



# Hughenden Primary School

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**Newsletter – February 2019**

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## **SCHOOL NEWS**

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Dear Parents,

### **Matific Event**

We are pleased to have Quin Chandler (Matific Director) in school on **Wednesday 6th February at 2pm**. Parents are invited to come along to our workshop to ask questions about Math's Mastery for your child's year group and watch the children's demonstrations using a variety of maths resources.

Please let us know if you are able to attend by returning the slip from the letter sent out previously. Alternatively, email the school office.

### **NSPCC Mufti Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

We have re-arranged our number themed mufti day for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February to support the NSPCC number day. The children are invited to wear their own clothing and we would like them to try and wear an item which is number related. The children are welcome to wear their football shirts or face paint which involves numbers if they wish. We will be asking for a donation of £1 half of which will be donated to the NSPCC and half of which will be used to fund the Times Tables Rockstars membership for the school. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Y3 Echoes**

Tickets for the evening performance of 'Echoes 8' at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday 18 March are now available to purchase from the Royal Albert Hall Box Office. Call this number to purchase: 020 7589 8212

There are 2 dates where children are out of school for Echoes that affect hot lunches. We need to ask all parents to log onto their Live Kitchen account and cancel any hot lunches they may have pre-ordered. This will prevent any charges being added to your account where the meal isn't taken.

Please check there are no hot meals ordered for the following dates:

- Tuesday 26th February
- Monday 18th March

Thank you in advance for your support. We will try our best to check also but as these meals are chargeable the responsibility lies with parents to cancel this.

### **Bumped Head Policy – update**

Currently, we make a call home to parents for any child who has had a bump from the neck up however slight. This was trialled and welcomed by parents. The adverse effect of this though, we believe, is that some children intentionally have small bumps as they enjoy the attention they receive.

Unfortunately, this could take staff away from more serious incidents. Moving forward, staff and first aiders will assess all children who have a bumped head and administer the appropriate first aid and ensure the accident book is completed. Class teachers will be informed as well as Quackers club staff if children are not going straight home. Where head bumps are genuine we will continue to complete the head bump letter and make a call home.

## **PE Kits**

We have had an increasing number of children who do not have a PE kit held in school. Please ensure that it is kept in school or brought back first thing Monday morning so that it doesn't affect their participation in PE lessons. This includes suitable footwear for indoors and outdoor sports and warm layers for these colder months.

## **Snow Updates**

As in the past, we reiterate that you should only make the journey to school if you feel it is safe to do so. Please note that we cannot guarantee there will be a crossing patroller in place for days we open the school later. Please ensure you check updates also on the school website and the Schools County Closure list by following this link: [Bucks School Closures](#)

If your child is absent, please bear in mind that the office staff may also not be able to get into school so refrain from calling and email details of any absence, either illness or snow related instead so we can ensure attendance is accurately noted. Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

## **Parents Evening**

The dates for parents evening have been set for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Appointments will be available to book on eSchools from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Further details for parents evening will be shared on a separate letter which will be sent out after half term. More diary dates for the Spring Term can be found below. If you need your Eschools login please contact the school office.

## **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)

## **Barnardo's Support for Parents**

We're looking for volunteers to work in a structured way with families in your area who are struggling to parent children under 8. If you are interested in working with families and have experience in looking after children, you can make a difference.

If you can spare about 3 hours a week, we'll train you in how to pass on your precious skills and knowledge and we'll support you in doing a really worthwhile job. If you would like to know more, you can phone Barnardo's Support 4 Parents for an informal chat on 07715 428 690 or email [support4parents@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:support4parents@barnardos.org.uk).

## **Little Strummers**

Little Strummers is offering free Half-Term music workshops at their studios in West Wycombe.

Children of every ability are welcome; even if they've never played before and would just like to give it a go! They have different sessions for everyone. If you would like any further details or more information about Little Strummers, please go to the school website or contact Helen Sumner: 07941 282311 or [littlestrummers@btinternet.com](mailto:littlestrummers@btinternet.com).

## **Quackers – Early Bird Deadline**

This is a reminder that the Early Bird deadline for February Half Term - Easter 2019 is 23.59 on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Booking forms need to be in by then to qualify.

As spaces are limited we strongly advise sending your bookings as soon as possible so we can take steps to guarantee your place.

## SPRING TERM 2019 DATES

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| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019                                    | Matific Maths Event for parents, 2pm   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2019                                      | NSPCC Number themed mufti day  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019                                    | Cross Country Festival – Y4, 5 & 6<br>Y3 Echoes Rehearsal at Highworth School    |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019                                   | Y3 trip to High Wycombe Chair Museum   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019                                     | Mufti Day – OK Our Kids, Art Competition Rotary                                  |
| <b>w/c Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>                           | <b>HALF TERM</b>   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2019                                    | Calshot Parents Meeting – Year 6<br>Echoes Rehearsal at Spinfield School, Marlow |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019   | Bookings for Parents Evening go LIVE on eSchools                                 |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019   | PTA – Film Night<br>World Book Day – Mufti Day                                   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019  | PTA – Stargazing Astronomy event   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019                                      | Red Nose Day   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019  | Whole School Science Day – Plants & Habitats Day                                 |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2019  | Echoes performance at The Royal Albert Hall – more information to follow         |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019                                       | Y5/6 History walk to High Wycombe Rye  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2019                                     |  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019                                      | Bikeability Level 2 Sessions – Year 5  |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019  |  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2019  | Parents Evening  |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2019                                     | Parents Evening  |
| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2019                                      | PTA – Quiz Night   |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019   | Year 6 at Calshot Residential all week   |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | End of Spring Term – 1.30pm finish   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 -<br>Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019 | Easter Holidays  |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019                                       | INSET DAY  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019                                     | Back to School (Summer Term)   |

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