



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – September 2019

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting term and school year at Hughenden! We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils, parents and members of staff that have joined us this term.

We have enclosed a list of updated diary dates at the bottom of this newsletter. These can also be found on the eschools calendar and further information for each event can be found under the 'News' tab on the website.

School Clubs

The Clubs Timetable is updated termly and provides all the information you need. Please go to the Clubs tab on the school website to view the clubs happening this term. Details on how to book and pay are instructed on the timetable. We have lots of flyers in the school office with various clubs happening in and around the local area too, if you wish to know more.

Friends of Hughenden Primary

We are delighted to announce that The Friends' Summer Fayre raised a fantastic £3400! As mentioned in our previous newsletter to you all at the end of last year, the profits will go towards replacing the computers in our Knowledge Hub in preparation for the forthcoming Microsoft upgrades and a new projector for the school hall.

There will be more events and fundraisers happening throughout the term. More details will be shared on the school website, calendar and Classlist.

PE Kits

This is a gentle reminder as we start the new term for each child to bring into school a fully named and labelled PE kit. Without it they will not be able to take part in these lessons.

Wellies also need to be in school for when we have bad weather and/or classes taking part in Forest School activities.

School Crossing Patrol

The School Crossing Patrol team are currently recruiting for patrollers – if you are interested in applying please contact Georgina Longley for further information. This is a part time role or can simply be to provide cover or relief work and is a vital part of our children's school day. Direct: Dial: 01494 586639 - email: glongley@buckscc.gov.uk

Dolce Hot Lunches

The new Autumn Term menu is available on the school website under the 'Hot School Meals' tab. If you need a reminder of your login details, please ask the school office for these so that you can order your child/ren's meals online in advance.

Swimming

Year 3's and selected KS2 students (who still need to complete their 25m award) will need to remember to bring in their swimming bags for lessons every Wednesday afternoon. Dates are listed in the term dates below and on the school website calendar.

We have recently posted a 'Water Safety' poster under the Swimming section of our website which we encourage the children to look at.

Parking at drop off and pick up

As a school we work hard to reduce congestion and traffic pollution in the local areas and as our school continues to grow, we are aware that pollution levels are increasing. We are, once again, asking for your help in the following ways and to make you aware of a few facts:

- Please switch off your engines while waiting for the children
- Pollution from engines affects us all and can exacerbate ongoing health issues such as asthma
- It is **illegal** to sit in a parked car with the engine running
- It is an obstruction to park within 10 metres of any corner.

Only parents with Parking Permits issued by the school can drive onto the school site. Please make use of the valuable crossing patrol or park at the Village Hall and walk to the school.

Crocodile Trail

It's 8.45 in the morning and the roads around the school are thick with traffic. Parents are dropping off children with their engines still running, while others drive around searching for a parking space. It's a problem that occurs outside most schools, and a problem that could be helped by a Crocodile Trail.

More commonly known as a "Walking Bus", the *Crocodile Trail will allow children to walk from Hughsden Village Hall to School with the supervision of school staff and some parent volunteers.*

We will be starting the Scheme w/c Monday 9th September 2019 which means the first crocodile walk will be Tuesday 10th September 2019. Priority will be given to children who usually travel to school by car.

Permission forms have been emailed to parents via eschools which need to be completed before taking part. These are also available in the school office. If you want any further information about the scheme, please contact Mrs Ali or Mrs Wainwright, The Crocodile Trail Coordinators.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

We are taking part in the Rotary Shoe Box Scheme again this year. As always, they rely on your generosity to provide donations for each of the age groups they cater for. We will be accepting donations up to the 1st October.

Parents are more than welcome to make up their own shoe box and hand into the school office. It doesn't have to be in a Rotary Shoe Box provided. Please note if you decide to do this, you will need to bring in £2.00 per box to cover the postage.

On the school website, under the 'News' tab, is a list of suggested items that can be included and a note regarding items that cannot be put in the boxes. Thank you in advance and let's make someone's Christmas extra special this year!

School Prospectus

Our newly updated school prospectus is now available to view on the school website under 'About Our School'.

Parents Evening

Bookings for parents evening are open on Eschools from the start of term. Appointments can be made for either Monday 11th November or Monday 18th November with your child's class teacher. Staff will be keeping to a tight schedule, allowing 10 minutes for each appointment, due to a letting in the school hall at 6.15pm.

If you have any queries about how to book your appointment or need a reminder of your Eschools login, please contact the school office.

School Nursing Team

Children in Foundation and Year 6 will be visited by the School Nursing Team on Tuesday 12th November 2019. This is a routine visit that all children receive. If you would like to opt you child out of this visit, you need to complete the form that was emailed out to you this week and return to the school office. If they do not receive this information, they will be seen by the School Nursing Team.

School Trips

Thank you to all our parents who return trip consent forms promptly, it really does help us get the vast amount of required paperwork sorted – we have more trips lined up for this term as well as Forest School and Swimming so do keep a look out for letters that require your consent.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2 nd September 2019	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	Inset Day
Wednesday 4 th September 2019	Children return to school Foundation Transition (8.45am – 12pm) Parents Evening bookings open on eschools
Monday 9 th September 2019	Foundation Transition (8.45am – 1.30pm)
Tuesday 10 th September 2019	Secondary Transfer Test – Practice Test Meet the teacher, 3pm – Y2, 4, 5 Meet the teacher, 3.30pm – Y1, 3, 6
Wednesday 11 th September 2019	Y3 Swimming starts (see dates on school website)
Thursday 12 th September 2019	Secondary Transfer Test Foundation Class BFP “My First Term” photo
Friday 13 th September 2019	Y6 Forest School starts (see dates on school website)
Monday 16 th September 2019	Foundation Transition – (Full School Day)
Friday 20 th September 2019	Year 4 Davenies Maths Challenge – selected pupils only Macmillan Coffee Morning, 3pm
Tuesday 24 th September 2019	Y2 Sports Festival – more information to follow
Tuesday 1 st October 2019	Tempest Photographs – individual Non-school siblings photographs from 8.30am
Friday 4 th October 2019	Y4 Bikeability Level 1 with Spokes

Tuesday 8 th October 2019	Open Day for prospective parents
Tuesday 15 th October 2019	Y6 School Trip to the Ashmolean Museum
Wednesday 16 th October 2019	Open Day for prospective parents
Wednesday 23 rd October 2019	Harvest Festival – more information to follow
W/C Monday 28 th October 2019	Half Term
Thursday 31 st October 2019	Deadline for applying for a secondary school place
Monday 4 th November 2019	Parents Evening bookings close on eschools
Thursday 7 th November 2019	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Monday 11 th November 2019	Parents Evening, 3-6pm
Tuesday 12 th November 2019	School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccinations – Foundation – Year 6 inclusive
Monday 18 th November 2019	Parents Evening, 3-6pm
Sunday 1 st December 2019	Carols and Switching on the Christmas Lights – Hughenden Village Hall
Tuesday 3 rd December 2019	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 4 th December 2019	Y3 Swimming finishes for the term
Friday 6 th December 2019	Y5 Forest School (1 session only until new term begins)
Tuesday 10 th December 2019	KS1 Year 1 and 2 - Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	KS1 Year 1 and 2 - Nativity - 1.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December 2019	Hoppers and Foundation - Nativity 1.30pm
Thursday 19 th December 2019	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish QUACKERS CLUB 1.30-6pm End of term parties, AM
Monday 30 th March-3 rd April 2020	Year 6 Calshot Residential trip

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