



# Hughenden Primary School

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**Newsletter – January 2024**  
**SCHOOL NEWS**



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to welcome the pupils back for the start of the spring term- they have all settled in well; the curriculum overviews for each year group can be found on the school website for your information and the overview for the Spring Term will be there soon.

Miss Shabbir has returned following her maternity leave and she has enjoyed being back. She will be based in Year 6 alongside Mrs Messenger and Mrs Walters. Mrs Messenger will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 26th January with Miss Shabbir and Mrs Walters continuing to be based in Year 6.

Trips and visitors are a key part to the curriculum enhancement and we have two residential trips planned for this coming term. Year 6 are heading to the Norfolk Lakes for a week and Year 5 will be attending Woodrow High House for three days; both trips will be full of fun filled activities. For parents in these year groups, pre-trip meetings will be taking place and these dates will be shared soon.

We have devised a questionnaire which we would value your feedback from regarding our hot school meal provision in school. This has been sent out on Class Dojo and the link is also here for you: <https://forms.office.com/e/w3hC5t68P4>

We value your feedback and opinions, and this survey will provide us with valuable insights into the current school meals which we provide. Your participation will be greatly appreciated and further details will follow in due course.

Thank you as ever for your continued support and as a school we appreciate this community cohesion. As always, if you have any questions, queries or matters of concern, then please do not hesitate to speak to me either in person or via email to discuss any matters you may have.

Kind regards,

**Mrs. Katherine Mann**  
Headteacher

## Starting School September 2024

A polite reminder for family's that will be applying for a school place for September 2024 intake, we have been asked to remind parents that the closing date for any Reception 2024 applications is **15 January 2024** and to make sure they don't leave it until the last minute (in case there's any problems with the portal).



## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Young Voices Choir

Year 4 will be taking part in the Young voices 2024 Mass Choir event on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to sing with lots of different other children at the OVO Arena at Wembley. The children will sing a variety of music from all different musical genres and backgrounds.

We have a small number of spaces available for children in Year 5 and Year 6 to take part in the Young Voices choir event at Wembley Arena which are available on a first come, first served basis. It's always a really enjoyable experience for the children who take part. A letter and consent form have been sent via Eschools and available on ParentPay or you can collect a form from the office if you feel this would be of interest.

## Free Meal Plans

I'm really proud to say we now have almost **18,000 families using our free meal planning service to help them plan their meals, eat better and save money** – all totally free. This wouldn't have been possible without the help from you and all the other schools that included us in their school newsletter.



I'm Theo Michaels (TV chef on Channel 4 and owner of FiveDinners.com) and wanted to also let you know we have now launched a new feature for parents and families to personalise their meal plans so they can choose vegetarian, pescatarian, gluten free, kid friendly and more! With the cost of living still affecting thousands of families we have decided to keep the site FREE for people that want our help (there is no catch – it's free for life). **Get FREE meal plans with FiveDinners.com – LIMITED TIME OFFER!**

If meal planning is a faff or you're fed up of choosing what to eat every night or just want to save money on food shopping then this is for you (and it's free if you sign up now!) FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service created by celebrity TV Chef Theo Michaels. Every week members get a new meal plan with five delicious, mouth-watering recipes with a single shopping list for the week so you know exactly what to get. You can even personalise your meal plans to suit your specific needs, like GF, vegetarian, kid friendly, under 20 minutes and more!



Sign up today to get FREE lifetime membership – no catch, just free, to help families around the UK save money on food shopping and make dinnertimes a bit easier. Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click the green Join Now button now to get free membership!

## 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 children 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.



### Premier – Gym club

Premier Gym club has a FREE taster available to all, pending availability. If you are interested please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter and contact them directly.

### Severe Weather

As we head into winter, I thought it might be helpful to have a reminder of our severe weather policy. On snowy days the following policy has been agreed to help parents:

- The school aims to open on all school days
- In the event of severe weather, a decision will be made by 8AM
- Parents will be informed of this in the following ways:  
Class DOJO  
Check the Local Authority Web Site at <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>



On icy days a path is salted from the pedestrian school gate, along the path to the main school entrance.

Please note that the car park is not salted or cleared of snow and particular care needs to be taken especially when collecting children from the After-School Club. If in any doubt please park outside the school gates and walk along the safe route.

### DIARY DATES 2023

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024                      | Back to School   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024                      | 9.30 Open Day for prospective parents                                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024                     | Application deadline for Foundation / Reception                            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024                     | Young Voices Choir Year 4 (available for year 5 & 6 to book)               |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 | February Half Term / Friends at Play Holiday club                          |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024                    | Year 5 Residential to Woodrow. 28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> March    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                       | Year 6 Residential Norfolk Lakes 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March |
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**2023 – 2024 Term Dates**

**Autumn Term 2023**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn 1

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (1:30pm finish) - Autumn 2

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas Holiday

**Spring Term 2024**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Spring 1

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (1:30pm finish) – Spring 2

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holiday

**Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Summer 1

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (1:30pm finish) – Summer 2

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Holiday

**INSET Days – School Closed for all pupils**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Extra-Curricular Spring Term 2024

| DAY       | Club                   | Type of Session                    | Start Date | How to Book   | Times                | Finish Date |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------|-------------|
| MONDAY    | Strumming Club         | Music Foundation – Year 6          | 08/01/24   | Open to everyone, instruments provided.<br><b>(Free of Charge)</b><br>Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk  | Monday lunchtimes    | 25/01/2024  |
| TUESDAY   |                        |                                    |            |   |                      |             |
| WEDNESDAY | Choir                  | Foundation – Year 6                | 10/01/24   | Choir, open to everyone.<br><b>(Free of Charge)</b><br>Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk   | Wednesday lunchtimes | 27/01/2024  |
|           | Orchestra & Music club | Foundation – Year 6                | 10/01/24   | Orchestra & Music club open to everyone.<br><b>(Free of Charge)</b><br>Orchestra & Music club is now open to everyone learning an instrument or those that have never played.<br>Email: helen@littlestrummers.co.uk | 3:20pm – 4:15pm      | 27/01/2024  |
| THURSDAY  | Samurai Kickboxing     | Foundation, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 | 11/01/2024 | Booking form on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs  | 3:15 - 4.15pm        | 28/03/2024  |
| FRIDAY    | Gym Club               | Foundation – Year 6                | 12/01/2024 | Booking link on School Website Under Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs Premier Sport – 16 places  | 3.30-4.30pm          | 22/03/2024  |

Our Wrap Around Care is managed by Sport4 Kids who offer Breakfast Club from 7.30-8.50 am and After School Club from 3.20-6pm daily. They also offer a variety of clubs each day for the first hour which is open to all children. Full details can be found on our website. Go to: Parent Hub/Wrap Around Care.

We also offer music lessons during the school day which are run by Little Strummers and Music Tutors 4U. If your child is interested in signing up for these lessons, please go to: Curriculum & Enrichment/Clubs for more information.

In order to comply with GDPR requirements, all forms need to be returned directly to the provider along with payment.



**CALL TO BOOK A FREE TASTER**

**RISE GYMNASTICS**

**VENUE:** Hughenden Primary

**DATES:** Friday 5th January - 22nd March (11 sessions)

**TIMES:** 3:15pm - 4:15pm

**CLASS:** Reception - Year 6

**PRICE:** £6.00 per session + £4.00 for badge.

**CONTACT:** 01296 620097

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### February Half Term Holiday Day

Based at Hughenden Primary School  
HP14 4LR

Available to all children ages 3 to 11

Full Session: 8 AM – 5 PM  
School Session: 8:30 AM – 3 PM

Opening Dates:  
12/02/24 – 16/02/24

£34 for a full day or £30 for a school day  
\*10% Sibling discount if booking more than one session.

Breakfast and Snacks will be provided.  
Please bring a packed lunch and water bottle along with you.  
\*Dietary Needs can be catered for. Please state on booking.

Activities to Include:  
Arts & Crafts, Cookery, Film Club, Team Games & Free Play.

*We are always led by the children's interests.*

To book your place please tick on the below link and sign up to our online booking system. Alternatively please contact me directly.  
[Schedule for Friends at Play \(supersaas.com\)](https://scheduleforfriendsatplay.supersaas.com)