



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first monthly Newsletter giving you lots of useful and exciting information. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for the new term ahead. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children, parents and families who have joined us this term. Congratulations to Miss Berry who became Mrs Brown over the summer who has now moved to our new Preschool, Hughenden Hoppers.

SCHOOL NEWS

New Preschool now OPEN

We are delighted to announce that Hughenden Hoppers opened its doors on Thursday 6th September. There are still spaces available so please contact the school office or visit our website for more details. If you would like to visit our preschool please contact the school office to arrange.

Registration

The start of our school day in the classroom is 9am and it is important for children to be in school and settled ready to learn. Any children entering school after this time will have to sign in with the office so we can ensure they are marked as present on the register.

Hot School Lunches – Dolce

We are very pleased to continue our good working relationship with Dolce as providers for our daily hot school meals! By using your online portal provided to you by the Live Kitchen at Dolce, you have the facility to pre-order your children's lunch online, view all the menu options, ingredients, etc. If you are having any trouble logging in to your portal, please contact the Live Kitchen directly and they will be able to resolve the issue. The number to call is 01506 300310.

Please note that only one parent can have a pre-order login. Should you wish to have shared access, then please give them a call and they will sort this for you. The current menu covers up to the end of the Autumn Term and can also be found on our website.

Please could we request that parents pre-order their child's meal at home as this helps reduce the time taken during the morning to organise lunches for the day. Please be aware that if you wish to cancel a meal order, it must be cancelled by 9:30am at the very latest. Unfortunately failure to do so will result in a charge of £2.40. The school unfortunately does not have the facility to cancel orders on parent's behalf. Please contact Dolce directly.

Packed Lunches

We actively encourage healthy eating within our school. Pupils need a well-balanced diet therefore please avoid fizzy drinks and unhealthy snacks. Dolce serve hot school lunches every day. Children in KS1 are eligible for Universal Free School Meals and children in KS2 can order daily meals at a cost of £2.40. Their menu is delivered on a three week rotational basis. To view the menu choices, please visit our school website.

With regards to break time, KS2 children should not bring in unhealthy snacks, only fruit is permitted.

E Schools login – what it's used for

All new children will be issued with their own ESchools login. ESchools provide our VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) and teachers will use this to set children's homework. Each class has a home page where they will share information and topics covered in class. Parents will also use their login to book appointments for Parents Evening as they arise. The dates for our first meetings are listed below. If you need your password resetting please contact the school office who will be able to assist.

Learning Ladders

This is our online assessment tool. Information will be shared at our Meet the Teacher meetings and all new parents and Year 1 parents will be issued with their own logins over the coming week when their system has been updated.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call in or email the office.

Parents Evening

This year Parents Evening is taking place on Thursday 1st November and Thursday 8th November for all year groups from 3:30pm – 6:30pm with the exception of Year 6 for the 8th November as Mr Meatyard has another commitment. As previously, parents can book their parents evening appointment using the eschools facility. We will notify you nearer the time when bookings can be made. The second date for Year 6 parents will follow.

Medical

Our First Aider, Mrs Suchowierchi will be working on compiling the medical records for all the new children. If you have disclosed any medical needs for your child which requires medication of any kind, please call in to see Mrs Suchowierchi between 8:45 –9:00am to discuss further and complete any relevant consent forms.

Quackers Day Nursery – Wraparound Care Provider

As you will already be aware, Quackers Day Nursery now provides our entire wrap around care in school.

The Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am up to the start of the school day and After School Club runs from 3.30-6pm every day.

Full details can be found at www.quackersoutofschoolclubs.co.uk. You must register your child on their website before bookings can be made. Obviously any queries can be directed to the customer service team via email on info@quackersoutofschoolclubs.co.uk or by calling 01635 247 555. This information can also be found under our 'Wrap Around Care' page on our school website.

GDPR – Consent Forms

Thank you to all parents who completed and returned their child's GDPR Consent form last term, we still have a few outstanding, if you need a new copy please let the school office know. Please note, this does not apply to the new Foundation class as this was included in your Welcome Pack.

Clubs at Hughenden

The updated Clubs Timetable can be found on our school website under 'Clubs' – please go here to print off booking forms or collect from the school office. Please note that due to GDPR, we are not allowed to pass on bookings forms or payments to any 3rd party provider – please either hand these over in person or post to the relevant provider using the details on the booking form for that club – thank you for your support with this.

Hughenden Valley Football Club

Football training started on the 8th September for the forthcoming season and is supported by some of our parents. Andrew Booth is working with two other parents representing the U7s this year (Richard Cawley and James Harris) and we have Richard Burkimsher who has stepped into the U6s coaching role with Adam Halvorsen supporting.

As usual we need support from the local community and school to increase our numbers at this age group.

There are 9 teams in our mini-league this year and we will be having the matches on Sundays as well as training on Saturdays.

Springbucks Gymnastics Club

Spaces still available for Autumn Term in Thursday & Friday morning gymnastics sessions!

Running 7.50 - 8.50am at Hughenden Primary School each Thursday and Friday morning, our sessions focus on introducing gymnastics skills in a fun, safe and encouraging environment.

Children work through a badge scheme and are awarded badges and certificates to help celebrate their progress and achievements.

Sessions cost £6.75 per hour with Thursdays being geared more towards beginners and suitable for those in school years Reception to Year 3, and Fridays for those in Years 3+. Please email us at springbucksgc@gmail.com for more information or to arrange a free trial session for your child. Hope to see you soon!

Ruth Middleton (Springbucks Head Coach) - 07581 384176

Swimming Year 3

All children from Year 3 will be attending weekly swimming lessons at Wycombe Leisure Centre. Tuition will be provided by the Centre's swimming instructors/ school staff. The lessons will take place every Monday starting on Monday 10th September to Monday 10th December 2018 (12 sessions all together not including the inset day or half term)

Please ensure your child brings all their kit with them every week to avoid another journey to school for you!

Foundation

From week commencing Monday 17th September, Foundation will stay for the whole day and finish at 3:20pm. We find that with a slightly staggered finish from the other children leaving at 3:30 this helps to alleviate parking in the surrounding roads. With effect from the 17th September, the Foundation children will be able to book into After School Club as they will be full time.

Meet the Teacher

We are pleased to inform you that our Meet the Teacher sessions are taking place on Wednesday 19th September. Year 1 and Year 3 is from 3-3.30pm and Year 2 and Year 4 from 3.45-4.15pm. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher for the next academic year. Year 5 and 6 held their session at the end of the summer term. The Curriculum Overviews will be put on the website for each year group if you can't attend or couldn't make the Year 5/6 session.

The following sites will be used for homework and supporting learning at home:

Login details for Espresso Home Pupil Access: <http://home.espresso.co.uk> – these are generic for the whole school. Username: Student5909 Password: hughenden

Login details for Number Gym: Username: hughenden Password: numbergym

Open Days for prospective parents – September 2019 Intake

We are pleased to announce 4 Open Days for prospective parents to visit school in time for their school applications. The dates are as follows: Wednesday 10th October, Tuesday 6th November, Thursday 22nd November and Wednesday 5th December. Our Headteacher, Mrs Leighton, will be delivering a presentation for parents between 9:30am – 10:00am. Tours will be available from 10:00am – 10:45am. Please contact the school office to book a space. We will look forward to welcoming you to our school!

There is lots of useful information along with all the crucial dates on the Bucks County Council Admissions Page, all of which can be found on our website under 'About the School' and 'Admissions'.

Moving Up to Secondary School

Please note that the deadline for applications is 31st October 2018 for all Year 6 children moving up to Secondary School. Personalised letters with login details to complete your child's application online are provided to us by the admissions team and will be sent home this week. We have a limited supply of hard paper copies for you to make your application. If you need it please drop by to collect.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 17th September to take sibling and individual photographs for all children in school, including our Hughenden Hoppers preschool. For parents wishing to have family photos including non-school siblings, please arrive for 8.30am on a first come first served basis in the Knowledge Hub.

School Uniform – Ultimate Incentives

We are delighted to see all our children returning to school looking so smart. School Uniform can be purchased through Ultimate Incentives either via their school website or alternatively directly at their shop based on Missenden Road. Orders placed online will be delivered to school and given to the child to take

home. Full information on the uniform kit list required can be found on our school website under 'Uniform'. If you need to swap your uniform order for a different size, please contact Ultimate Incentives directly. This is only possible if the uniform is in 'brand new' condition and the labels are intact and not written on.

Please could you check that all your children's uniform are labelled correctly. This is to reduce the amount of lost items in lost property and to also ensure uniform misplaced can be returned to its owner.

Children will need to ensure they have all their equipment in school every day including PE Kits, wellington boots, Forest School kit if appropriate and lunch box if they aren't having a hot lunch. Just a reminder, please could you ensure wellies are brought in a clearly labelled carrier bag. It is also vital children arrive with a coat in case of bad weather.

Please note, due to limited space around school, children are not permitted to bring large rucksacks. A drawstring bag / book bag is ideal.

For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. Children should not wear jewellery other than watches and small plain gold or silver stud earrings (they must be removed for PE). Parents who wish their child to have pierced ears need to do so at the beginning of the summer holidays so that they can be removed for the start of term.

We request long hair to be tied back neatly away from the face with a plain hair band or suitable scrunchy. No extreme hairstyles or hair gel is permitted in school.

Lollipop Crossing Patrol

The Lollipop crossing patrol is run and funded by Bucks County Council .

We have crossing patrollers every morning and afternoon to ensure that all children can cross our road safely. We hope you continue to use this service which in turn will help alleviate the traffic and parking in the local area.

Please note that for the foreseeable future, the crossing patrol will be unmanned on Monday afternoons so please ensure you make arrangements for your children to get home safely.

Walking Crocodile

As part of our School Travel Plan, our Walking Crocodile takes place every Tuesday and Friday from Hughenden Village Hall. We would love more children to join us – please collect a form from the school office. We also welcome help from adults but please note you will need a current DBS in place before doing so.

Safety and Parking Information

Please note the turning circle is out of bounds for parents. There are two disabled parking spaces for parents with a parking permit issued by school. In the morning, please follow the pedestrian route. Staff will be out to guide if needed. We would ask you all to be aware and careful of traffic entering and leaving the Day Care Centre adjacent to school.

This week Year 3 will receive a letter regarding 'Permission to Walk Home' for your completion if you feel appropriate. For all other KS2 year groups if your decision has changed, please notify the school office.

School Travel Plan

We are delighted to let you know that we have achieved Gold Award for our School Travel Plan. Modeshift STARS is the national schools award scheme established to recognise that schools have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel.

We have worked hard over the last few years to help children to be active and take part in many exciting initiatives. Some of our highlights this year were:

-The Walking Crocodile group, Bikers' Breakfast, Year 4 Big Pedal Challenge, New walk to school maps
The children have also enjoyed 'Bling your Bike', 'Happy Shoesday' and our annual whole school walk to the Church for Harvest Festival.

Shoebox Appeal – Rotary Club

Details will follow soon about donations for our Shoebox Rotary Appeal. In the past, we have filled 10 boxes to support this worthwhile project. Thank you in advance for your support.

Usbourne Sponsored Reading Event

We are delighted to be working with Mrs Baker, one of our parents to run a sponsored reading event over the October half term. Sponsorship forms and full details will be sent home on Friday 12th October and we would like your help and support to encourage your children to take part. Funds raised will be put towards enhancing our Literacy resources in school.

AUTUMN TERM 2018 DATES

Monday 17 th September	Tempest Photography – from 8.30am
Tuesday 18 th September	Foundation and Preschool Parent Meeting, 3-3.20pm Magic Maths Club in school – details to follow
Thursday 19 th September	Meet the Teacher Year 1 and Year 3, 3-3.30pm Meet the Teacher Year 2 and Year 4, 3.45-4.15pm
Friday 21 st September	Davenies Maths Challenge, selected children from Year 4, 2-4pm
Thursday 20 th September	Foundation and Preschool Parent Meeting, 9-9.20am
Tuesday 25 th September	Friends AGM, 7.30pm Knowledge Hub – all welcome
Saturday 29 th September	Ok, It's time for change – book launch celebration, Crown Plaza (see separate letter for further details)
Wednesday 3 rd October	Year 6 - E Safety theatre production @ Pipers Corner School
Wednesday 10 th October	Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30-10.45 am
Friday 12 th October	Year 5 and 6 Parliament trip Usbourne Sponsorship Reading starts, forms out
Monday 15 th October	Harvest Festival – St Michael & All Angels Church – further details to follow
Wednesday 17 th October	Flu vaccinations in school – Foundation to Year 5 incl.

Friday 19 th October	Break up for half term 3.20/3.30pm finish
Monday 29 th October	Inset Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 30 th October	Back to school Usbourne Sponsorship Reading forms to be returned to school
Wednesday 31 st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications (applicable to Year 6 only)
Thursday 1 st November	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm – book via Eschools, details to follow
Monday 5 th November	Deadline for Usbourne Sponsorship forms/money to be returned
Tuesday 6 th November	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30-10.45 am
Thursday 22 nd November	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30-10.45 am
Sunday 2 nd December	Switching on the Christmas Lights – Hughenden Village Hall, 4pm
Wednesday 5 th December	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30-10.45 am Sports Festival for Foundation children, 1-3pm @ The Misbourne
Wednesday 12 th December	Dolce Christmas Meal
Wednesday 19 th December	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish Quackers providing wrap around care from 1.30-6pm
Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	Inset Day
Thursday 3 rd January 2019	Back to school
Tuesday 15 th January 2019	Deadline for School applications (applicable for children starting school or transferring to a Junior School from an Infant)

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