



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – February 2025

Dear Parents,

As we find ourselves well into the Spring term, it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown since we returned in January. The start of term may feel like a distant memory, but it has been great to see many opportunities of engaging learning experiences for our pupils. One particular highlight was our whole-school exploration of Peter Reynolds' book, 'The Dot'. It was truly heartening to see every single pupil throw themselves wholeheartedly into the tasks set. Their enthusiasm and creativity shone through, resulting in an impressive showcase of work in the school library area.



Thank you to those parents who have already completed our feedback form. Your insights are invaluable in helping us continually improve. For those who haven't had a chance yet, I'd encourage you to spare a few minutes to share your thoughts.

The form is brief and can be accessed here: <https://forms.office.com/e/9mXynkbtW>

On a more serious note, I need to address some concerns regarding parking and waiting arrangements around the school. We've received several messages from worried parents about the use of the turning circle at the front of the school during drop-off and pick-up times. To clarify, this area is not for waiting. If you're using the blue railings area, it should be for a quick 'kiss and drop' only. We also kindly ask that you refrain from parking in front of staff cars. To ease congestion, we encourage 'park and stride' from The Harrow pub or nearby streets. We are also aware of recent issues with vehicles parked at the entrance to Spring Valley Drive and have alerted the local police. We have also requested further visits from our local PCSO during busier periods. Finally, if you have been issued with a Parking Permit, please ensure your engine is turned off whilst you are parked on site and refrain from staying any longer than necessary to free the space up.

The pupils are always keen to start their learning day. Moving forwards, we ask that parents say their goodbyes before the blue gate, allowing children to walk in independently. If you need to pass a message to a teacher, please do so via myself, another the staff member at the gate, or through email or Class Dojo. The start of the day is a crucial settling-in time for pupils and relaying messages to the class teacher at this time is not suitable.



Mr Wyatt has started a lunchtime Chess Club for Years 3 & 4 on a Wednesday and Year 5 & 6 on a Thursday; both sessions have been well attended – thank you Mr Wyatt!



And finally, we have received the news that we have been

awarded a Very Good Travel Plan by the National School Travel Award. Thank you to Mrs Lane and parent volunteers for their continued hard work.

Thank you again for your continued support and, as always, if you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Kind regards, Mrs Mann

Dropping off children

We are extremely lucky to have use of our turning circle. Please be reminded not to block it at morning drop off. Unattended vehicles and parking spaces being blocked whilst dropping children off is having a knock-on effect with your child's learning schedule as staff cannot access spaces to park.

Collecting children

At the end of the school day, the priority of the teacher/support staff is ensuring that all children are collected safely and effectively. If you have a query/question, please wait until all children have left, or alternatively, send a message via dojo and the teacher can respond accordingly. We respect the work life balance of our staff so please be patient in awaiting a response.



End of school day

Please be reminded that the school day ends at 3.10pm for KS1 (not including Hoppers), and 3.20pm for KS2. We have a small number who are consistently late and it is unfair on staff who sit there and wait. If you cannot collect at the relevant times without any reasonable explanation, children will need to be booked in to our wraparound care provider, Friends at Play, assuming they have spaces.

Kids Lunch

Kids lunch are in the process of redeveloping the website to enable parents to create an account whereby they can access their orders, make changes, cancel meals & obtain credits for cancelled meals. The new system will also link to a calendar so that the ordering process is much more efficient. They aim to have the new system up & running around February half term and we will keep you posted on this as we receive updates from them.



Please remember to order your child's meals by 12PM on the Friday cut-off to ensure meals are provided. If you miss the cut-off, packed lunches will have to be provided for the whole week.



A polite reminder

Please can we ask parents not to bring their dogs onto the school site at any point. Not everyone is comfortable around animals and both adults and children can find them intimidating. Instead, please wait by the school sign or tie your dog to the railing by the sign, away from the gate, before coming onto site. Thank you for your support with this.



Feb & Easter Term Gym Camp Bookings Now Open!

HAZLEMERE CAMPS –
19th Feb & 9th & 16th April

Hazlemere Youth Centre, Rose
Avenue, HP15 7UB

MARLOW CAMP -
20th Feb & 10th & 16th
April

Court Garden Leisure Centre,
Marlow, SL7 2RE

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES
& EXPERIENCE, AGED 4 – 12 YEARS

Times: Mornings 9am - 12 noon (£18)
Lunch Club* 12 – 1pm (£4.00)
Afternoons 1.00pm – 4.00pm (£18)

*Bring packed lunch, supervised free play time

Our camps are a great mix of gymnastics and trampolining as well as lots of fun and games!

BOOK IN VIA OUR WEBSITE SHOP TODAY – www.springbucks.co.uk

USE CODE **CAMP10** FOR 10% OFF CAMP BOOKINGS OF 2 SESSIONS OR MORE
Code valid for Easter camps booked before the end of February



CRICKET COACHING MASTERCLASS

February Half Term Cricket Camps. Prepare for the 2025 season
with highly experienced County Coaches

Open to players of all abilities. Girls & Boys



Stowe School. 17, 19, 20 & 21 February.

8-10 yrs (9.30am – 12.30pm)

11-13 yrs (1.30 – 4.30pm)

£35 per day or £120 for all 4 days



For further details and to book please email:

info@cricketcoachingmasterclass.co.uk

www.cricketcoachingmasterclass.co.uk

Specialist Guest Coach –
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DEN BUILDING	TENNIS	YOGA
NERF	GYMNASTICS	DANCE

AND MUCH MUCH MORE..

Premier Education INSPIRING ACTIVITY

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Venue: **MANOR FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL,**
HP15 7PH

Dates: Monday 17th - Thursday 20th February

Ages: 4 - 12 year olds

Cost: **FULL DAY** **EXTENDED DAY**
9:00am - 3:30pm 8:30am - 5:30pm
£26.00 a day £34.61 a day

Additional Info: We are now extending our booking hours to provide a childcare service until 5:30pm to better accommodate your needs. We are Early Years Registered which allows children aged 4 & in Reception attend our courses.

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the February half-term.

Children can meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



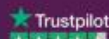
TREAT YOUR FRIENDS
TO 20% OFF...AND GET
20% OFF TOO!

*Must be used before a friend discount on any bookings only.

Contact: office-11@premier-education.com

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!



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NETBALL CLUB

VENUE: Hughenden Primary
DATES: Monday 24th February - 31st March (6 sessions)
TIMES: 3:15pm - 4:15pm
CLASS: Year 3 - 6
COST: £34.50

CLICK HERE TO BOOK ONLINE TODAY!

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GYMNASTICS CLUB

VENUE: Hughenden Primary
DATES: Friday 28th February - 28th March (5 sessions)
TIMES: 3:15pm - 4:15pm
CLASS: Reception - Year 6
COST: £28.75

CLICK HERE TO BOOK ONLINE TODAY!

Premier Education

LIMITED TO 20 PLACES



February Half Term Camp

When: Monday 17th-Wednesday 19th February

Where: Holtspur School

Time: 9.30am-3.00pm
Early Bird from 9.00am

Age: 4-10 yrs

£40.00 per day - Discounts available

Book on our website: www.calmittleminds.co.uk

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DIARY DATES 2025

10 th February 2025	Year 4 Energise Dance Rehearsal
14 th February 2025	PTFA Year 4 donut sale
14 th February 2025	Children finish for half term 3.10/3.20pm
24 th February 2025	Children back in School
25 th February 2025	Year 3 Trip to Ashmolean Museum
26 th – 28 th February 2025	Year 5 Residential - Woodrow
28 th February 2025- 7 th March 2025	PTFA Sponsored Read Week – more information to follow
6 th March 2025	World Book Day dress up
11 th March 2025	Year 4 Energise Dance Rehearsal
13 th March 2025	PTFA Open meeting - 7pm
20 th March 2025	Year 4 Energise Dance Rehearsal Energise performance at the Wycombe Swan
17 th March 2025-21 st March 2025	Year 6 Residential – Norfolk
21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day donation
22 nd March 2025	Energise performance at the Wycombe Swan
28 th March 2025	PTFA Year 2 cake sale
2 nd April 2025	Parents Evening – more information to follow
3 rd April 2025	Parents Evening – more information to follow
4 th April 2025	Mufti Day for Easter and Eid Finish at 1.30pm for End of Term
22 nd April 2025	Children back in school
28 th April 2025	EYFS Trip to Buckingham Palace – More details to follow
1 st May 2025	PTFA Open Meeting – 7pm
12 th May 2025	Year 6 SATs week
16 th May 2025	PTFA Year 6 ice pop sale
22 nd May 2025	PTFA Break the Rules Day - TBC Children finish for half term 3.10/3.20pm
2 nd June 2025	Children back in school
26 th June 2025	Year 5 to GKCS
1 st July 2025	Transition Days
2 nd July 2025	Transition Days
4 th July 2025	Inset Day – school closed for pupils
14 th July 2025	Enrichment Week – Surf and Turf
15 th July 2025	Whole School trip to the seaside
18 th July 2025	Colour Run Year 3 Ice-Pops
23 rd July 2025	Children finish for end of term – 1.30pm