



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – April 2022
SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent Phonics Workshop for parents with Mrs Messenger. If you were unable to attend, you can view the presentation on our school website. Please go to: Curriculum & Enrichment/Curriculum/KS1 and it's at the bottom of the page.

Thank you also for attending the recent parent consultation sessions. These were really well attended and feedback was positive. If there are any questions arising or follow up conversations needed please do contact the class teachers. It was lovely to be able to have parents back in school for these sessions.

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Ali will be leaving Hughenden at Easter to take up an exciting new job in a local Bucks school and we wish her luck on the new venture. Mr Creech is also leaving education and moving to work in the IT industry. There is a message from him below. We also thanks Ms Burch, whose short-term contract comes to an end this week. Ms Burch has worked in Year 2 alongside Mrs Ali this term.

As part of our ongoing school development, we have been looking at the Hughenden Values (CHEER) and considering how we 'live these' through our day to day work in the school. For any values to be effective they need to be truly embedded and permeate through all areas of school life and be upheld by staff, pupils, governors and parents alike.

We thought you might like to see what we have agreed, as a staff team, that we will strive for as we go about our daily work. We also expect our families and pupils to help us embed these values through your conduct and actions.

I would like to wish all our staff, parents and children a very happy end of term and a restful, enjoyable holiday with your families.

Kind regards
J E Garlick
Interim Headteacher



Hughenden Staff values

We **cooperate** when we know the school well and the direction in which it is heading. We mediate, communicate tactfully and listen with a flexible and open-mind. We are solution-focussed and forward thinking.

We are **honest** with each other, even when it is difficult to do so. We accept feedback and reflect on its content, showing resilience and acting with integrity.

We show **enthusiasm** when we know how to be successful; we celebrate each other's achievements. We are child-centred and see change as an opportunity, taking the initiative and being active learners.

We have **empathy** for all members of our community and take time to know and understand each other's experiences and beliefs. We show curiosity and concern for each other, placing wellbeing at the heart of decision making.

We **respect** our community by upholding professional standards. We show self-awareness and value the differences within our team, always thinking of others



From Mr Creech:

Dear Parents, children and friends of Hughenden Primary School,

It is with sadness that I announce I will be leaving Hughenden Primary School at the end of this term.

I have been at Hughenden Valley Primary for almost 9 years and I have loved my time here. While this hasn't been an easy decision for me to make, I feel like this is the right time for me to move on.

Over the years I have worked with many brilliant children, and it has been an honour to see them flourish and grow into fantastic young people. I have made many fond memories in my time here from activity days at Woodrow and residential trips to Calshot with Year 6, to Christmas unwrapped and Easter Eggsplained at St Michael's and All Angels, and not forgetting the Living Rainforest when I worked with Mrs Ali in Year 3 and 4. I will always remember and cherish these memories as well as take all that I have learned and experienced in Hughenden moving forwards.

I would like to thank all of the staff at Hughenden for all of the care and support they have shown me in my time at Hughenden as well as all the children and parents. Without them, Hughenden would not be the school it is today. I will miss working with you all and will look forward to visiting Hughenden Primary in the future.

Mr Creech

Ancient Greek Day – Year 4

Hughenden Primary School could have easily been mistaken for Athens as the children in year 4 celebrated Ancient Greek Day last week! So many amazing outfits! Wrestling school was a big success!



Hughenden Hoppers Preschool

We have a few spaces remaining in our Hughenden Hoppers Preschool for the Summer Term and are now taking bookings for the Autumn Term 2022 and beyond. If you are interested in confirming a booking, please head over to our school website for the booking and funding forms. These can all be found under the Hughenden Hoppers tab. If you have any queries, or wish to book a visit, please call us on the school number to arrange this.

If parents wish to increase the hours their child currently attends ahead of the Summer Term, please contact Mrs Brinkworth to discuss further.

School Travel Plan initiative

We have some fun events planned to support our School Travel Plan – further details will be provided in the May Newsletter but here are the dates:

Walk to School Week – 16th-20th May 2022

Happy Shoes Day – 17th May 2022

Bling your Bike – 27th May 2022

Building Shelters – by Hamza

In school recently, year 6 made shelters in the Nature Reserve Area. I found that it was fun: we had no restrictions to our imagination but I also had a wonderful group of six friends of mine.

In order to start, my group and I received a bag full of resources: tarpaulin, ropes, and blue (washline) pegs. As soon as our design was decided, we set off to work. Everybody had their own jobs but we also helped each other. We were concerned about winning and hopefully receiving a reward.

After trial and error, my team and I found it a struggle to build the shelters: we all had to reach up high since the tarpaulin kept dipping down from the middle. Our design was to attach the tarpaulin to four slim trees with some rope. It would be able to stop us from getting wet, however it was not wind-proof.

After the hardship of putting everything together, Mrs Messenger - the year 6 teacher- had two litre bottles full of water and splashed it onto all of the tents. To my amazement, our tent stood tall and did

not fall. Even though the majority of the year 6 were wet, we all had extreme fun and went back to class.

Building Shelters – by Shyna

On Monday 7th March, we built shelters and it was really fun! We were split into groups of 5 and 6 and we worked together, as a team, to try and create a shelter which was protective of water if it started raining. As we were working together, I felt really happy and excited as we did manage to make the shelter with success; we did fail a few times but we tried again!

We had equipment such as: a waterproof protection so we didn't get wet; pegs to hold the shelter together; strings to attach the cover to something if essential; and lastly, a hammer to put the pegs in the ground. The most important part was that we worked as a team otherwise we wouldn't have succeeded in making the shelter!

Additionally, we created the shelters because we are learning about how to survive on a desert island. In order to survive on a desert island, the most vital step you must do is to create a shelter otherwise surviving on a desert island is most unlikely. As shelter is the most important tool in survival, we created shelters based on what we were learning about. I had lots of fun creating the shelters (I would do it again if there was an option)!

White Rose Maths - 1-Minute Maths App!

White Rose Maths have introduced a new Maths app aimed at KS1 to help pupils build their number confidence and fluency.

You can visit the website to download the **free** app and find out more details.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>

RED Nose Day – 18th March 2022

Thank you to everyone who contributed to **RED** Nose Day – we raised £130 which we will be sending to the charity on the school's behalf.

Foundation Height and Weight Checks – Wednesday 6th April 2022

All Foundation children, unless you opt out, will have their height and weight checked by the School Nursing Team as part of the National Childhood Measurement Programme. This is taking place in school on Wednesday 6th April 2022.

This year parents are being asked to register on an online Parent Portal and opt-out if they do not wish their child to be measured. The letter, with the link, was emailed to all foundation parents on the 9th March. Should you have any queries, please contact the School Nursing Team directly to discuss. Their contact details are on the letter that was emailed out.

Easter Holiday Camps



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HUGHENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mon 11th - Thurs 14th Apr | Tues 19th - Fri 22nd Apr
8.30am-5.30pm
Ages Reception - Year 6 £28/day

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Easter & Summer Gymnastics and Trampolining Camps

Throughout the Easter, Half Term and Summer Holidays we will be running some fun and action-packed gymnastics and trampolining holiday camp days for ages 4 – 11 years, with the option for half or full days.

Please visit our website www.springbucks.co.uk and click on the Holiday Camp section for more details on how to book in via our website shop.

VENUES: Hazlemere Youth Centre, Rose Avenue, HP15 7UB
Court Garden Leisure Centre, Pound Lane, Marlow, SL7 2AE

DATES: Running Tuesdays & Wednesdays at Hazlemere Youth Centre and Thursdays at Court Garden each week throughout the school holidays

PRICE: £16.00 for a half day (9am – 12 or 1 – 4pm)
£35.00 for a full day (9.00am – 4.00pm)

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Charlie Waller Foundation – resources for parents

Please see by following the link below, a series of FREE webinars for parents to help support their children with various issues.

<https://charliewaller.org/what-we-offer/schools/free-webinars>

Covid Guidance Update

I am sure you are aware of the Governments latest communication in relation to Covid rules - **moving from "government restrictions" to "personal responsibility"**.

Whilst there is now no legal requirement to self-isolate after a positive Covid test, pupils and staff who test positive are still advised to remain at home for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

The removal of Covid rules in schools

Recent guidance published by the DfE reads: "If parents insist on their child attending nursery, school or college when they have symptoms, the school or nursery setting can take the decision to refuse your child if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with Covid 19." Any decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice."

At Hughenden Primary School, we expect that the vast majority of our families will follow the updated guidance and keep their child off school if they test positive for Covid, informing the school office so that we can monitor cases and update other families where appropriate as we have been doing over recent months.

The UKHSA guidance is clear that, while there is no longer a legal requirement for people with Covid to self-isolate, if you have any of the main symptoms of Covid or a positive test result, **the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.**"

The DfE's operational guidance "appears clear that schools and colleges should have robust policies in place that anyone with Covid symptoms should be asked to stay at home and take a PCR test, and that **anyone with a positive test should be required to stay at home for 10 days or until they test negative for two consecutive days from day five, whichever is the sooner**".

We appreciate your ongoing co-operation.

Friends of Hughenden Primary School

A big thank you for to The Friends who organised a fun Easter Egg hunt for children after school on Friday. The rain just about held off and lots of fun was had by all who went.

The PTA will update you on next month's newsletter with their upcoming events for the Summer term – please support where you can.

SPRING TERM 2022 DIARY DATES

25/4/2022, 8/7/2022, 02/09/2022, 21/10/2022, 19/12/2022, 20/12/2022, 07/07/2023	INSET DAYS remainder of 2022 INSET days 22/23 academic year
12 th January 22 – 30 th March 22	Swimming – Year 3
1/4/22	PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school
6/4/2022	Year 1 & 2 trip Wycombe Museum & Rye Park Year 3 Sports Festival @ The Misbourne (instead of swimming) cancelled due to expected poor weather forecast Foundation Height and Weight checks Year 5 & 6 Easter Eggsplained at St Michael & All Angels
8/4/2022	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish
11th-22 nd April 2022	Easter Holidays
26/4/2022	Y4 and Y5 – Young Voices – NEW DATE
28/04/2022	Sports Festival Y2 @ The Misbourne
4/5/2022	Y6 residential Parent Information meeting, 8.30am Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne
16 th -20 th May 2022	Walk to School Week
17 th May 2022	Happy Shoes Day
23/5/2022	Tempest Photography – Class Photos
26/05/2022	Sports Festival Year 2 @ The Misbourne
27 th May 2022	Bling your Bike
30 th May – 3 rd June 2022	Half Term
6-10 th June 2022	Isle of Wight Year 6 Residential
18 th -25 th June 2022	Drowning Prevention Week
8/6/2022	Sports Festival Year 4 @ The Misbourne
23/6/2022	Sports Festival Year 6 @ The Misbourne
7/7/22	Sports Day
12/7/22	Sports Day – (reserve date for inclement weather)
13/7/2022	Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne
16 th July 2022	Village Day – Heroes and Heroines Past & Present more information to follow
20 th July 2022	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish