



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – October 2015

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Apprentices and teaching staff joining us this term. Zoe Killinger, Shannon Fletcher and Tim Strzelecki will be joining us as Learning Support Assistant Apprentices and Melissa Durston as our Business Admin Assistant Apprentice. Imelda Barlow and Rita Senior will be helping out in KS2 as part of their teacher training. Julie Ward joins us as our new Hot Meal supervisor and Gabriella Fulgoni will be joining our lunch staff team. Joanne Hilling, employed by Dolce works alongside Julie and Gabriella to complete our lunchtime staff team. I hope you join us in giving them all a huge welcome!

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Email Address

Just a reminder our new email address is office@hughendenprimary.co.uk. We would like to emphasize that although at the moment our old email address currently redirects the emails to our new one, we do not know how long for. Therefore please make sure all emails are sent to our new address to ensure of a response. Thank you.

Parent Pay

Please note we have given all log in details to Foundation students regarding Parent Pay. This facility will be used mainly for school trips and school donations. We would like to remind parents that all payments for Hot Meals are made directly through Dolce. For further details, please visit the school office. When sending in cash or cheque payments to Dolce, please ensure the following information is written clearly on the envelope. For example, HPS, child's name, year, amount enclosed.

Jeans for Genes Day

We are delighted to announce we have raised £126.98 for Jeans for Genes day this year! Jeans for Genes day was a fantastic opportunity not only to enjoy a full day of activities and excitement but to also appreciate and raise awareness for the charity. We held several events during the day such as, taking part in a jeans tug of war, obstacle course and we also attempted to achieve the world record for a child wearing the most pair of jeans at one time! We managed 15 pairs! Not quite the world record but an excellent start. We would like to thank you for all your continuing support and we will look forward to seeing some of you at our other events taking place later on during the Autumn term.

School Fund

This month we invite parents to make a contribution to School Fund to help us finance a specific project to improve the school. Recent projects have included, refurbishment of the library, purchasing additional reading books and purchasing new library books. For this academic year we are looking to upgrade our ICT systems in school.

Donations are given in complete confidence and children are completely unaffected by whether their parents choose to give or not. Gift Aid forms are available for parents who pay tax and allow us to reclaim tax on donations. The amount left entirely to parental discretion and all contributions are greatly valued. However, some parents have requested a guide and the Governors suggest an annual amount in the region of £15.00 to £25.00 a family.

Walk To School Month

We are pleased to inform you we will be continuing our Walk to School Month this year. This is a great opportunity to encourage your child/ren to Walk to School every Wednesday for the next few weeks. A prize will be awarded for the best class!

On Wednesday 21st October we will be organising a walk from the Village Hall at 8:30am onwards.

Illness/Absences

As a school we regularly check children's attendance levels on SIMS to ensure we stay within the designated percentage attendance levels. We work hard to ensure that children can fully access the curriculum both in school and at home using our online resources on our website under the 'Learning at Home' tab. We realise that sometimes situations arise meaning a child is absent from school or they are genuinely unwell. The importance of good attendance has a huge impact on children's learning and well-being and we will continue to work with our families to ensure we are always able to offer support where it is needed.

If your child is unwell due to sickness, they are required to stay at home for 24 hours. Other reasons such as, diarrhoea, children must not come into school for at least 48 hours. Some illnesses are very contagious and can be passed around very quickly in a school. We would appreciate full support of parents to ensure our school remains a safe, clean environment.

Outdoor Play Uniform Reminder

We have been made aware of several children arriving into school without their correct outdoor kit such as, raincoats, welly boots, forest school bag and swimming bag. We cannot stress enough the importance of bringing the right kit into school. Without the appropriate uniform, your children will be unable to participate in their lessons. We unfortunately do not have spares within school. Therefore, please ensure your child/ren are ready with the right equipment the night before.

Uniform Reminder

Uniform can be purchased from PMG School wear in High Wycombe (5 Church Square). It is essential that all uniform is clearly named. This is to ensure that they can be returned to the correct child.

We would like to remind parents that hair braids are not permitted in school.

Long hair should be tied back using a plain hairband/scrunchy. Nail varnish, tattoos and transfers are not permitted.

We would like to emphasize Jewellery is not permitted in school. Small plain silver/gold studs may be worn however must be removed for PE and Swimming. Parents who wish their child to have pierced ears should do so at the beginning of the summer holidays so that there will be no need to wear the earrings in school.

Energy Kidz

Here at Hughenden Primary, our wrap around care provision run by Energy Kidz are offering a fantastic opportunity for your child/ren to participate in a free trial session. Energy Kidz is a fun, active and great way for your child to unwind after a day at school. This is an exciting opportunity for your children to enjoy a wide range of play, craft and leisure activities within a safe and secure environment.

For further details, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, directly through Energy Kidz on 0333 577 1533 or alternatively via their website www.energy-kidz.co.uk . For late collections, there will be a charge of £5.00.

Please be aware on Friday 18th December school closes at 1:30pm. Energy Kidz will be running their after school club from 1:30pm – 6:00pm for children who cannot get picked up by their parents.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM DATES 2015

OCTOBER 2015	Walk to School Month
Friday 16 th October	FRIENDS: Kids Film Night
Tuesday 20 th October	Open Morning 9.30am (Prospective Parents)
Tuesday 20 th October	Roald Dahl Museum Trip Year 3/4
Wednesday 21 st October	Walk To School 8:30am Village Hall Event
Thursday 22 nd October	Harvest Festival 1:30pm (Welcome to all)
Friday 23 rd October	Mufti Day for Nepal, £1 donation
Friday 23rd October	Break up for Half Term
w/c 26th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3rd November	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th November	Back to School
Wednesday 4 th November	KS2 Trip to Cineworld, High Wycombe to watch 'Goodnight Mister Tom'
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 1 Trip to Odeon, Aylesbury to watch Penguins of Madagascar
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need Appeal
Saturday 14 th November	FRIENDS: Christmas Shopping Event
Monday 23 rd November	Open Morning, 9.30 am (Prospective Parents)
Monday 23 rd November	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 1 st December	FRIENDS: Christmas Bazaar
Friday 4 th December	Y3/4 Swimming Finishes
Friday 18 th December	FRIENDS: End of Term Morning Party (More information to follow). School closes at 1:30pm (Energy kidz A.S.C starts at 1:30pm – 6:00pm).
Friday 18th December	End of Term – Children leave at 1:30pm

SPRING TERM 2016

Monday 4th January	Inset Day (County)
Tuesday 5th January	Back to School
Friday 29 th January	FRIENDS: Kids Film Night
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 Parents Meeting
Friday 11 th March	Spokes Assembly to children – 2.30-3pm Spokes Meeting to Yr 5 parents – 3-3.30pm
Saturday 27 th March	FRIENDS: Adult Quiz Night
Thursday 17 th March	Y3/4 - Energise @ Wycombe Swan
Friday 18 th March	Y3/4 - Energise @ Wycombe Swan
Friday 18 th March	FRIENDS: Children's Disco
Saturday 19 th March	Y3/4 - 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 21st July

End of Term

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