



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – October 2019

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

I would like to start this newsletter off by thanking all our parents who helped with resources following our recent flood. It was hugely appreciated.

Scooters & Bikes at School

Please can all parents make sure that their children store their bikes and scooters in the rack. Once we have handed children over to parents at the end of the day it will be helpful if you can try and keep your children with you as it does get very busy as the different year groups come out of school. If children can refrain from using their bikes and scooters around the courtyard at this busy time it will make it a safer place for everyone.

School Clubs

The Clubs Timetable is updated termly and provides all the information you need. Please go to the Clubs tab on the school website to view the clubs happening this term. Details on how to book and pay are instructed on the timetable. We have lots of flyers in the school office with various clubs happening in and around the local area too, if you wish to know more. Unfortunately, some clubs have now been cancelled due to low take-up.

Any hardcopies of the Clubs letters needed can be collected from the school office.

Friends of Hughenden Primary

We are delighted to announce that The Friends' Summer Fayre raised a fantastic £3400! As mentioned in our previous newsletter to you all at the end of last year, they have already covered the costs for 15 new laptops and a new projector in the school hall in preparation for the forthcoming Microsoft upgrades to make us Windows 10 compliant

There will be more events and fundraisers happening throughout the term. More details will be shared on the school website, calendar and Classlist. Please do your best to support them as they put a lot of hard work into preparing fun events for everyone.

PE Kits

This is a gentle reminder as we start the new term for each child to bring into school a fully named and labelled PE kit. Without it they will not be able to take part in these lessons.

Wellies and Coats also need to be in school for when we have bad weather and/or classes taking part in Forest School activities.

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

Dolce Hot Lunches

The new Autumn Term menu is available on the school website under the 'Hot School Meals' tab. 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. It helps us enormously if you can pre-order at home.

Swimming

Year 3s and selected KS2 students (who still need to complete their 25m award) need to remember to bring in their swimming bags for lessons every Wednesday afternoon. Dates are listed in the term dates below and on the school website calendar.

We have recently posted a 'Water Safety' poster under the Swimming section of our website which we encourage the children to look at.

Parking at drop off and pick up

As a school we work hard to reduce congestion and traffic pollution in the local areas and as our school continues to grow, we are aware that pollution levels are increasing. We are, once again, asking for your help in the following ways and to make you aware of a few facts:

- Please switch off your engines while waiting for the children
- Pollution from engines affects us all and can exacerbate ongoing health issues such as asthma
- It is **illegal** to sit in a parked car with the engine running
- It is an obstruction to park within 10 metres of any corner.

Only parents with Parking Permits issued by the school can drive onto the school site. Please make use of the valuable crossing patrol or park at the Village Hall and walk to the school.

Crocodile Trail

It's 8.45 in the morning and the roads around the school are thick with traffic. Parents are dropping off children with their engines still running, while others drive around searching for a parking space. It's a problem that occurs outside most schools, and a problem that could be helped by a Crocodile Trail.

More commonly known as a "Walking Bus", the *Crocodile Trail will allow children to walk from Hughenden Village Hall to School with the supervision of school staff and some parent volunteers.*

We will be starting the Scheme w/c Monday 9th September 2019 which means the first crocodile walk will be Tuesday 10th September 2019. Priority will be given to children who usually travel to school by car.

Permission forms have been emailed to parents via eschools which need to be completed before taking part. These are also available in the school office. If you want any further information about the scheme, please contact Mrs Ali or Mrs Wainwright, The Crocodile Trail Coordinators.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

We are taking part in the Rotary Shoe Box Scheme again this year. As always, they rely on your generosity to provide donations for each of the age groups they cater for. **We will be accepting donations up to the 1st October.**

Parents are more than welcome to make up their own shoe box and hand into the school office. It doesn't have to be in a Rotary Shoe Box provided. Please note if you decide to do this, you will need to bring in £2.00 per box to cover the postage.

On the school website, under the 'News' tab, is a list of suggested items that can be included and a note regarding items that cannot be put in the boxes. Thank you in advance and let's make someone's Christmas extra special this year!

School Prospectus

Our newly updated school prospectus is now available to view on the school website under 'About Our School'. We currently have 3 Open Days coming up at the school they are 16th October, 7th November & 3rd December.

Parents Evening

Bookings for parents evening have been open on Eschools from the start of term. Appointments can be made for either Monday 11th November or Monday 18th November with your child's class teacher. Staff will be keeping to a tight schedule, allowing 10 minutes for each appointment, due to a letting in the school hall at 6.15pm.

If you have any queries about how to book your appointment or need a reminder of your Eschools login, please contact the school office.

School Nursing Team

Children in Years 1-6 will be seen by the School Nursing Team on Tuesday 12th November 2019. This is for a flu vaccination clinic. If you would like to opt your child out of this visit, you need to complete the form that was emailed out to you and return to the school office. If they do not receive this information, they will be seen by the School Nursing Team. The opt out form is relevant to the clinic.

Children in Foundation and Year 6 will be visited by the School Nursing Team, this is a routine visit which is in line with the National Childhood Measurement Programme. Details to follow once we receive them.

School Trips

Thank you to all our parents who return trip consent forms promptly, it really does help us get the vast amount of required paperwork sorted – we have more trips lined up for this term as well as Forest School and Swimming so do keep a look out for letters that require your consent.

Parliamentary Assembly

Following on from the trip to Parliament last year, on 24th October Kerrie Carpenter will be visiting us for an Assembly. She is a Parliamentary Ambassador that will be coming to talk to the children about the importance of democracy and the importance of voting as well as promoting British values This will lead on to Parliamentary week.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

Aldi's have an initiative that is running with the Get Set to Eat Fresh Scheme. They are giving twenty schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a health legacy at the school. Every school who enters the initiative will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

It works by collecting stickers with your Aldi shop. We need to collect 300 stickers to complete the Kit for Schools poster. You can get stickers with your shopping from 6th September - 3rd November.

If you would like to help us to win one of the kits then please bring the stickers into the office so that we can put them on our poster at school.

Bushcraft Day

With the support of the 1st Holmer Green and 1st Kingshill Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Little Kingshill Combined School is hosting an afternoon of Bushcraft. It will be taking place Saturday 19th October.

With an exciting opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in a variety of outside activities they are looking to local schools to support the event by simply spreading the word. They hope that they can get as many children as possible enjoying the outdoors. More information will be added to the school website soon.

Holiday Camps

Premier have a holiday camp which will be running during the October half term between 28th Oct – 1st Nov. All times and dates can be found on the school website under clubs. The camps are being held at Manor Farm School and Cedar Park School.

David Joy from Sport4Kids has a holiday camp that will be running Monday 28th Oct – Tuesday 29th Oct. For more information you can contact David Joy at david.joy@sport4kids.biz

Samurai Kickboxing have a holiday camp that will be running Wednesday 30th Oct – Fri 1st Nov. For more information visit www.thesamuraifitnessgroup.com

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival is 23rd October. Our Harvest celebrations this year will again support the One Can Trust, which currently supports 240 families a week in the High Wycombe area.

The Trust are relying on local schools, such as Hughenden, to boost their stock to enable them to provide food for every day of the week. Hoppers, Early Years, KS1 together with Year 3 will be having their celebration in school, while KS2 will walk to St Michael and All Angels Church in Hughenden Park for their Harvest service. A letter will be sent out on eschools with more information about the Harvest Festival.

Holmer Green Open Evening & Morning

Holmer Green Senior School have an Open Evening taking place 10th October from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. They also have an Open Morning taking place 11th October 9:30am -11:00am.

Urban Strides

Urban Strides came to school 4th October to deliver an inspirational assembly to our key stage 2 students all about taking positive action and saying to themselves “Let’s Go!” in achieving their dreams.

Urban Strides are the UK leaders in street dance education, have been seen on 36 TV channels, performed on over 150 arena stages and were the first ever street dance crew to open the Royal Variety show for her majesty, the Queen.

In addition to performance crews, they have classes for all ages and abilities and the class for your child’s age group is: Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:00pm at Royal Grammar School High Wycombe starting 17th October 2019.

Last Day of term and Wrap Around Care

With immediate effect, it is no longer viable to run the after-school club on the days we finish school at 1.30pm. This only relates to the last day of the full term, i.e.: Christmas, Easter and end of the Summer term. Most parents make their own arrangements anyway and over the past 3 occasions there have been 2-3 bookings which doesn’t cover the outgoings. By giving you enough notice, we hope any inconvenience will be minimal.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Tuesday 15 th October 2019	Y6 School Trip to the Ashmolean Museum
Wednesday 16 th October 2019	Open Day for prospective parents
Friday 18 th October 2019	JRSO Fun Day (JRSO’s only)
Wednesday 23 rd October 2019	Harvest Festival – more information to follow
Thursday 24 th October 2019	Final Day for Rotary Shoe Box Appeal
Friday 25 th October 2019	Last Day of Term
W/C Monday 28 th October 2019	Half Term
Thursday 31 st October 2019	Deadline for applying for a secondary school place
Monday 4 th November 2019	Parents Evening bookings close on eschools
Thursday 7 th November 2019	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Monday 11 th November 2019	Parents Evening, 3-6pm
Tuesday 12 th November 2019	School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccinations – Foundation –Year 6 inclusive

Tuesday 12 th November 2019	Y1 Sports Festival, letter to follow
Monday 18 th November 2019	Parents Evening, 3-6pm
Tuesday 19 th November 2019	Year 4 Chiltern Rangers Trip, letter to follow
Tuesday 19 th November 2019	KS2(Not Year 4) Cinema Trip, letter to follow
Thursday 21 st November 2019	KS1 Cinema Trip, letter to follow
Tuesday 26 th November 2019	Year 5 Trenchard Museum, letter to follow
Sunday 1 st December 2019	Carols and Switching on the Christmas Lights – Hughenden Village Hall
Tuesday 3 rd December 2019	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 4 th December 2019	Y3 Swimming finishes for the term
Wednesday 4 th December 2019	Foundation 'Winter Olympics' Sports Festival, letter to follow
Friday 6 th December 2019	Y5 Forest School (1 session only until new term begins)
Tuesday 10 th December 201	KS1 Year 1 and 2 - Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	KS1 Year 1 and 2 - Nativity - 1.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December 2019	Hoppers and Foundation - Nativity 1.30pm
Thursday 19 th December 2019	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish
QUACKERS CLUB 1.30-6pm	
End of term parties, AM	
Monday 30 th March-3 rd April 2020	Year 6 Calshot Residential trip

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