



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – July 2018

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you for all our families for joining us for our Sports Day and a big thank you for staff for careful planning and organisation to ensure it was safe but fun for everyone.

School Reports

Children's end of year school reports will be sent home on Wednesday the 11th of July. You will have the opportunity to raise any general queries at our Open Day. These dates are determined by when the Key Stage 2 data is available.

Open Day

We will be holding an Open Day on Monday the 16th of July. The first time slot for this will be from 2:30 to 3:15 and the second will be from 3:45 to 4:30. Teachers will not be available to talk to between 3:15 to 3:45 as they will be seeing the children out safely. Parents are welcome to visit and look around the school, visit new teachers and visit new classrooms and talk to staff. Please note if you need a separate appointment please contact the school office to arrange.

Road Safety in and Around Our School

We appreciate only too well the frustrations that can occur when it is the beginning of the school day and particularly at the end when we all converge at about the same time onto the estate roads around the school. However, we cannot let ourselves lose sight of the need to be so careful not only with our parking and how we pull away, but also driving on and off the estate. Our children are safe with the staff until you arrive. They will not be safe outside the school site if we are not cautious in our driving and manoeuvres.

Local residents appreciate school staff being visible in Hi Vis and the Lollipop Crossing is there to encourage families to walk to school, as well as our Crocodile that has begun on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

We do appreciate that we are all trying to be considerate to residents and that sometimes we don't always make the best choices in our haste, but above all this is about the safety of our children. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Secondary Transfer Presentation and Transition Meeting – Monday 9th July at 6:00pm

Please note the revised arrangements for this event. The time of this meeting has been altered to 6:00pm to ensure full participation for parents with children in Year 4 and 5. The staff for Year 5 and 6 in September will be present and they will deliver talks on other areas specific to upper KS2.

The Secondary Transfer Presentation, devised by Bucks County Council, will outline the processes and timescales involved in secondary school transfer. The 11+ selection will also be discussed. At the end there will be an opportunity to ask questions. We will be handing out the Secondary Transfer Test Familiarisation Booklet and the Moving up to Secondary School leaflet just to Year 5 Parents at this event.

It is important that all families are represented and we very much hope that you will be able to attend.

Attendance

We would like to remind all parents of the importance of good attendance. Whilst we appreciate some absences are avoidable, for example illness and medical appointments, it is important parents understand that children's attendance data is used to support a multitude of things, for example high needs funding bids and appeal processes. A poor attendance could have a detrimental effect on any outcomes. We aim to work with you to support your child with any problems that arise with your child's attendance at school.

Hot Lunches

Please note that the deadline for ordering or cancelling a hot lunch on the day is 9:45am. Children will still be provided with a hot lunch if ordered after this time; however it is not guaranteed that they will get their first choice. Please note for Key Stage 2 children paying for their lunches, parents must check balances on a regular basis to ensure they stay in credit. If payment can't be made and the account is in arrears, you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch for that day.

Primary Boss of the South is back for 2018

Mangahigh is running the Boss of the South Competition from 3rd July, at 9am to 12th July at 3pm. After the success of last year, Hughenden Primary School is taking part in this fun maths event. All classes will be able to take part.

Primary Schools from across the South of England go head to head in order to be crowned the "Boss of the South" and win some prizes. The children will play online maths games to score points for themselves and for the school.

Each child will be given a log-in from their teacher. They need to log in at www.mangahigh.com as a student. They can choose any games that they would like to play. We will give them opportunities in school to go on the site.

"Mangahigh is successfully delivering fun, competitive, gam-based lessons that drive greater engagement and understanding," Bill Gates.

Hughenden Proms

Please note that due to an extremely busy but exciting schedule of events, Hughenden Proms is cancelled until further notice.

Last Day of Term Fundraiser – Charlotte's Web

We were lucky enough to have a last minute production of "The Hobbit" by "M&M Theatrical Productions" – we heard lots of children excitedly telling their parents about the pantomime at the end of the day.

As the performance was so thrilling for the children, we decided to book up a performance of "Charlotte's Web" by the same company next year (June 2019) and we will use this performance as part of our English planning from the National Curriculum.

We have decided the school will pay for the production partly through parental contribution and partly through fundraising events.

Our first fundraising event will be a mufti and ice lolly on the last day of this term – Tuesday 24th July. **If children could bring in a voluntary contribution of £2 to wear mufti on this day** and to have an ice lolly, we will hopefully get off to a good start raising money towards the cost of the performance of "Charlotte's Web".

We will tell you of future fundraising events in the Autumn term.

We hope you will support us in providing your children with the memorable experience of a live performance of "Charlotte's Web".

New Preschool Opening September 2018 – Hughenden Hoppers

We are excited about the opening of our new Preschool at Hughenden for September 2018. Hughenden Hoppers opens its doors on Thursday 6th September 2018. Full details can be found on our school website under 'About Our School/Preschool, where you will find all the booking forms, funding documents and further information. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any further queries or wish to make a booking. We look forward to hearing from you.

Press Release for Teaching Assistant Standard

A proud day for Hughenden Primary School

When the Government announced their intentions to offer more apprenticeships along with the introduction of the new Trailblazer schemes, Hughenden Primary School were keen to support the continuity of apprenticeships in schools especially after hearing that the existing frameworks would be coming to an end. Having expressed an interest to be involved in the future development of these new schemes, Jenny Brinkworth of Hughenden Primary School was voted as Chair of the Employer Group for the new Standard. Work then started on writing the Expression of Interest to write a new Standard entitled 'Teaching Assistant'.

Approval to proceed was granted by the Institute for Apprenticeships in June 2016 and work started in earnest on writing the new Standard. With an initial employer group of 10 educational establishments and a select group of assessment organisations including City & Guilds and Bucks Adult Learning, the Standard was approved and published by the Institute for Apprenticeships in June 2016. As work progressed, the working group supporting this development grew. After the publication of the Standard, work then started on writing the End Point Assessment Plan. Ofqual as our external quality assurance provider, approved the EPA in March 2018 and we received confirmation from the Minister for Education via the Institute for Apprenticeships in June 2018 that our Standard, EPA and Funding Band were approved for delivery. The new Level 3 Teaching Assistant Standard is now available for use by both apprenticeship levy and non-levy paying employers.

Jenny Brinkworth is working in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council's Corporate Training Advisor to provide support and training for new schools expressing an interest in employing apprentices. She also sits on the Levy Panel.

This new Standard is the result of a dedicated group working together and will ensure the continuity of apprenticeships in schools. Hughenden Primary are committed to working with new apprentices in the future and supporting their development. Here is the link: <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/teaching-assistant/>

Foundation Class Big Camp Out

Miss Berry would like to invite all Foundation Children to a farewell camp out at school on Thursday 19th of July from 6pm to 8pm. There will be lots of camping treats and games, finishing with stories around the camp fire. If you would like your child to attend, please fill in the permission slip that went out in the children's book bag and hand in. If you do not have a copy of the letter, please ask the office for a spare.

Clubs

Please see our website for all our club offers, as well as the community clubs in the area. The timetable for the Autumn Term is currently being updated and will be sent out when all the details are confirmed.

Holiday Swimming Clubs

We would like to signpost you to information on Summer Holiday 'Crash Style' Swimming lessons in the area. This is particularly useful for children who are struggling to meet the minimum 25M requirement.

Neil Bailey is an accredited provider, part of the Bucks Swim Focus Group and contributed towards the revised Bucks Safe Practice in School Swimming Policy & Guidance 2018.

For all enquiries, please email info@challenge-swimming.co.uk or visit www.challenge-swimming.co.uk.

Holiday Athletics Club at Hughenden

Catherine Sole from SB Sports and Fitness has led some Athletics sessions for the children as part of our Health & Wellbeing week. The children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and we are delighted to be able to offer holiday summer multisports camps on the following dates: 25th -27th July and 6 - 10th August. Full details can be found on our website under 'Community Clubs' and how you can book your place. Alternatively, you can email SB.SPORTS.FITNESS@HOTMAIL.COM to make a booking.

SPRING 2018 DATES

Monday 9th July	Secondary School Transfer Presentation
Saturday 14th July	Hughenden Village Day
Monday 16th July	Open Afternoon for parents
Tuesday 17th July	Year 6 Production Dress Rehearsal <i>Parents who can't attend evening performance on the 19th are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal.</i>
Thursday 19th July	Year 4, 5 and 6 Watford Orchestra concert Evening Performance of Year 6 Production Foundation Camp Out
Friday 20th July	Friends Stay and Play
Monday 23rd July	Leavers Assembly- 9:15 – All Year 6 Parents welcome Year 6 Leavers Treat – This will follow on after assembly Further information sent out separately
Tuesday 24th July	LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1:30PM – Quacker's will be running their after school club from 1:30pm – 6:00pm

MUFTI DAY FOR ALL CHILDREN WITH A £2 DONATION TOWARDS CHARLOTTE'S WEB

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