



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – May 2021

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our recent parent consultation evenings. Feedback has been very positive but as ever, if you have any follow up questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the classteacher or myself.

We are aware that due to the Covid situation, parents who have applied for a school place for September 2021 entry may not have been able to visit and look around the school they have applied for. Therefore, on Saturday 12th June 10.30am – 12.00pm we are holding an open morning specifically for our new Foundation pupils and those families who may wish to join our Hoppers Pre-School during 2021 / 2022 or beyond. If you would like further information, please contact the school office and please pass the information onto any neighbours or friends who might be interested.

We are waiting to hear from Buckinghamshire Council about the transition arrangements for our Y6 pupils who are leaving us this summer – we anticipate transition day/s will continue as planned in early July but as soon as we hear the definite plans, we will let you know.

Similarly, for our Year 5 parents, we expect there will once again be a presentation about the 11+ arrangements in Autumn 2021 and we will update you in due course.

A warm welcome to our new pupils:

Imani (Foundation)

Aleena (Y5)

Addito (Y4)

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss J E Garlick

Interim Headteacher

Pick Up and drop off

With the new drop-off and pickup arrangements firmly in place now, we have noticed less congestion at the school gate which is positive.

Disabled parking bay – if you do not have a parking permit, please do not park in the disabled bays. We have issued permits to families who have a genuine need and, on several occasions, they have struggled to park which is both frustrating for them and inconsiderate. We have allowed the stop and drop in the morning, please do not let children out of the car until you are at the front of the line – we are still seeing children walking across the car park which is highly dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen.

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.

Great Kingshill Cricket Club

Great Kingshill Cricket Club will be running a full season of junior cricket in 2021. Come and join us for some cricketing fun on The Common!

Starts: Sunday 18th April at 10:00 (with our award winning All Stars program and Dynamos program starting on 30th May)

Contact: chris_cricket@live.co.uk www.gkcc.org

Or sign-up for All Stars now at www.allstarscricket.co.uk

All Stars is our award-winning program for School Years 1,2 and 3

Or sign-up for Dynamos now at www.dynamoscricket.co.uk

Dynamos is our new program for School Years 4,5 and 6

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. The next dates for our collections are: 12th May 2021 and the 22nd June 2021. Here is their website where it lists how you can donate and what they are most in need of.

<https://onecantrust.org.uk/donate/donate-food/>

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

With the May Census on the horizon, we are attaching the application form for families to complete and apply for Pupil Premium and Free School Meals to this Newsletter. School receive funding for all eligible pupils who return a TRUE result which is used to support their learning in school. The check is free, completely confidential and is completed through a secure online checking service at County. If you are in

any doubt as to your eligibility, please apply. Any queries should be directed to the school office. Thank you.

Sport4kids Half Term Camp

Details have been emailed home about the half term holiday camp, further details can be found on our website under 'Wrap Around Care'. Here are the details:

BOOK NOW at bookings.sport4kids.biz

Tues 1st June - Fri 4th June

8.30am-5.00pm

Ages 5-11 years £28/day £100/4 days

WhizzFizzFest

Buckinghamshire's local schools have always been integral to the success of WhizzFizzFest – a much-loved children's literature and arts festival. So, this year we're making sure the schools are the first to know which fantastic family-friendly authors are headlining our exciting literary line-up and we're inviting your pupils (and their grown-ups!) to get involved. This year's authors are:

- **Sir Michael Morpurgo**
- **Dan Freedman**
- **Eoin Colfer**

Each author will be recording a family-friendly, fun and informative online event with a Q&A session at the end, to be broadcast on festival day - Saturday 26 June.

To submit a question please email whizzfizzfest.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk by **Friday 14 May, 12pm (Dan Freedman and Eoin Colfer)** and **Friday 21 May, 12pm (Michael Morpurgo)**. Along with your question and which author you'd like to ask, please include your:

- First name
- Age or Year Group

We hope you will enjoy this opportunity to support and get involved in this year's festival.

Friends of Hughenden Primary School

Dear Friends of Hughenden, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Chair of the PTA and keep you informed of our efforts to raise funds to support our school in enriching the lives of its students.



FRIENDS
of Hughenden Primary School

Changes to the Committee Board: Kerry Franklin and Marissa Whitby have stepped down from their roles. Thank you Kerry and Marissa for your time and dedication to our school community as Chair and Treasurer of Friends. Your experience and enthusiasm will be missed by the Friends.

Introducing the new committee board!

Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
		
Kate Peake	Alka Dass	Rebecca Louw
As Chair I hope to facilitate fun, family friendly, fundraising activities and engage more families in supporting our school community.	I am really excited about giving the children, school and parents the support they need and getting as many parents involved to benefit the children of Hughenden Primary School.	I have been an active participant with Friends of Hughenden for a few years and I can't wait to get stuck in, helping to organise more fun activities for the children and hopefully a few for the parents too!

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.

How can you keep up to date with our events and activities?

- 1) We use Classlist to convey information to parents regarding our activities. Please make sure you're checking for updates. www.classlist.com
- 2) FaceBook @Friendsofhughendenschool

How can you get involved?

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

What are fundraising for?

This year's project 2020-21 is to raise money to renovate the Forest School Environment onsite so that it can be utilized safely, within the school curricula and enhance students learning experiences. Parents have previously donated equipment for the Forest School but unfortunately this area currently requires maintenance to make it safe to be used by our children. For example, the pond area has become completely overgrown.

We also donate a float to the teachers each term to spend on topic specific activities/resources with their class.

Events held and funds raised last Term:

Easter Trail: Thanks to all those who were a stop on our Easter Trail and decorated their gardens so brilliantly. It was a great success and made an impressive £418.98.

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 Fundraising Event:

Elmer the Elephant themed Mufti Day
Friday 28th May and Ice-lolly sale.
Celebrate your personality and uniqueness! No need to dress as an elephant!



Next Open Meeting: Wednesday
16th June, 7:30 - 8:30, venue TBC

SUMMER TERM 2021

12 th May 2021, 22 nd June 2021	One Can Trust food collections – see above for further info
28 th April 2021 – 14 th July 2021 incl	Swimming – Year 3 – 11 weeks
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
12 th June 2021	Hughenden Meet and Greet, 10.30-12pm for prospective parents only with children starting in Sept 21
16 th June 2021, 7.30-8.30pm	Friends Committee Meeting
18 th June 2021	Tempest Class Photos
9 th July 2021	INSET DAY
13 th July 2021	Sports Day – details to follow, dependent on lifting of restrictions
15 th July 2021	Reserve Sports Day
21 st July 2021	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish
2 nd September 2021	Return to School – new academic year