



# Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – November 2020

## SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school for what promises to be another busy half term in the lead up to the Christmas holidays. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. This week for example the children are learning about Diwali and Remembrance and it is also Parliament week! It has been lovely getting to know your children and meet some of you at the gate this week. As some of you may be aware, I am usually the Executive Headteacher at Great Kingshill CE Combined School but am very happy to support Hughenden Primary School at the current time. We are busy finalising the school's priorities for this academic year and an overview will be sent to you once it has been completed. Obviously over half term we had the news that we were entering a second lockdown but school continues as before with class bubbles still in place. We have monitored the drop-off arrangements over the past couple of weeks and the majority of children are in school by 9am. To this effect, we would like all children to be in school by 9.00am now so teaching can start promptly. A late attendance mark will be put into the register for children arriving at school after 9.00am from **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please do drop me an email via the office if there is anything important I need to be aware of.

Kind regards,  
Miss J E Garlick  
Interim Headteacher

### School Updates:

Our after-school club continues to run as normal and Sports4kids have robust Covid procedures in place as before. Sports4kids also run sport clubs between 3.30-4.30pm which all children can access. Please go to the website/Wrap Around Care tab and click on the link to their website to book.

Tennis and football clubs are still running – please see the Clubs Timetable on the website for further details on how to book.

### Anti-Bullying Week – W/C 16<sup>th</sup> November

To highlight Anti-Bullying Week and its important message, please send your child into school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November wearing odd socks. This is a national campaign to help embrace differences. This will also be reinforced during PSHE lessons across the week.

### **Belongings and the School Office**

Please ensure your child brings everything with them to school in the mornings. Due to Covid restrictions, the school staff should not be carrying items to your child's classrooms that are brought in late. Also, please do not enter the school building in the morning or at the end of the school day. We are working really hard to keep our staff and pupils safe and to avoid cross-contamination wherever possible. If you have something to hand in, please give it to your child. If you have a message, please email or telephone the office.

### **Poppy Sale**

Poppies and merchandise have gone on sale before and after school at the front entrance. These will be available until the end of the day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

### **Change to Collection Times**

We are revising the end of day collection times to the following with effect from Monday 9th November 2020. Here is a reminder of the times.

Hoppers: 3pm	Foundation: 3pm	Year 1: 3.10pm	Year 2: 3.10pm
Year 3: 3.20pm	Year 4: 3.20pm	Year 5: 3.30pm	Year 6: 3.30pm

Younger siblings will now leave with the older sibling and the younger sibling will be kept in class with a member of staff until their allocated leaving time. Each class will be issued with an updated list of children who have siblings and the times will be adjusted accordingly. Thank you for your support, please contact the school office if you have any queries.

### **School Uniform Updates**

We hope you have seen the updates sent via E-schools with regards to returning to school uniform from the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and we are very pleased that the majority of our pupils are now in uniform. We would like to reiterate that there is a degree of flexibility this half term to allow parents time to prepare for the return to uniform so please don't worry if the whole uniform cannot yet be worn. If you have recently purchased other clothes these can be worn until Christmas after which time we would expect all pupils to be back in full uniform and shoes for the Spring term. Just to clarify:

- On PE days they may wear their PE kit and trainers for the whole day. PE kits should be taken home weekly to be washed please.
- Pupils will need a warm coat and to wear their school cardigan / jumper as the windows and doors remain open in school for additional ventilation and it is getting colder.
- Pupils in EYFS / Foundation can continue to wear jogging bottoms this half term due to the amount of time they are spending outdoors and it's fine to wear trainers, not shoes.
- PE kits can be replaced with the school PE kit when your child has outgrown their current kit.
- Please ensure your child has wellies in school so they can go on the school field at lunchtime.

For a full list of our uniform please visit our website and go to the 'Uniform' tab for all the information. PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING TO ENSURE LOST ITEMS CAN BE RETURNED PROMPTLY – THANK YOU

### **Maths Week**

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in Maths Week England. Here are the details of the competitions that we have entered, as the children will have opportunities to play in school but may wish to carry on with these at home:

**Rock Out 2020** via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com) for children in Year 1 to 6.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

**M-Fluencers Math Quest** via [www.mangahigh.com](http://www.mangahigh.com). This competition is an opportunity for children in Year 1 - 6 to have fun and improve their mathematics learning. It begins on November 9th at 7am and finishes November 14th at 6pm. Students complete mathematics activities that are set by the teacher during Maths Week England and gain medals which equate to points and prizes. If you need logins contact your child's class teacher.

### **Parliament Week**

This week, we have been digging into democracy as part of the UK Parliament Week. Children across the school have been exploring and learning about the history and function of Parliament and the rule of law. Year 6 kicked off their learning with a virtual workshop from Baroness Wheatcroft, who informs on policies on a variety of science and ethical based issues.

In Foundation, the class explored the right to vote and how everyone has different choices. Whereas in Year 1, they explored the idea of democracy by voting for classroom jobs. In Year 2, they went on a virtual trip to Parliament and in Year 3, they studied Parliament in relation to the Gun Power plot and about Emily Pankhurst and her campaign for women's rights. In Year 4, children were given the opportunity to learn more about the rule of law and the right to vote.

In Upper Key Stage Two, the Year 5 class studied how lucky we are to live in a democracy and 8 groups focused on different aspects of government and voting: how we vote, central government, local government, The House of Lords and The House of Commons.

Year 6 students tested their English, Drama, History, and Maths skills to run a whole school election. Splitting into four political parties, Progress, Vision, Transform, and Tomorrow, the children created manifestos and party-political broadcasts to share with the rest of the school. Using their scriptwriting skills, they wrote, performed, and recorded their campaign promises. Year 6 students distributed and collected in ballot papers, allowing pupils to vote for the most persuasive party.

Following the data analysis and results tables, the winner of the 2020 UK Parliament Week was the Tomorrow Party. To continue their learning and in lieu of a real trip to Westminster, Year 6 will have a virtual workshop and tour from the Parliamentary Education Team.

This week is all about creating proactive, critical, and informed voters of tomorrow.

### **Attendance Email address**

Our new email address for attendance is working well, however, we note that some parents are still using the office account. In order for your child's attendance to be recorded and responded to accurately, it is essential that you send all attendance emails directly to [attendance@hughendenprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@hughendenprimary.co.uk)

We still have the school message service available as a useful back up.

### **Getting a Covid Test**

If you need to book a Covid 19 test, please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please keep us informed and forward your results for our records as soon as they become available.

### **One Can Trust**

Thank you to you all for your support with our food collections, your support has been overwhelming. We have planned a collection each half term. The next collection dates are: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.

### **School Crossing Patrol**

The School Crossing Patrol team are currently recruiting for patrollers – if you are interested in applying please contact Georgina Longley for further information. This is a part time role or can simply be to provide cover or relief work and is a vital part of our children's school day.

Direct Dial: 01494 586639 Email: [glongley@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:glongley@buckscc.gov.uk)

### **Diwali**

This week we are learning all about Diwali, the Festival of Lights celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains around the world. Children are enjoying a range of activities which have enabled them to think about this special festival.

Activities include lantern making, diva crafts, henna decorating, and making greetings cards. We have been learning and re-enacting the story of Rama and Sita, and the children have loved seeing all the beautiful colours, dances, customs and food that is eaten during this special time.

When celebrating at home, please remember the new restrictions mean that you must not meet other households socially indoors or outdoors and use technology where possible to link up with family members in other households.

### **Dolce Hot Lunches**

We are pleased to have made the transition back to hot lunches Monday to Thursday. The grab bag is in place for Fridays so we have the school hall available for school activities in the absence of school trips. The menus are on the school website and all children in Foundation and KS1 are encouraged to order every day. If your child has any particular needs, please discuss this with us separately and email the office to make us aware – thank you.

If you need a reminder of your login details, please ask the school office for these so that you can order your child/ren's meals online in advance, this does save us time at registration so thank you to those who have done this already. If you pay for your child's lunches, please ensure there are sufficient funds on the account. If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office to get an application form.

### **Open Days for Prospective Parents**

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to hold our Open Days in school this year following advice from the Council. Applications for school places open in November 2020 and close in January 2021. We are awaiting our promotional film which will incorporate our Welcome message and overview of the school along with a tour of the school and grounds. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will do our best to help.

### **Parents Evening**

We are currently looking into options to hold remote appointments this term, more information will follow in due course.

### **School Nursing Team – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Flu vaccination Clinic**

All the information relating to this has been sent to parents on Eschools and can also be found on our website under News/Flu Clinic. The **deadline date to give your consent is the 18<sup>th</sup> November**. The date is also on the school website calendar as a reminder as well. In the letter attached there is a link for you to follow to give your consent for this to take place. Without consent they will not be allowed to administer this. If your child has already had their immunisation, could you please put this on the form so that the immunisation team are aware of this.

### **School Trips**

Following guidance from Buckinghamshire Council, all school trips that require coach transport, or are taking place indoors, are on hold until further guidance is made available. We are making the most of our local vicinity and organising local walks where possible until restrictions start to lift.

### Hi-Viz Day

On Friday 20th November, we will be holding our annual Hi-Viz day to mark Road Safety Week. Please could all children arrive to school in their normal school wear/uniform; however, they are welcome to wear fluorescent and reflective clothing over the top. In celebration of Road Safety Week, we will be organising a class parade and prizes will be awarded for the best dressed! Good Luck!

### AUTUMN TERM 2020

23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccinations – Foundation –Year 6 inclusive
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Maths Week
w/c 16th November 2020	Lego workshop – please return contributions ASAP  Road safety Week: <b>Friday 20th November</b> is our Hi- Viz mufti day. Pupils to wear Hi-Viz jackets and fluorescent clothes. <a href="http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/">http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of term – finish 1.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021	Tempest photos – Individual only, currently no non-school siblings or family photos
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