



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – September 2016

Friday 09th September 2016

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 along with new teaching staff, support staff and Apprentices. The children have settled into their new classes brilliantly and you will get to meet your child's class teacher at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions – see below for dates and times.

We are delighted to welcome Natasha Hay to our team. Working on the School Direct teacher training programme through Chepping View, Natasha will be joining Mr Meatyard in Year 6.

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Registration closes at 9:00am. Any children entering school after this time will have to sign in with the office. Unfortunately this will result in a late mark on their attendance record. We have staff on the playground from 8:40am to ease congestion during the build.

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 now 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. Log in details for new parents will be provided in due course.

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.

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's 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.

Parent Pay Login – what it's used for

All new parents will be issued with a login for Parent Pay. These will be distributed next week. This is to be used for school trip payments and donations to our School Fund account. If you make a donation to our school fund account and are eligible to gift aid we have a form in school for you to complete.

E Schools login – what it's used for

All new children will shortly 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.

Parents Evening

This year Parents Evening is taking place on Tuesday 08th November and Thursday 10th November from 3:00pm – 6:30pm. 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.

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.

Energy Kidz – Wraparound Care Provider

As you will already be aware, Energy Kidz now provides our entire wrap around care in school.

The Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am up to the start of the school day every day at £5 per session including breakfast. The After School Club runs from 3.30-6pm every day, £11.00 per session including a snack.

Full details can be found at www.energy-kidz.co.uk. They are happy to accept ad-hoc and/or regular bookings. 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@energy-kidz.co.uk or by calling 0333 577 1533. This information is also under our 'Clubs' page on our school website.

Energy Kidz Drop Off and Collection Arrangements

Due to the build we have had to change our arrangements for parents dropping off to breakfast club and collecting from after school club. All children attending breakfast club must come in through the main entrance door where they will be met by a Energy Kidz staff member. Their mobile number is on the front door for you to call if necessary.

For parents collecting from after school club please use the temporary pedestrian gate by the playground and walk around the school as before entering the hall through the rear cloakroom door. Thank you for your cooperation.

Forest School Timetable

Year 1 will be going to Forest School this term:

Group 1

Thursday 08th September – Thursday 20th October 2016 (7 Weeks)

Group 2

Thursday 03rd November – Thursday 15th December 2016 (7 Weeks)

It helps us hugely if all the children can remember to bring in their Forest School clothing on the right day to save us having to call parents.

Swimming Year 3 / 4

All children from year 3 and 4 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 12th September to Monday 05th December 2016 (Twelves sessions all together).

Please ensure your child brings all their kit with them every week to avoid another journey to school for you. Please could we also ask you, if you haven't already done so to return your consent forms along with a voluntary contribution of £30.00 to cover transport costs to the school office.

Contact Information for Parents – Data Collection Sheets

Should your contact information change, for example, mobile number or email address, please inform the school office so we can update your child's records. During the course of this term we will be sending out the Data Collection Sheet for you to check and update the information we hold on file for your children.

Foundation

Our Foundation children will be staying for lunch with effect from Monday 12th September onwards. Please could we ask you to collect your child at 1:30pm. Week commencing Monday 21st September, they will stay for the whole day and finish at 3:20pm. We find with a slightly staggered finish from the other children leaving at 3:30 helps to alleviate parking in the surrounding roads. With effect from the 21st September, the Foundation children will be able to book into After School Club as they will be full time.

Meet the teacher dates

Foundation parents – Monday 19th September 2016 9:15 – 9:45am

KS1 – Wednesday 21st September 2016 9:15 – 9:45am

KS2 – Tuesday 20th September 2016 3:00 – 3:30pm

During this time our ICT Co-ordinator will be introducing Learning Ladders (Our new Assessment and Marking online facility) to parents. Parents will then be given access to the parent portal later this term.

Open Days for prospective parents – September 2017 Intake

We are pleased to announce 3 Open Days for prospective parents to visit school in time for their school applications.

The dates are as follows: Wednesday 12th October, Thursday 20th October and Monday 21st November. They all run between 9:30 – 10:45am. Please give the school office a call to book. We are happy for you to share this information with anyone you know who has a child due to start school in September 2017.

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 Monday 31st October 2016 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

Please note that on Wednesday 21st September Tempest will be visiting our school to take individual and sibling photos of the children. Please could we ask all children to arrive to school smartly dressed. The photographer is

happy to take photos of children with non-school siblings between 8:30 – 9:00am. No booking is required just turn up.

School Uniform

We delighted to see all our children returning to school looking so smart. Over the coming months we will move all our uniform purchases to include KS1 over to Ultimate Incentives Ltd and parents will then have the facility to purchase online via our website or in person at their offices. Full information on the uniform kit list required can be found on our school website under 'Uniform'. Orders placed online will be delivered to school.

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. Currently our KS1 school uniform is available from the PMG Schoolwear shop in High Wycombe. We will notify of the changeover date.

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. Because of the build, there unfortunately isn't enough space to store belongings and large items. 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 by Bucks County Council supported by a committee to ensure it remains viable. From time to time we will organise Walk to School initiatives to raise funds to ensure this important service remains in place for our children. If you are able to donate to this important fund, please contact the school office and we will put you in touch with the new representatives.

We have crossing patrollers everyday 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.

Safety and Parking Information

Children who wish to scoot or bike can only do so if their adult takes their scooter and cycle home as the storage area is not accessible during the build. This is for the whole of this term.

Please note the turning circle is out of bounds. There is one disabled parking space for parents with a parking permit issued by school. In the morning, please follow the pedestrian route provided by the builders. Staff will be out to guide if needed.

At home time, there will be a designated pick up area outside the new staffroom which has white boarding erected for safety purposes. Children will be escorted out to you by a member of staff. Please follow the pedestrian route off site and be aware of vehicles leaving the Day Care Centre next door. Parents of KS1 children need to come all the way into the collection zone so staff can see you.

Letter were send home to all year 3 children earlier this week for '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.

We would ask you all to be aware of traffic entering and leaving the Day Care Centre adjacent to school.

AUTUMN TERM 2016 DATES

Monday 05th September	BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 08th September	Forest School Starts – Year 1
Monday 12th September	Swimming Starts – Year 3 / 4
Monday 19th September	Foundation Meet the Teacher 9:15 – 9:45am
Tuesday 20th September	KS2 Meet the Teacher 3:00 – 3:30pm
Wednesday 21st September	KS1 Meet the Teacher 9:15 – 9:45am Tempest Photography – Individual and Siblings Non school children/siblings 8:30 – 9:00am
Monday 03rd October	Walk to School Month
Wednesday 12th October	Open Day 9:30 – 10:45am
Thursday 20th October	Open Day 9:30 – 10:45am
W/C Monday 24th October	HALF TERM
Monday 31st October	BACK TO SCHOOL Moving up to Secondary School Deadline
Tuesday 08th November	Parents Evening 3:00 – 6:30pm – Book via eschools
Thursday 10th November	Parents Evening 3:00 – 6:30pm – Book via eschools
Friday 11th November	Bucks Immunisation Team Flu Vaccinations Year 1, 2 and 3
Monday 21st November	Open Day 9:30 – 10:45am
Tuesday 20th December	LAST DAY OF TERM – Energy Kidz 1:30pm – 6:00pm School finishes at 1:30pm for all children
Wednesday 04th January	County Inset Day
Thursday 05th January	Inset Day
Friday 06th January	Inset Day
Monday 09th January	BACK TO SCHOOL

W/C Monday 13 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 20 th February	BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 21 st February	Calshot Parents Meeting – Year 6
Monday 20 th March	Echoes Performance at Royal Albert Hall
W/C Monday 27 th March	Calshot Trip – Year 6
Friday 31 st March	END OF TERM
Tuesday 18 th April	BACK TO SCHOOL
W/C Monday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 05 th June	BACK TO SCHOOL
Friday 21 st July	END OF TERM

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