



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – December 2017

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Wednesday 6th December 2017

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who attended Turning on the Christmas Lights at the Village Hall on Sunday 26th November. It was a lovely opportunity to come together as a local community to celebrate Christmas. The children sang beautifully with the village choir and the local community enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine. It was great to see so many people there supporting one another on such a special occasion. Special thanks to Mrs Jones for providing refreshments and co-ordinating the programme and those who helped transport all the props and staging.



"Fabulous turnout at the switching on of the lights in Hughenden Village by the staff and children of Hughenden Primary School. Their lovely singing and smiling faces made this annual special occasion even more wonderful."

"Many thanks to the fantastic Village Shop Choir and their humorous take on the song, 'Twelve Days of Christmas.'"

SCHOOL NEWS

Grand Opening – Friday 17th November



David Lidington, Member of Parliament, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor was delighted to visit Hughenden Primary School to officially open the new three classrooms and ancillary areas on Friday 17th November accompanied by our Governor and County Councillor, David Carroll.

The Mayor of High Wycombe, Cllr Brian Pearce also attended as well as representatives from Bucks County Council, who were involved with the school from the very beginning of the project. Mike Appleyard, the Cabinet member for Education and Skills was also present along with Maria Edmonds the Education Manager who represented Sarah Callaghan the Director of Education.

An awesome cake was baked by a pupil's grandmother. This made the celebration really special. The children had written and then spoke about their feelings on the life of the school during the build as well as what it was like to be in the new classrooms and enjoying the extra space they have to learn in.

Christmas Unwrapped – Wednesday 6th December

Today Year 5 will be visiting St Michael's and All Angel's Church for their Christmas Unwrapped celebrations. The volunteers at St. Michael's Church provide a lovely opportunity for the children to wrap presents ready to distribute in time for Christmas as well as giving them a further insight into the spiritual importance of Christmas.

Christmas Bazaar – Tuesday 12th December

Excitement is mounting as the Christmas Bazaar approaches and the school hall is transformed into Christmas Wonderland! This special event led by The Friends is a wonderful opportunity for all the children to choose their gifts for their chosen family members and wrap them ready to put straight under the Christmas tree!

Each Class Rep will have been reminding you to bring in your contributions (by Friday 8th December) for the category you have been assigned as we want to ensure everyone can partake and enjoy this experience. Please be sure to note your child's name down on the clipboard.

If for any reason you feel unable to take part, please come in and speak to us in confidence.

On another note, please ensure on Tuesday 12th that your child brings in a named carrier bag, 5 x 20p coins and a list of 5 people they would like to buy a Christmas present for.

Foundation and KS1 Nativity Performances

We are delighted to inform you that our Foundation and KS1 Nativity production dates are now officially set! The titles of our performances are **The Night Before Christmas** and **Baubles!** The productions will take place in the school hall. Full details can be found on the Nativity Letter sent to parents last month. It can also be found under 'News' on our website.

Nativity Dates

Wednesday 13th December – Foundation Nativity – 9:30 – 10:00am

Thursday 14th December – KS1 Nativity – 2:00pm start

International Breakfast – Year 5 – Thursday 14th December

Year 6 children from an e-twinning partner school in Poland will be sharing an international breakfast with our Year 5 children at 10am (UK time) on Thursday 14th December. The school is based in the beautiful coastal town of Kolobrzeg and has suggested the following breakfast for us:

Cornflakes with warm milk, followed by a boiled frankfurter sausage with a slice of bread and butter.

Please note that you do not need to provide any food for the breakfast. School will supply all the ingredients.

It is not obligatory to eat the food, of course, but it would be polite if most of the children could at least taste it, as this is a social occasion in which we can show that we are 'global citizens'!

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th December

On Friday 15th December we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. A donation of £1.00 is required to wear a Christmas Jumper. All proceeds will go towards Save the Children foundation.

Christmas Carols at the Church – Friday 15th December

We are delighted to inform you that we have been invited to sing Christmas Carols at St Michael's and All Angels Church this year. The event will take place on Friday 15th December at 2:00pm and the whole school will be walking to the Church to celebrate Christmas.

A letter was previously sent out containing all the details for the occasion which can be found on our website under 'News'.

Dolce Christmas Lunch – Monday 18th December

We are delighted to inform you that our Dolce Christmas Lunch is taking place on Monday 18th December. All children from Foundation and KS1 are entitled to free hot meals therefore there is no charge. However, please ensure you pre-order you child's meal beforehand to help give Dolce an indication on numbers. If any children from KS2 would also like a Christmas meal, please select your choice in advance prior to the day. The cost of the meal is £2.40 as usual.

Please could we ask all parents to check their Live Kitchen account and ensure there is enough funds to cover the cost of the lunch. If you need your password reminder resent, please email the school office.

Last Day of Term – Tuesday 19th December

Just a reminder that we break up for Christmas on **Tuesday 19th December at 1:30pm**. Quackers will be running their after school club from 1:30pm – 6:00pm. If you would like to book your child into the club, please contact them directly and ensure that you have completed their booking forms. The children return to school on Thursday 4th January

Christmas Cards

If your child would like to participate, they will have the opportunity to post Christmas letters for their friends from today! Our Christmas Cards post box will be located in the school office until 15th December. Please ensure the envelopes are fully labelled with the child's full name and year group.

Halloween Disco Photos

Following the highly successful Halloween Disco run by The Friends, they have collated 2 files of photographs for parents to order from. The folders are in the school office to view and each photo is numbered for ease.

The photograph order form was sent out via email last week, however, copies are in the school office at the front of each file for you to place your orders.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the parents who helped make this event so much fun.

Reflection: Visit from Mr William's and his Guide Dog

"On Monday 27th November the school had a visit from Mr Williams, Carl. He came to see us to talk about his blindness and to introduce his guide dog Dancer. Carl explained that he was not born blind but lost his sight over a few years. He was serving in the Navy when he discovered he was losing his eyesight and this led to Carl having to leave the Navy. After leaving the Navy he went to work for the BBC, as an engineer.

As his sight got worse Carl found he needed a little help. He was very lucky to be given a guide dog, whose name is Dancer. Dancer is Carl's eyes and helps Carl in all sorts of ways. Dancer helps Carl to get to work by looking out so Carl can move through crowds, cross the road and avoid other dangers. Dancer is always making sure Carl is safe. We found Carl an inspiration in that he has a good Growth Mindset, he has not given up but has embraced his difficulties and has still managed to do lots of things he did before losing his eye sight. Carl showed us the importance of not giving up but facing up to the challenges we face and finding solutions to problems.

Carl's dog was very well behaved and even demonstrated how he helps Carl move around obstacles. When Carl had finished talking to us about his blindness and Dancer, he gave Dancer a small treat of a chew stick, which helps Dancer keep his teeth clean. We were all very grateful to Carl to come and spare his time to talk to us."

Billy, KS2

Child Bereavement Feedback

"As you know, we had 6 schools performing throughout the day on Friday and together you helped us raise an incredible £791.74. This is an amazing amount and is also a huge support in helping us to raise awareness of Child Bereavement UK and the work that we do, so THANK YOU so very much."

Child Bereavement UK

Club Information

Just to make you aware that the Clubs Timetable for the Spring Term will be published on our website shortly. You will also receive a copy via email for your reference.

Technology Club

Just a reminder to inform you that Next Thing Education will be offering their Technology Club after the Christmas Holidays. To sign up, please refer back to our letter sent via email earlier this term or alternatively, please visit our website under 'Clubs' for further information. All bookings are made directly through their website. However, please note that there is limited spaces available. The club will be starting on 9th January every Tuesday between 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Samurai Club

Due to the high uptake for Samurai, they are now offering the opportunity for younger children to participate in their club. Young Samurai takes place every Monday from 3:30am – 4:15pm and Little Samurai is being held every Tuesday morning between 8:00am – 8:45am. To sign up, please book via their website. Further details can be found on our school website under 'Clubs'.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Log In Details:

Numbergym – <http://www.numbergym.co.uk>

Username: Hughenden

Password: numbergym

Espresso – <https://home.espresso.co.uk>

Username: student5909

Password: hughenden

AUTUMN TERM 2017 DATES

Wednesday 6th December AM

Christmas Unwrapped – Year 5

Thursday 7th December

Hughenden Church Morning Assembly – during school time

Friday 8th December

Whole School Art Afternoon

Monday 11th December

Foundation Dress Rehearsal to the whole school – 2:30pm

Tuesday 12th December

Christmas Bazaar led by The Friends – Dolce will be providing packed lunches for Foundation, KS1 plus those who ordered in KS2 – please order in the usual way

KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Whole School

Wednesday 13th December AM

Foundation Performance to Parents – Hughenden pre-school children invited – 9:30am

Thursday 14th December PM

KS1 Nativity Performance to Parents – Year 1 and 2 – 2:00pm

Friday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children - £1.00 donation
Christmas Carols at the Church
Festive Walk from the Village Hall 8:30am

Monday 18th December

Dolce Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 19th December

Friends Christmas Party AM
LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1:30PM – Quacker's will be running their after school club from 1:30pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 4th January

BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 9th February

Friends Film Night

W/C Monday 12th February

HALF TERM

Monday 19th February

INSET DAY

Tuesday 20th February

Back to School
Calshot Meeting – Year 6

Friday 16th March

Energise Performance

Saturday 17th March

Energise Performance

Thursday 29th March

Friends Mufti Day
LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1:30PM

Saturday 19th May

Friends Quiz Night

W/C Monday 28th May

HALF TERM

Monday 4th June

BACK TO SCHOOL

Saturday 14th July

Hughenden Village Day

Tuesday 24th July

LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1:30PM

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