



# Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – September 2021

## SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy Autumn term. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and spent enjoyable time with your families and friends. We are excited to welcome back all our pupils tomorrow. A particular warm welcome to our new pupils who are joining us for the first time in Hoppers or Foundation and also to: Beatrice – Year 2          Chloe – Year 2          Alistair – Year 2          Alex – Year 5

### **Covid update**

As the government have now eased the restrictions, we have amended our internal procedures accordingly. It is now personal choice as to whether face masks and visors are worn by staff in school and when parents drop off and collect. However, we request that you maintain a 2m distance if talking to members of staff and that if you attend school events this term, you do continue to wear a face covering. The risk has certainly not gone away (and is increasing in Buckinghamshire again) so we need to continue to be vigilant.

If a member of your household tests positive, your child can continue to attend school according to government guidelines but we would prefer they take a Lateral Flow Test at home initially following by a PCR test if required to make sure they are not carrying the virus without any symptoms. You may of course, prefer to keep your child at home for a few days to make sure they do not become ill and we will also support parent's decision on this.

If increased positive cases are seen in school, we will inform parents of that class group and may need to close bubbles again if there are increased positive cases. Please do inform us as early as possible if there are any positive cases within your household.

### **Staffing news**

We are pleased to welcome Mr Matthew Morey who has been seconded from Little Chalfont Primary School to be at Hughenden each Wednesday and Thursday to work closely with Mrs McCammond and myself. This will ensure there is always a member of the school's management team on site should you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs Penfold has now returned to Hughenden following her recent absence and will resume her position as EYFS leader and we are also pleased to have Mrs Athwal back in EYFS following her maternity leave. In other staff news, Mr Meatyard has resigned from his position and will not be returning to school.

### **Term dates and timings:**

Term starts on Thursday September 2nd 2021 at **8.40am** and children should be in school by **8.50am**. Children will complete early work upon arrival to school and formal lessons will start at 8.50am so they must be in school by then. Collection will be at 3.10pm for EYFS and KS1 and at 3.20pm for KS2. EYFS will continue to leave school through Hoppers classroom. Pupils will be marked as late if they arrive at school after 9.00am.

### **Uniform**

Full uniform including school shoes and ties should be worn from the start of the autumn term. PE kit should now be brought into school and kept in school, NOT worn on PE days. The uniform list is here for anyone who wants a reminder: [https://www.hughendenprimary.co.uk/website/uniform\\_1/](https://www.hughendenprimary.co.uk/website/uniform_1/)

A reminder that the only jewellery that should be worn are stud earrings and a wristwatch. Please also ensure that any hair bobbles, bows or scrunchies are discreet and not 'fashion items.' These can be worn on Mufti days but are not part of everyday school uniform.

### **Coffee Mornings**

At long last we are pleased to be able to welcome parents back into school for a short welcome meeting. These will take place at the times below. If you are unable to attend, we will send any information home on the same day with your child. We are asking all parents to wear a face covering and to not attend the coffee mornings if you have any Covid symptoms. All coffee morning will be between 9.00 – 9.30am with the exception of EYFS which is at 11.30am.

	09.00- 0930	11.30- 12.00
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Mrs Kittler	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September		Foundation Mrs Penfold/Ms Shafique
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Mrs Hogan	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Mrs Ali	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Mrs Messenger	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Miss Shabbir	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Mrs Wainwright	

### **SchoolGrid accounts**

Thank you for all our parents for supporting us in ordering your child's school lunch from home, it really does help us. Our preference is for all pupils in KS1 to order a school lunch as this is funded from the government but if for particular reasons you prefer to make a packed lunch, that is also fine on the understanding that there will not be any spare lunch if the lunchbox is forgotten! All new parents in Foundation will be issued with a Schoolgrid account this week in time for you to place your pre-orders for next week.

**Please can parents in KS2 check their account balances and ensure there are funds available to cover all meals ordered and taken as we have been informed that some balances have been outstanding for a number of weeks. We have been asked to remind parents that balances should be cleared before the end of term, especially for children who are in Year 6 – thank you for your support.**

### **Permission to Walk Home**

Children in Upper KS2 (years 5/6), with permission from parents or carers, are able to walk home or to a meeting point – if you would like your child to do this and have not yet given consent to do so, please ask the school office for a form to complete or send an email to the school office. Please make sure your child knows the arrangements. This is for a long standing arrangement. For any last minute arrangements, please continue to notify us and supply a password if the person collecting is unknown to the staff.

### **Mobile Phones**

Children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring in their mobile phones and must hand them into the school office on arrival. Before sending your child into school with their phone, please request the permission slip from the school office. Thank you.

### **Class Dojo**

The children's details have now graduated from last year's class to their current year group. Class Dojo will be used for messages to and from school, reminders for events etc. It will also be used in school as a motivational tool, where children can earn points that they can redeem. If you are not yet connected to your child's account, an invitation will be coming to you shortly with details of how to register.

## **Friends of Hughenden Primary School**

Dear Friends of Hughenden,

### **How to keep up to date with PTA events and fundraising**

- 1) Classlist is used to convey information to parents regarding our activities. Please make sure you're checking for updates via the App or [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com)
- 2) FaceBook @Friends of HPS

### **Get involved!**

We are looking for two new Class Reps. Currently Alka and myself are on the board for the committee and class reps. We would like to get some more parents/careers involved and therefore are looking for volunteers to take on the role of current Foundation class rep and Year 2 class rep. Many hands make light work, and the more support and volunteers we have the better! If you're interested in getting involved or have any fundraising ideas, contact us at: [friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com)

Uniform donations: do you have any good quality uniform preferably with logo that you no longer need? Please donate it to the PTA so we can sell as part of 2nd hand uniform sales.

### **How can you help raise funds for our projects throughout the year?**

- 1) Amazon Smile. Earn money for our school on every item you purchase.
- 2) Stikins: Stick in Name Labels. If you are ordering Stikins name labels PLEASE use the fundraising number 10300 so that we get 15% commission. <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>
- 3) Clothes Recycling Bin. Donate any clean, unwanted adults and children clothing, paired shoes, handbags and linen.

### **Next Open Meeting:**

AGM Wednesday 15th September, 8pm, venue TBC - the board ensures the day to day running of Friends PTA Committee but can't run it alone! We rely heavily on our Class Reps and Volunteers. Thanks to all that have supported us so far.

Kind regards,  
Miss J E Garlick  
Interim Headteacher

### AUTUMN TERM 2021

2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Return to School – new academic year
1/9/21, 22/10/21, 4/1/22, 25/4/22, 8/7/22	INSET DAYS
Starting on the 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 (every Wednesday)	Swimming – Year 3
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Sports Festival Year 2 @ The Misbourne – further info to follow
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Sports Festival Year 4 @ The Misbourne – further info to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Tempest individual photographs
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Parents Evening 3-5.30pm – further info to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Parents Evening 5-7.30pm – further info to follow
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	Flu vaccination Clinic in school Foundation to Year 6
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne – further info to follow
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021	Sports Festival Foundation @ The Misbourne – further info to follow
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish