



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – December 2019

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

With the end of term already drawing closer, it's that time of year where all the festivities begin! We're really looking forward to kicking off the festive season with lots of fun here at Hughenden Primary. Please see the updates on Christmas events and notices for the new term in January and beyond.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – Wednesday 4th December, 8-9.30pm

The PTA are holding a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop in the school hall with a qualified florist who runs an array of workshops. Tickets are £20 each which includes a glass of mulled wine and mince pies. Spaces are limited so book now to secure your place.

Bottle Tombola Mufti Day – Friday 6th December

To help source bottles for our popular Christmas Fete Tombola we please ask that you support our Bottle Tombola mufti day on Friday 6th December. Children will be encouraged to come to school in mufti in exchange for a donation of a bottle. Bottles can include drinks, cosmetics etc but please make sure they are unopened/ unused and in date. We will collect bottles at the school entrance on Friday 6th December.

Christmas Fete - Sunday 8th December, 2 – 4pm

This is a big fundraising event for the PTA and hopefully lots of fun for the children and local community. There will be the usual refreshments, preloved stalls, tombola's, gifts and games. Father Christmas has also agreed to fit us into his busy schedule! If you are able to volunteer your time to help set up (night before) or run one of the stalls, please contact The Friends directly through Classlist or your Class Rep.

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

Please return your slip to the school office stating how many seats you require for the performance you're attending. We don't issue tickets for our Nativity play but ask parents to complete the form overleaf to give us an indication of how many seats are required. Alternatively, please email your request to the school office. The Friends will be serving refreshments at both performances.

Tuesday 10th December 2019 EY & KS1 - Nativity 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th December 2019 EY & KS1 - Nativity - 1.30pm

Christmas Unwrapped for Year 5 & 6

Year 5 & 6 will be attending separately on the dates below to St Michael & All Angels Church, to take part in an annual church event called Christmas Unwrapped. As this is a local walk, permission for this trip is covered by the 'Annual Consent to Local Off Site Visits' form. The children will depart from school and walk to the church for 1:30pm until 3:00pm. After the event, the children will walk back to school ready for collection at the usual time of 3:30pm.

Wednesday 11th December, Year 5 - 9.30-11am Thursday 12th December, Year 6 – 1.30-3pm

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December

All children and staff are invited to wear their Christmas tops and jumpers to school. All children must still wear their normal school uniform underneath. We are asking for a £1 donation towards Save the Children. We appreciate we are asking a lot at this time of year but we don't want to discourage anyone taking part – please only donate if you are able to.

Christmas Bazaar – Monday 16th December

This is a highlight of the PTA calendar. This is not a money raiser and is a firm children's favourite. We need lots of helpers for this but it's a special day seeing how much the children love it! For more details on what the children need to bring in, please refer to Classlist or contact your Class rep.

Hughenden Hoppers to Village Hall - Monday 16th December, 9am

The Hoppers will be walking to the Village Hall to watch the Hughenden Village Pre-schoolers sing along. If you are free that day, please let either Mrs Wainwright or myself know as we are looking for volunteers to help walk the children down, thank you. The Hoppers children will visit the Christmas Bazaar when they return to school.

Hoppers Christmas Sing Song - Tuesday 17th December, 9.30am

All Hoppers parents and extended family are welcome to join the children here in school for the sing song.

Dolce Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December

Please ensure you have signed your children up for this in advance to aid their preparations using your eSchool login. Please let us know if you require help with this. There will, of course, be a vegetarian option as usual.

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 19th December

All children are invited to wear their party clothes to school on Thursday instead of school uniform. Please wear sensible footwear as they will still be going outside to play. Christmas party food - details will be sent to all parents from the Friends via Classlist nearer the time. Itinerary is on the Christmas Events letter.

SCHOOL NOTICES

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.

Bucks County Museum

The Bucks County Museum are hosting a festive show with a scientific twist called '12 Days of Christmas Science Show' on Saturday 14th December! Please view the flyer for more details. You can book tickets (£6.95) via their website – www.buckscountymuseum.org.

They are also hosting a new exhibition called 'Toy Box' from 14th December to April 2020, so you re live your old favourites and take a trip back to your childhood. Lots of games and toys to play with, a great family day out! More details are on their website.

Children's Write Ups from Autumn Events

With Harvest Festival, Rotary Shoeboxes, Parliament Week and Remembrance Day events taken place, the children have written some fabulous articles about these events. They are available to read on the school website under the 'News' tab.

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 7th February 2020

We have registered to take part in the NSPCC Number day next year – further information will follow on in the New Year.

Head lice

We have had a few cases of head lice in school recently. In order to prevent it spreading, please can we ask all parents to check their child/ren for lice. This can be treated without visiting your GP, the NHS website has some useful information on how to spot and treat head lice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Dolce Hot Lunches

This year, Hughenden Primary School has joined Dolce's 'Uptake Partnership Scheme' which is a new initiative to encourage the daily uptake across the whole school. For every meal taken above our current update, Dolce will share the profits of those meals with the school on a 50/50 split.

Dolce pride themselves in delivering quality nutritious meals for children which are better than government standards. We would like to encourage all our children to have hot school meals and try the different recipes they have to offer.

We would love to have an increased number of children eating hot lunches because it benefits their concentration levels, focus and energy in school. We are happy for KS1 children to bring a pack lunch as a back-up if there is a particular day that there isn't a suitable option but we do encourage children to try the hot lunch first – thank you for your support with this.

Data Collection Sheets

Please can everyone return their updated Data Collection sheets, that were sent out last month, to the school office before the end of term. It's important that we have current phone numbers and email addresses so we can send you school updates, news and contact you during the school day should we need to.

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.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Tuesday 3 rd December 2019	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 4 th December 2019	Y3 Swimming finishes for the term
Wednesday 4 th December 2019	Foundation 'Winter Olympics' Sports Festival Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – 8-9.30pm
Thursday 5 th December 2019	River & Rowing Museum – Year 4 trip (reminder for consents)
Friday 6 th December 2019	Y5 Forest School (1 session only until new term begins) The Friends - Mufti Day for Bottle Tombola
Sunday 8 th December 2019	The Friends Christmas Fete, 2-4pm
Tuesday 10 th December 2019	EY & KS1 - Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	EY & KS1 - Nativity 1.30pm Christmas Unwrapped - Year 5 - 9.30-11am
Thursday 12 th December 2019	Christmas Unwrapped - Year 6 – 1.30-3pm
Friday 13 th December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day
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

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