



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – End of Term December 2020

SCHOOL NEWS



Oliver, Year 3 – Winner
Wycombe Youth for Christ



Nuala, Year 6 – Winner
National Literacy Trust

Dear Parents / Carers,

The end of term in a primary school is always a very special time and Autumn 2020 has been no different despite the challenges we are facing with the pandemic. Seeing the children's faces as they met Father Christmas this week and their eagerness to fill the post box with hundreds of Christmas cards makes the effort worthwhile as we try to ensure the children do not miss out on the excitement. Sadly, there were technical issues with the virtual pantomime that the PTA kindly arranged but I understand they will be sending it directly to our families so that you can watch it at home.

The only disappointment this term was that our KS1 pupils did not get to perform in front of their families. Thank you to one of our parents, Mr Cook for recording *Christmas Around the World* for us – this will hopefully be sent to parents of Y1 and Y2 shortly. The children did very well and sang their hearts out for you! Mr Cook also filmed the Foundation singing and this will also be shared with parents shortly.

Sadly, at the end of this week, we said goodbye to Jackie Churchman who is moving onto work full time with the Registration Service which has been a passion of hers over the years. She will be sorely missed by the Hughenden Team and we wish her all the very best.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Quartermaine who has taught Year 6 this half term as she is needed back at her usual school and thank her for stepping in at short notice.

We have a few parents who have a permit or disabled badge to park in the disabled bays outside the front of the school. These must be displayed in the front of your car. If you do not have one of these permits, you should not be parking in these bays – that includes dropping off at Hoppers. We believe there are only 2 families with a permit – if you need one, and have a valid reason for requesting one, please contact the office.

We are happy for the turning circle to be used to **'drop and go only'** but children must not be let out of the car until you are at the front of the queue – we hope this will help to relieve pressure on the local road. You must stop, drop and go. This isn't a service where you can park up, walk your children into school and then go. Children need to be able to walk themselves through the gate so that you can drive straight off. Please do not wait for your children to go through the gate, once you have dropped them you can go. If you need to physically get out of the car to bring them to the gate, then you will need to park outside of the school.

A polite reminder that all **parents should wear masks** when coming onto the school site unless you have a specific medical reason.

We have put numbered signs up outside the front of school this week so that the children know where to wait in the morning until the gate is open. Some children are arriving very early, they should not be on site until 8.40am when a member of staff will be there to supervise them. We will open the gate between 8.40-8.45am, when there are a larger number of children waiting outside. You do not need to wait with your child once they have been dropped off through the gate.

All children need to be in school no later than 9am for registration so learning can start – children are still arriving after 9am which will be recorded as a late arrival. We have had a few parents arriving quite late recently to collect their children – please do your best to arrive on time and notify us of any late arrivals so we can update teachers and reassure children accordingly – thank you.

With regards to birthday sweets and chocolates, we can only accept these if they are individually wrapped into small bags and have been quarantined for 72 hours before distribution. They can be distributed at home time outside by the birthday child.

Should school need to close, or opening times need to change for inclement wintery weather, please check the School Closures List for updates. We will also inform all parents via email and text. Decisions will be made, taking all considerations into account including the safety of staff.

A reminder that Friday 18th December is a remote learning day. All children will be provided with activities for Friday. We are having a large number of requests to collect children early at the moment which is not acceptable unless it's for a medical appointment. It causes disruption to the adults who have to arrange for the children's early departure as well as meaning your child/ren miss their learning time.

If **after Thursday and until December 23rd**, if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus and then tests **positive**, you must let the school know on the emergency number I sent out last week. **07568 663110**. This is so that we can alert other families in your child's bubble. That number should only be used to report positive Covid results and only if your child tests positive. We do not need to know if a member of the family tests positive unless the pupils attending Hughenden Primary School also tests positive.

Please do drop me an email via the office if there is anything important I need to be aware of. In the meantime, I wish you and your families a peaceful, happy Christmas holiday and a Happy Hanukkah with your families.

Kind regards, Miss J E Garlick Interim Headteacher

Christmas Unwrapped 'Design a Card' competition - write up from Wycombe Youth for Christ

Write up from Wycombe Youth for Christ:

We received a high number of entries from the children at Hughenden Primary School this year. The standard of all the designs was incredibly high, and the entries from the children at the school were amazing. Can I start by thanking the staff for the time that was taken to enable the children to be a part of this. I wanted to congratulate all the children for the hard work and effort they put into their designs; you have a wonderful and talented group of children at Hughenden!

A winner has been chosen, but as the quality was so high we have also chosen some runners up too. The winner was from Hughenden school – Oliver Andrews – and he has already received his certificate and prize. His winning entry is shown at the top of this Newsletter. However, some of the runners up were also from Hughenden and Priyanka Gandhi, Nuala, and Enora will be receiving certificates in the next few days, which will hopefully arrive before Christmas. Aiza was also a runner-up and although part of the school, she entered separately and her certificate is being sent to her home.

As I mentioned, the standard was incredibly high, and we wanted to celebrate all the children and their designs. So, we have out together a video that does this. Please feel free to share this with the children so they can enjoy seeing their designs on screen. The link to the video is <https://youtu.be/3R3Z2h-XsFc>, but it is also available to watch through our website at www.wycombeyfc.org.uk/christmasunwrapped. The designs were put together in a random order, so some children may need to wait patiently until they see theirs!

National Literacy Trust Christmas Card Competition It's been a popular time for Christmas Card competitions and Hughenden Primary have done well in the winning stakes this year! Our congratulations go to Nuala for her winning entry in the National Literacy Trust Christmas card competition. Nuala was shortlisted for the competition which was judged by the award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola. Nuala's achievement has won the school a set of books as part of the prize which is amazing. She was also a runner up in Wycombe Youth for Christ competition – congratulations, great work Nuala!

eTwinning – Another Celebration for Hughenden

We are excited to announce that Hughenden Primary School have won the National Award for eTwinning for 2019/2020. We worked with 12 different schools around the world talking about our diversity and linking language with children aged between 9-12 years old. To win this award, we focussed on democracy around the world and language through a variety of different means, such as: singing, translation and talking with children, communicating with parents via eTwinning, sending postcards, and IT activities on the eTwinning platform amongst the 12 competing schools.

eSchools – A guide for Parents

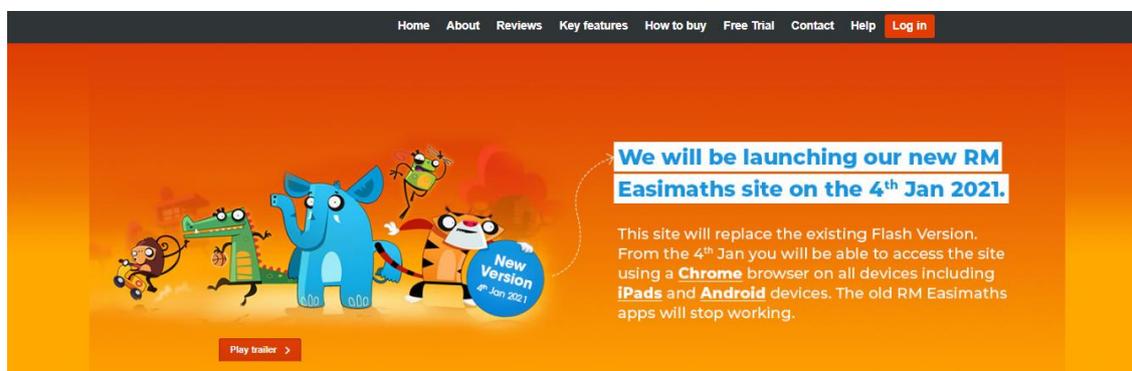
Please use the following link to learn more about our eSchools website platform:
<https://academy.eschools.co.uk/users/parents>

School Crossing Patroller – Update from Georgina Longley, School Crossing Patrol and Sustainable Travel Supervisor

It is a delight to welcome Faye Cooper, one of our parents, as the second patroller for the crossing site for Hughenden Primary School. Faye is joining 'Super' Mario (as called by many of the children) at the crossing point, with each one doing 5 shifts a week from January.

Please help Faye feel part of the team by giving her a cheerful smile or wave each day. This goes a long way when you're standing by the side of the road on a cold, wet morning/afternoon.

Nessy Update



School Tour for Prospective Parents

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to hold our Open Days in school this year following advice from the Council. Applications for school places open in November 2020 and close in January 2021.

We are, however, pleased to share our new promotional school tour video with you all – please feel free to share this appropriately and direct any queries to the school office.

To view, please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/jPiQGoCz-Ec>

Music Update

We've had a brilliantly musical term, the children have all worked really hard to get involved in all of our activities, which have included Doctor Who, Bizet's Carmen, 'Mars' from Holst's 'The Planets', 'Welcome to the Orchestra', Adams's 'Short Ride in a Fast Machine', 'Heroes of Troy', 'How Sound is Made', Mussorgsky's 'A Night on A Bare Mountain' and Villa Lobos's 'The Little Train of Caipiri'.

For Christmas, we have recorded two short concerts (KS1 and KS2) which I hope you will enjoy watching - we all really enjoyed practising our singing and recording them! Details will be sent out to each year group before the end of term.

Next term is all about making music - Foundation and Year One will be experimenting with percussion, Year Two with glockenspiels, Year Three ukuleles, Year Four will be learning to play the recorder and Years Five and Six will be playing ukuleles and the African Drums. We are also hopeful that we will be able to start our choir again! We will have a lot to show you by Easter!

We are hoping that peripatetic piano lessons will be back in school next term. In addition, we will be offering more paid instrumental lessons during the school day – starting with guitar and ukulele. Further details to follow in a separate letter.

Have a wonderful musical Christmas! Helen Sumner

Internet Code of Practice

We still have a large number of Internet Code of Practice forms that were handed out to all KS2 children which have yet to be handed back in at school. Could all parents check that they have completed their child's form and the children can give them to their teachers and the office can then update their records.

One Can Trust

Thank you to you all for your support with our food collections, your support has been overwhelming. We have planned a collection each half term. The next collection dates are: 26th January 2021, 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.

School Uniform from January 2021

We would like **all children to return to school in January in full school uniform and school shoes** please.

- On PE days they may wear their PE kit and trainers for the whole day. PE kits should be taken home weekly to be washed please.
- Pupils will need a warm coat and to wear their school cardigan / jumper as the windows and doors remain open in school for additional ventilation and it is getting colder.
- PE kits can be replaced with the school PE kit when your child has outgrown their current kit.
- Please ensure your child has wellies in school so they can go on the school field at lunchtime.

For a full list of our uniform please visit our website and go to the 'Uniform' tab for all the information. PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING TO ENSURE LOST ITEMS CAN BE RETURNED PROMPTLY – THANK YOU

Attendance Email address

Our new email address for attendance is working well, however, we note that some parents are still using the office account. In order for your child's attendance to be recorded and responded to accurately, it is essential that you send all attendance emails directly to attendance@hughendenprimary.co.uk
We still have the school message service available as a useful back up.

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.

SPRING TERM 2021

4 th January 2021	Inset Day
5 th January 2021	Return to school for all pupils
3 rd February 2021	Tempest photos – Individual only, currently no non-school siblings or family photos
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