



Hughenden Primary School

Working Together, Empowering Lives, Enriching Minds

February 2016

Date: Friday 05th February 2016

Dear Parents,

School News

Theresa May's Visit

On Friday 08th January we were delighted to receive a very special visit from the Home Secretary, Theresa May. During her visit we had the opportunity to discuss the importance of Safeguarding with her and express our views on the subject. Mrs Leighton said "Our school takes great pride in knowing all of our children really well and we have a full time member of staff dedicated to pastoral care. The children are absolutely central to everything we do and everything is about improving their lives."

Mrs May took part in our Celebration assembly where she stood at the front of the hall and gave out certificates to children. It was such a wonderful occasion and we were honoured to have her there.

Expansion

We are delighted to update you on the expansion plans for the school. The Asset Strategy Board have approved the expansion and have now started the tender process. As soon as a contract has been awarded, we are planning an information session for parents and local residents to keep you fully informed. More information will follow on shortly.

Espresso Parent Meeting

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances we had to cancel Espresso's visit earlier this week. Please note, we are rescheduling this for after the Easter holidays. Further details will follow nearer the time once we receive confirmation of the date.

Energize Rehearsal

Children from year 4 and 5 have been working very hard in preparation for their performance of Energize at the Wycombe Swan. Tickets have now gone on sale as of 18th January and can be purchased directly from the Wycombe Swan website. The children will be performing on Thursday 17th March and Saturday 19th March 2016.

There will be an Energize rehearsal at the Wycombe Swan next Thursday 11th February for all children in year 4 and 5 participating this year. The coach will arrive at school to pick up the children at 9:00am. Please ensure you arrive promptly in order for the coach to leave swiftly. Lunches will not be provided on the trip and therefore please could you to provide a packed lunch and a water bottle. Normal school uniform should be worn and children must bring their words with them. The children will be back in school before the end of the day so they will finish at the usual time of 3:30pm.

Please note, there will also be an Energize rehearsal on Thursday 03rd March 2016 and the same requirements apply.

Half Term Arrangements

Just a quick reminder, on Friday 12th we break up for February half term. All children will finish at the normal time of 3:30pm and 3:20pm for Foundation children. We return to school on Monday 22nd February.

Calshot Meeting

There is a Calshot meeting taking place on Tuesday 23rd February for parents of year 6 children. The meeting will start at 8:30am and we encourage all parents to attend. For those parents who haven't already, please could you return all consent forms as soon as possible along with outstanding payments to the school office.

PTA Quiz Night

On Saturday 27th February the PTA are holding a Quiz Night at Hughenden Primary School from 7:30pm. Letters went out in book bags last week. Tickets are £10.00 and this will include a meal and dessert. Teams of 8 players are recommended. If you would like to participate, please return the reply slip and payment to the Friends barrel located in reception by Monday 22nd February.

Family and Friends are welcome to come along too!

Happy Puzzle Challenge – Thursday 25th February 2016

On Thursday 25th February the Happy Puzzle Company are visiting our school to deliver some exciting and challenging math lessons for different year groups. This will take place during the school day. There will also be a workshop session for parents taking place after school where you will have the opportunity to purchase resources. The Happy Puzzle team will be demonstrating how their scheme works and provide advice and support which will enable you to help your child at home with their homework. This is a perfect opportunity to understand how the scheme works.

Please return reply slips by Friday 12th February together with your voluntary contribution of £4.00 to cover the cost of this event. Thank you! Please could all cheques be made payable to Hughenden Primary School. Without sufficient contributions, the visit may be cancelled.

Super Sponsored Phonics – Foundation Class

Miss Berry and Mrs Penfold are delighted by the response and support from all our Foundation parents for our sponsored phonics event. Just a reminder that we are still accepting remaining Sponsored Phonics forms. If you haven't already done so, please return them as soon as possible. We are delighted so far with the amount we have raised and look forward to announcing the grand total soon and placing your orders. Thank you!

New Resources

As you may already be aware Assessment Without Levels has been high on our agenda this term and we are delighted to inform you that we are almost ready to begin using Learning Ladders. This is an effective online platform tool used for marking and assessment.

We are pleased to announce that we have also invested in four new Nabi tablets primarily for Foundation and KS1. This will enhance the children's technical skills.

Esafety Parent Meeting

On Tuesday 09th February Hughenden Primary will be delivering an Esafety presentation at 9:05am in the hall. The meeting will last for approximately 30 minutes. All parents are welcome to join. The presentation will be based around the importance of Esafety. In this day and age when technology is constantly evolving, we cannot stress the relevance to all parents engaging with children's safety.

If you would like to attend, please complete and return the reply slip to the school office.

Trenchard Museum Reflection

"We had the opportunity to learn so many new things that we would not have been able to without visiting the RAF base in Halton".

We absolutely loved learning how to fly using the video Chipmunk Simulator as well the real life jet simulator that moved as we controlled it. We learnt some really important skills to do with controlling planes and how important it is to be able to follow and understand compass directions.

It was also very exciting to learn about how the RAF used coordinates and 3D maps to help win the Battle of Britain. It was really effective to see how people could coordinate the battle when they were up high and have a bird's eye view of the whole of the UK."

Faryal and Sahar – KS2

Junior Mayor for the Day Recount

"On 19th January 2016 our Head Boy and myself had an opportunity to visit the Mayor and spend the day with him. It was an honour to be invited to such a wonderful occasion. We learn't many things about the history of Wycombe and were privileged to look at the beadle, charters and lots of other things closely.

Our Head Boy was selected to be the Mayor's consort for the day and he experienced a variety of things such as, beat the box, weighing in a chair and participating in a debate.

We had lunch with the Mayor where the parents were also invited. After lunch we went for a tour around the market and our day ended by making a trip to the fire station."

Mrs Naveed

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARY

SPRING TERM 2016

Tuesday 09 th February	CEOP Awareness Day
Tuesday 09 th February	Esafety Parent Meeting 9:05am
Thursday 11 th February	Energize Rehearsal at the Wycombe Swan
Friday 12th February	Break up for Half Term
w/c 15th February	HALF TERM
Monday 22nd February	Back to School
Tuesday 23 rd February	Calshot Parent Meeting
Thursday 25 th February	Happy Puzzle Challenge
Saturday 27 th February	PTA Quiz Night
Thursday 03 rd March	Energize Rehearsal at the Wycombe Swan

Friday 11 th March	Spokes Assembly to children – 2.30-3pm Spokes Meeting to Yr. 5 parents – 3-3.30pm
w/c Monday 14 th March	Science Week
Thursday 17 th March	Y4/5 - Energise @ Wycombe Swan
Friday 18 th March	FRIENDS: Children's Disco
Saturday 19 th March	Y4/5 - Energise @ Wycombe Swan
w/c 21 st March	Y6 – Calshot Residential
Monday 21 st March	Y5 - Spokes Cycle Training
Tuesday 22 nd March	Y5 – Spokes Cycle Training
Thursday 24 th March	FRIENDS: Mufti Day
Thursday 24th March	End of Term
Friday 25th March	Bank Holiday

SUMMER TERM 2016

Monday 11th April	Inset Day (County)
Tuesday 12th April	Back to School
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 27th May	Break up for Half Term
w/c 30th May	HALF TERM
Monday 6th June	Back to School
Thursday 16 th June	Sports Day – KS1 am, KS2 pm
Tuesday 21 st June	Sports Day – Reserve day
Thursday 21st July	End of Term

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