



Hughenden Primary School

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End of Autumn Term Newsletter 2019

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for another fantastic school term at Hughenden! A special thank you goes to The Friends who have worked hard in organising such fun events for the everyone's enjoyment.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!

The Friends Christmas Round-up

A big thank you goes to our Friends, parents and volunteers who have helped host and organise all the PTA events this term. The fundraisers and festive events for the children in our school community have been a huge success and their financial support has made a big impact in school this term.

This Christmas Fete was well attended – The Friends will be announcing their profits soon, needless to say anything raised will be put towards funding vital resources and equipment in school. We look forward to more fun events in the New Year.

Foundation & KS1 Nativity – “Everyone loves a Baby!”

Didn't they do well! We hope you all enjoyed seeing your child/ren perform in this year's Nativity. Thanks to The Friends for providing refreshments to parents. The staff and children worked hard in preparing for this lovely event with the added complication of last minute changes due to sickness. A write up will appear soon on the school website.

Christmas Unwrapped for Year 5 & 6

Once again, Year 5 and 6 walked to St Michael & All Angels Church to do 'Christmas Unwrapped'. We are very fortunate to have been given this opportunity and working collaboratively within the community.

Last Day of term and Wrap Around Care

With immediate effect, it is no longer viable to run the after-school club on the days we finish school at 1.30pm. This only relates to the last day of the full term, i.e.: Christmas, Easter and end of the Summer term. Most parents make their own arrangements and over the past 3 occasions there have been 2-3 bookings which doesn't cover the outgoings. By giving you enough notice, we hope any inconvenience will be minimal.

Diary dates

See attached to this newsletter a list of dates for the remainder of the Autumn term and into the Spring/Summer term. As well as this Newsletter, you can also independently keep abreast of things by checking the calendar on the school website. The 'News' tab will provide you with further updates on events from the teachers and children but do check on a regular basis as it's constantly being updated.

Please note that class reps are for PTA queries only. All other queries need to be sent to the school office so we can address any concerns or worries without delay.

Environmental Art Workshop

Year 5 are taking part in an environmental day at Piper's Corner School in February and plan to make a large 3D whale from used, clear 2-litre plastic bottles and white plastic milk bottles. The clear bottles will be stuffed with old, used plastic bags (shades of blue, green and black). The whale shape will be constructed from chicken wire and the bottles will be lashed to this with old rope/sisal.

So, if you have any of the above items, please could send them to me at school. The white plastic milk bottles can be squashed but please leave the 2-litre bottles as they are, with the lids on. Bottles to be rinsed out please. Thank you in advance for your help.

Staff Changes for January

Miss Prout has decided to take a step back from teaching temporarily and will be leaving us this Christmas. Miss Prout has, unfortunately, had several long bouts of illness and recuperation following some major surgery over the past year and has decided to leave teaching temporarily to focus on her own well-being and recuperation. She may well return in the future to continue to support our music/choir provision in school when she is well enough to do so. The staff and children have benefitted hugely from her expertise across the school supporting our musical events alongside Mrs Sumner and we will continue to work with Mrs Sumner to ensure the Music curriculum is met.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back Mr Baskerville, who previously taught at Hughenden, to work alongside Mrs Penfold in Year 1 for one day a week.

Dolce Hot School Meals

The new menu for the Spring Term is now available to view under the 'Hot School Meals' tab on the website. It looks like a really exciting menu which we hope all our children would like to try! If you have any queries about ordering hot lunches, please contact the school office.

Crossing Patroller

Our school crossing patroller will be in place on the last day of term at 1.30pm. I hope you will join me in thanking Mario and Christine for helping our children cross the road safely this year! They are still trying to recruit a third person – if you are interested please do get in touch and we'll give you the contact details to apply.

Please can we use this opportunity to also remind you of our School Uniform and Jewellery policy which can be found on the website under 'About Our School/Policies'. All children need their PE kits and wellies in school every day – thank you for your support with this.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

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| Monday 16 th December 2019 | Christmas Bazaar (Friends event in school) Hughenden Hoppers to Village School, 9am |
| Tuesday 17 th December 2019 | Hoppers Christmas Sing Song - 9.30am 2pm KS2 only to Hughenden Church for Christmas Service (pick-up at Church 3.15 onwards unless in Quackers) |
| Wednesday 18 th December 2019 | Dolce Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 19 th December 2019 | Christmas Party Day Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish (No Quackers club) |

SPRING TERM 2020

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| Monday 6 th January 2020 | INSET DAY – Teacher training day |
| Tuesday 7 th January 2020 | Back to school, whole school & Hoppers |

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| Wednesday 8 th January 2020 | Year 3 Swimming starts (every Wednesday till 1 st April, excluding half term) |
| Friday 10 th January 2020 | Year 5 Forest School starts (every Friday until 20 th March, excluding half term) |
| Wednesday 5 th February | Cross Country, KS2 @ Misbourne School – details to follow |
| Friday 7 th February 2020 | NSPCC Number Day Year 5 Young Voices, Wembley Arena, 11am Year 6 Pipers Corner Literary Festival 9-10am – details to follow |
| Tuesday 14 th January 2020 | Friends Meeting – 7.30pm all welcome |
| Monday 17 th February 2020 | HALF TERM (17 th – 21 st February) |
| Monday 24 th February 2020 | Back to school |
| Monday 24-26 th February 2020 | Bikeability – Level 2 -Year 5 – details to follow |
| Wednesday 4 th March 2020 | Friends Meeting – 7.30pm all welcome |
| Wednesday 11 th March 2020 | Year 5 Tag Rugby @ Misbourne |
| Wednesday 18 th March 2020 | Year 3 Multi Activies @ Little Chalfont |
| Thursday 19th - Saturday 21 st March 2020 | Year 3 Energise performance – further details to follow |
| Friday 20 th March 2020 | Science Day – whole school |
| Monday 30 th March-3 rd April 2020 | Year 6 Calshot Residential trip |
| Tuesday 31 st March 2020 | Hazard Alley – Year 4 and Year 5 - 8.45-4pm |
| Friday 3 rd April 2020 | Last day of term, 1.30pm finish |
| Monday 6 th April 2020 | EASTER HOLIDAYS (6 th – 17 th April) |

SUMMER TERM 2020

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| Tuesday 28 th April 2020 | Friends Meeting – 7.30pm all welcome |
| Thursday 21 st May 2020 | Year 6 Ufton Court – further details to follow |
| Monday 1 st June 2020 | Travelling Book Fair arrives (open Mon-Fri times tbc) |
| Tuesday 2 nd June 2020 | Tempest traditional class photos – Hoppers-Year 6 Non-school siblings from 8.30am |
| Wednesday 10 th June 2020 | Friends Meeting – 7.30pm all welcome |
| Wednesday 24 th June 2020 | Year 6 Games Festival @ The Misbourne |

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