

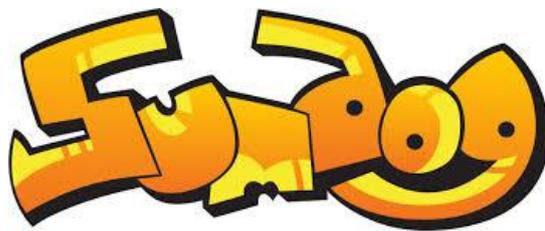


Hughenden Primary School

Working together, Empowering Lives, Enriching Minds

Newsletter – Spring 2021

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents / Carers,

This was not the return to school or the start of the new year that any of us had in mind when we finished school in December. I am very proud of the resilience and perseverance our pupils, staff and parents have shown in embracing another round of remote learning. I know that parents have been greatly affected by this sudden change to daily life and the unwelcome return to having to juggle working from home with supervising children as they learn.

Thank you to the parents who have sent positive messages– they mean a great deal to staff. We are also grateful for constructive feedback; your comments are always considered even if we do not reply to individual emails. We will continue to improve the level of service that we offer our school community, as we have always done. Please do drop me an email via the office if there is anything important I need to be aware of.

Spring is around the corner and the nights are getting lighter. I look forward when we can once again welcome all staff and pupils back to Hughenden Primary School.

Kind regards,
Miss J E Garlick
Interim Headteacher

Sumdog Competition

Well done to all the children who took part in the Sumdog Competition, a fantastic effort from all the children representing themselves and the school on behalf of Buckinghamshire. It was really nice to see so many children engaged and excited about Maths!

The overall winner was Year 3, Hughenden Primary School! All year groups finished in the top ten and three of our pupils appeared in the top ten.

Remote Learning and Class DoJo

Early feedback from parents relating to the use of Class DoJo has been very positive and we are seeing increasing numbers of pupils and parents signing up to use the app. Please do try to upload work regularly to the class page

so that teachers can provide feedback and support as required. Teachers would like to see regular evidence that children are engaging with learning. Remember this can be in a range of formats. Aim to submit something each day.

Please remember to let us know if your child is ill if they are at home. We still have to report 'attendance' to the DfE and we want to be aware so that we understand why they might not be able to complete work. Also, please let us know if your child tests positive for coronavirus.

If you have a few moments to spare, please complete the short questionnaire below to give your views on the remote learning we have in place. All teachers are now offering live 'check ins' via Teams or Zoom at least twice weekly which are supplemented by access to live lessons from other platforms which fit into our half term curriculum planning. We also offer weekly access to a school assembly and today there was a live singing assembly from Mrs Sumner which many of our pupils attended.

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Rotary Club – Princes Risborough

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Graeme Card from the Rotary Club and his colleagues who have very generously donated 4 refurbished laptops to school with a couple more to follow. We will be distributing these in the coming week to children who don't have any devices in their home.

Should parents be interested in becoming a member of the Rotary Club, please visit their website for more information: <https://www.rotary-ribi.org>. They work hard to support the local community and we are extremely grateful for their support.

Elephantastic Family Fun Online

The River & Rowing Museum are bringing the elephants to you online this half term, celebrating these extraordinary animals and the colourful jungle inspired by our wonderful exhibition Elmer and Friends: The Colourful World of David McKee. Only £5 per household gives you unlimited access to the fabulously creative online activities 13 – 21 February, with a live Zoom introduction on the day you prefer. Suitable for ages 3 – 11yrs.

<https://www.rrm.co.uk/whats-on/elephantastic-family-fun-online-event/>

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!

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 – thank you.

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: 16th March 2021, 12th May 2021, 22nd June 2021.

Belongings and the School Office

Please ensure your child brings everything with them to school in the mornings. Due to Covid restrictions, the school staff should not be carrying items to your child's classrooms that are brought in late. Also, please do not enter the school building in the morning or at the end of the school day. We are working really hard to keep our staff and pupils safe and to avoid cross-contamination wherever possible. If you have something to hand in, please give it to your child. If you have a message, please email or telephone the office. Alternatively, you can also message your child's class teacher through ESchools.

Getting a Covid Test

If you need to book a Covid 19 test, please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please keep us informed and forward your results for our records as soon as they become available.

Tempest Photographs

Unfortunately, due to lockdown, this has been postponed. We hope to reschedule this in the Summer Term, restrictions allowing.

Buckinghamshire Family Learning

We emailed out information to all parents on the 26th January for online remote courses from Buckinghamshire Family Learning. This information can also be found on our website under Community Groups/Buckinghamshire Family Learning.

SPRING TERM 2021

15 th February – 19 th February 2021	Half Term
16 th March 2021, 12 th May 2021, 22 nd June 2021	One Can Trust food collections
1 st April 2021	Break for Easter Holidays, 1.30pm finish
19 th April 2021	Return to School
3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
31 st May – 4 th June 2021	Bank Holiday/Half Term
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