



# Hughenden Primary School

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**Newsletter – December 2022**  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the Autumn term and the start of the Christmas holidays is nearly upon us. A lot of learning has taken place since September and it's pleasing to see the progress being made by all – not only in the pupil books but the personal confidence by all.

Year 5 welcomed 'History Off The Page' into school last week and they experienced what it would have been like to live during the Anglo-Saxon period in history; this was an amazing opportunity and it enabled their class learning to be strengthened. Year 4 are planning a 'Greek Day', so do check the Class Dojo feed for further details.

Teaching and learning planning preparations have already begun in relation to the Spring Term and also any up-and-coming trips and visits; we will of course share this information as soon as possible.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Michael and his family who has started with us in Year 5 this term.

We held our 3rd Open Morning for prospective parents for children due to start Foundation in September 2023 this week. If you have any local friends or family looking for a school place, then please ask them to contact the school office for further details. We have our last Open Morning planned for the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Unfortunately, due to a change in circumstances, Mrs Anwar is no longer able to take up the receptionist post at Hughenden so we have re-advertised the post. We will keep you informed.

Christmas is a magical time of year in schools and we have many planned Christmas events taking place so please take a moment to note these dates in your diaries.

Kind regards,  
Katherine Mann - Headteacher

### Helping Hands Team

We have been asked by Buckinghamshire Council, to make you aware of the Helping Hands Team who are there to support families in need. If you have any concerns over the cost of living, for example, head over to their website for more information. <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

### Dolce Update

Following a meeting with the Operations Director and the Operations Manager at Dolce, they are having to make some changes to the amount of additional food that is sent on a daily basis. This was previously set at 12-15% and will be reduced to 5% per day to allow for spillages only. This isn't just to reduce wastage, it's also to weigh up the increased costs they are facing as a company and to avoid any increase to their charges. Parents can help by ensuring all pre-orders are placed for meals required. Teachers will really appreciate this also as it saves them time at registration and ensures learning starts promptly.

If your child is absent for the day and you've pre-ordered your child's/ren's lunch, please cancel this commitment on Schoolgrid before 9.30am as this will further help reduce unnecessary food wastage.

Please note, with immediate effect, parents will be unable to pre-order a meal if there are no clear funds on the account. This is to reduce the administration burden of chasing up old debts.

The menus are on the school website under Parent Hub/Hot School Meals for the Autumn Term, Christmas Menu and Spring Term.

Here are the cut-off ordering times to make a note of:

Parents pre-ordering at home cut-off 8.55am

Classroom ordering cut-off 9.30am

School office cut-off 9.45am

### Nuts and Allergies

We are asking for your help to ensure our children with nut allergies are not put at any undue risk. Please can we ask you not to provide your child with any food products containing nuts. This includes Kinder chocolates in packed lunch boxes. If you can check the ingredients first, it would be appreciated. If in doubt, don't include it and keep it for a snack at home instead.

### Carols around the Christmas Tree – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm – All Welcome



### **8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Dolce Christmas Lunch**

In order for your child to take part in the Dolce Christmas Lunch, they need you to pre-order using your Schoolgrid account in the normal way before 8.55am on the day, or beforehand.



### **8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children**

Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers/top/sparkly clothes on the top half with normal uniform and school shoes on the bottom half. Your donation of £1 towards Save the Children would be greatly appreciated.

If children would rather not participate in these events, they should wear their school uniform to school as normal.

### **Year 4 – Young Voices**

The children in Year 4 have been working hard in music and are really looking forward to performing in Young Voices 2023. They are excited to be part of a massed choir of 5,000 children singing and dancing at the magnificent Wembley Arena. Taking part in enrichment activities such as this are very special, giving the children an experience and memories that will stay with them forever. They are being joined by a few children from Year 6 who loved it so much last time, that they want to do it again!

### **Carols around the Tree - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

We will again be leading the singing at our local traditional event, 'Carols around the Tree', which is due to take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm. We will be practising our Christmas songs in school and are looking forward to welcoming the start of Christmas in the village. Please try to come along and support this popular, festive local event.

### Hughenden Manor at Christmas - singing on Saturday 10th December 2022

We are thrilled to have been invited to take part in this year's Christmas celebrations at Hughenden Manor. Our choir will be singing at 11am on Saturday 10th December. Our performance will last about 30 minutes.

We would love as many children as possible to be involved in representing Hughenden at this festive activity. If your child is interested in taking part, they will need to join the choir. Please ask them to come along to the Music Corner on Wednesday lunchtime from 12.30pm to 1pm.

### Christmas Assembly – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Keith, the Vicar from St Michaels & All Angels Church will be joining us for a Christmas Assembly on Tuesday. This is just for children. Parents are welcome to join us for carols on Thursday, see details below.

### Christmas Carols at school – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm

We would like to invite all parents into school to sing with the children. We will be congregating on the bottom playground for 2.15-2.45pm. Refreshments will then be available in the school hall for you to mingle with each other before we end the day. We hope you can join us.

### Raring to Go – Winter Publication

To view the Winter 2022 publication of Raring to Go, please use the following link:  
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/highwycombe/winter2022/>



**MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH 2022**

*Get your Christmas Jumper on again!*  
**PERMISSION TO WEAR WITH SCHOOL UNIFORM**

 **CHRISTMAS GROTTO**  
DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

 **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**3PM - 5PM**  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL



**FREE**

# Christmas

## HAF CAMPS

**21st / 22nd / 23rd  
December 2022**

**10-2pm Everyday**

All attendees will receive a nutritious lunch. For all 5-12 year olds.  
Activities include a range of sports with plenty of fun guaranteed!  
To book contact Joseph Pegg at [joseph.pegg@community-group.co.uk](mailto:joseph.pegg@community-group.co.uk)



 Community Group

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Rose Avenue, HP15 7UB

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**Christmas at  
Hughenden Church**

**Christingle  
Service**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC  
3.00 PM**

A service that tells of the  
importance of Jesus Christ  
through the symbolism of  
a Christingle.

An all-age service.

[www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk)

# FRIENDS UPDATE



## DECEMBER ISSUE 2022

### Get involved!



Christmas Fayre, Monday 12th December 3-5pm @ School Hall.

Dear all, your presents is requested! We are really looking forward to having snow much fun and filling the hall with Christmas Spirit at our Christmas Fayre. Proceeds from this event are committed to purchasing KS2 texts to support their English Curriculum.

We do need help from some Christmas elves to make it a success! There are many different ways you can help:

- 1) Donations: Raffle Prizes, preloved Christmas Jumpers, Wool for our craft table, Cakes.
- 2) Do you have an Elf on the Shelf we can borrow? We need about 4 or 5.
- 3) Time. Can you help decorate Santas Grotto? Or set up/run a stall?  
See our sign-up sheets on Classlist:  
<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/937300736>
- 4) Help set up and serve tea & coffee before the Nativity performances.

RSVP via Classlist (join our Christmas Fayre Group or email: [friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com))

## **FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

Donations: Raffle Prizes, Preloved Christmas Jumpers & Wool

## **TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

Serve tea & coffee @ 2pm Nativity

## **WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

Serve tea & coffee @ 9:30am Nativity

## **THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

Class Reps return wrapped books to school.

## **FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

Cake donations for the refreshments stall.

## **SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER**

10:30 decorate Grotto

## **MONDAY 12th DECEMBER**

Christmas Grotto & Christmas Fayre (wear your Christmas Jumper for free)

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## **Events Held**

### **PTFA Open Meeting 16th Nov 22**



Full Minutes posted on Classlist.

Main Points:

- 1) Unanimous vote to approve funding request for EYFS storage unit for outdoor scooters etc.
- 2) Unanimous vote to approve KS2 books subject to conditions agreed.

### **AUTUMN TERM 2022 DIARY DATES**

19/12/2022, 20/12/2022 07/07/2023	INSET days 22/23 academic year
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Open morning for prospective parents, 9.30am
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Carols Around the Tree, Village Hall – 4.30pm – all welcome
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Assessment Week
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to Parents – 2pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to Parents – 9.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children Dolce Christmas Lunch – order on Schoolgrid in the normal way before 8.55am
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Choir to sing Christmas Songs at Hughenden Manor – 11am
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Children can wear Christmas Jumpers to school again Christmas Grotto – AM Christmas Fayre – 3.00-5.00pm – refer to Classlist for further information
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Assembly in school
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Y6 Trenchard Museum Trip
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Carols at school – 2.15pm – all welcome
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Last day of Autumn Term, 1.30pm finish
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Back to school – start of Spring 2023 term
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Open morning for prospective parents, 9.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Swimming lessons start for Year 3 – details to follow
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Deadline for applying for a school place for Foundation September 2023 – portal closes at midnight
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	PTA New Year Discos – further information to follow from PTA on Classlist
1 <sup>st</sup> February	KS2 Cross Country Festival @ The Misbourne – details to follow
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	Woodrow Residential – Year 5
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Young Voices Concert @ Wembley Arena Year 5 Energise 1 <sup>st</sup> Rehearsal @ Town Hall – details to follow
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Half Term
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle – more information to follow
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 5 Energise 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rehearsal @ Town Hall – details to follow



25 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Energise performance Year 5 @ Wycombe Swan – details to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023 – 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Easter Holidays
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Year 2 Games @ Misbourne – details to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	KS2 SATS
w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Half Term
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood – Isle of Wight
w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Travelling Book Fair
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6 Games @ Misbourne – details to follow
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	EYFS Multi Skills @ Misbourne – details to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival @ The Misbourne – details to follow
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Energise dress rehearsal 9.30am @ Wycombe Swan Energise performance Year 5 @ Wycombe Swan – details to follow