hughendenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hughendenvillagehall.co.uk).

## **Mercy Ships**

Following on from our previous emails earlier this year, we are still collecting donations for toothpaste, tooth brushes, foreign coins, used stamps and monetary contributions. All donations are greatly appreciated.

## **Clubs**

For information on the times of our school clubs, please refer to the timetable on our website.

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### **SPRING 2018 DATES**

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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**Maple and Chestnut Mufti Day**

**W/C Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**Science Week**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Easter Eggsplained - Year 5**

Thursday 15th March	Energize Performance at the Wycombe Swan Year 3 Parents Evening
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Energize Performance at the Wycombe Swan
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Wycombe Chair Museum Trip – Year 3
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Eggsplained – Year 6
Thursday 22nd March	Parents Evening – Rescheduled from the Snow Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
W/C Monday 26th March	Calshot Trip - Year 6 BeSpoke Cycling Instruction – Year 5
Thursday 29th March	Friends Mufti Day LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1:30PM – Quacker's will be running their after school club from 1:30pm – 6:00pm
Monday 16th April	BACK TO SCHOOL
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	RE Day
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Friends of Hughenden Primary School Quiz Night
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Davenies Maths Challenge – Selected Children from Year 5
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea Party
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tempest - Class Photos
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Great Fire of London Day – Year 2
W/C Monday 28th May	HALF TERM
Monday 4th June	BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Saturday 14th July	Hughenden Village Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends Stay and Play
Tuesday 24th July	LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1:30PM – Quacker's will be running their after school club from 1:30pm – 6:00pm

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