



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – April 2021

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back to the Summer
Term



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term – a term of sunshine, summer uniform and sports days and an opportunity to look ahead...

Next week we are holding parent consultation evenings and are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible to discuss your child's progress. These will again be held virtually and under normal circumstances, I would be available to answer any queries from parents. Therefore, if any parent wishes to make an appointment to speak with me next week (virtually) I will be available on Wednesday 28th April between 4-6. Please contact the office to request an appointment.

Kind regards,
Miss J E Garlick
Interim Headteacher

Staffing News

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Miss Brinkworth's baby boy who was born on the 16th April weighing 8lb 12oz. Mum and baby are both doing well. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating them on their new arrival.

We are very pleased that Ms Shafique has been accepted onto a teacher training course which she will undertake at Hughenden Primary School – great news!

Pick Up

Please can we ask all parents to keep their children with them once collected – prior to Easter and this week, children have been running around the front courtyard which is hard for staff who are doing their best to keep the bubbles separate. For their safety, children must not go on the turning circle or the mound.

Crossing Patroller and Road Safety

Please can we ask all parents to speak to their children, especially those who walk home independently at the end of the school day. We have been notified by a parent that a group of KS2 children ran across the Valley Road, narrowly missing a car which had to do an emergency stop. Fortunately, there wasn't an accident on this occasion. The crossing patrollers are also noticing a group of children who gather at the entrance of Friars Gardens waiting to be collected and have been observed on several occasions waiting/standing very close to the road and throwing flower heads picked from the grass verge into the road – this is detracting them from their job as they do their best to oversee their safety too which isn't their responsibility. I've also had reports of children crossing back to the school side of the road after the patroller has left to join friends, which you as parents may not be aware of.

Please can we ask all parents to discuss the importance of road safety with their children and ask them to adhere to the following:

- wait in a safe place, away from the main road so parents can pull in off the main road to collect
- once safely crossed, children should continue on home
- not to throw anything into the road
- observe and respect road safety at all times – stop, look and listen

The crossing patrollers are there every day both morning and afternoon and must be used for everyone's safety. Thank you.

Parents Evening – week commencing 26th April 2021

Parents evening is taking place next week and bookings can be made using your eSchools logins.

The only exception to this are the parents of our preschool children, further details have been emailed directly to them and bookings are made through the office.

All appointments will be 10 minutes and will be virtual using Zoom. Class Teachers will post the zoom link for the relevant day on Class Dojo. Please allow plenty of time to log in and ensure you are in the waiting room in plenty of time so you don't miss your appointment. Please wait in the waiting room and wait to be admitted by the Class Teacher.

The appointments differ slightly across the week according to the teachers availability, you will see the available dates and times when you login to eSchools and choose Parents Evening. All the dates and times for your child's year group will be available to view from the 5th April, 12pm onwards. Bookings will open on the 6th April, 12pm and close on the 22nd April, 12pm.

If parents need a reminder of their eSchools logins, please email the school office to request this.

Sun hats, water bottles and snacks

With the warm weather returning, please can you ensure your children arrive in school with a sun hat, water bottle, and if appropriate, have sun cream applied before coming into school – thank you. The weather can change, so a light waterproof is useful too. Please only put water in your child's bottle, not squash. The morning snack should be a piece of fruit, children are told to keep anything else in their lunchbox for lunchtime.

Tempest Photographs

The proofs for the children's photographs taken on the 1st April have arrived in school and been sent home. All the details of how to order, will be detailed on the proof. Orders can either be placed online directly with Tempest or via the order form and returned through school. Please note, if you choose to order through school, the deadline to return your orders is the Friday 7th May 2021.

We have arranged with Tempest to return on Friday 18th June 2021 to do the Class Photos with their staff – we hope the sunny weather will continue to facilitate this outside!

One Can Trust

Thank you to you all for your support with our food collections, your support has been overwhelming. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our collection for this week but the next dates are: 12th May 2021 and the 22nd June 2021.

Disabled Children's Register

We have been asked to pass on the following information to you from the Bucks Family Information Service. Please note children do not have to have a formal diagnosis to register.

What is the Disabled Children's Register?

The Disabled Children's Register for Buckinghamshire/Pinpoint is aimed at parents or carers of disabled children and young people, with or without a formal diagnosis.

This secure, voluntary database captures information about children and young people aged 0 to 19 years with special educational needs and disabilities who live in Buckinghamshire (or are the responsibility of the Local Authority).

The information, such as types of disabilities, ages, and locations, helps to plan, monitor, and develop facilities and services for disabled children and their families.

[Register here/](#)

What is a Max Card?

The Max Card is the UK's leading discount card for foster families and families of children with additional needs. Families can use their Max Card at venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission.

For more information: <https://mymaxcard.co.uk/>

Swimming Lessons – Year 3

These are set to resume next week; further details will be sent home today as we will require parental consent and payment to cover the cost of coach travel.

Can you help?

We have a brick wall that needs some attention at the front of the school – are any of our parent’s builders that may be able to help and provide a quotation? This is what we need doing:

Cordon off work area

Protect surrounding surfaces

Remove and dispose of damaged brickwork

Clean off mortar bed and rebuild top 3 courses and brick on edge capping

Approx. 5 linear metres

Point to match existing

Clear and tidy away

Thank you in advance.

SPRING TERM 2021

12 th May 2021, 22 nd June 2021	One Can Trust food collections
28 th April 2021 – 14 th July 2021 incl	Swimming – Year 3 – 11 weeks
3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
24 th , 25 th May 2021	Level 2 Bikeability
25 th , 26 th May 2021	Level 1 Bikeability
31 st May – 4 th June 2021	Bank Holiday/Half Term
18 th June 2021	Tempest Class Photos
9 th July 2021	INSET DAY
21 st July 2021	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish
2 nd September 2021	Return to School – new academic year