



# Hughenden Primary School

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**Newsletter – December 21 End of Term Roundup  
SCHOOL NEWS**



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we reach the end of term I wanted to wish you all a very happy holiday and send out a few final pieces of information. This week Christmas events have stepped up again as we held our Grotto / Disco on Monday (thank you to the PTA for arranging these events and their ongoing support for the school) and on Thursday our Y6 pupils visited Hughenden Gardens and took festive cheer and singing to the residents which they were very appreciative of. It is lovely to be able to give something back to our local community and this was a small way in which we could do so. Also yesterday all classes had the opportunity to come together in their key stage bubbles to end the term with a collection of Christmas reading, songs and poetry. We were very pleased to be able to welcome Keith, the Vicar from St Michael and All Angels in Hughenden who put the children through their paces with a very tricky Christmas quiz! This was a lovely end to a very busy term and allowed us the opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate the end of term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who have supported the school and the pupils this term, having you back in school to hear readers or help with classroom activities has been lovely to see and our pupils really benefit from this additional support and involvement.

Attached to this newsletter is our Covid Contingency plan for January 2022 should things change over the holidays. We are assuming we will return to school will as planned on **Wednesday January 5<sup>th</sup>** but in the event of any necessary changes, you will be contacted via class DoJo and or email. We would like all our pupils to undertake a lateral flow test if possible the night before returning to school. We have done very well to get to the end of term without significant disruption but are aware there is likely to be a peak of the new variant in January / February 2022.

#### **A message from Mrs Hogan:**

Thank you for all your good wishes. I have enjoyed teaching the different year groups over the last 5 years and I will miss the children and wish you all well for the future.

### **A message from Mrs McCammond:**

A big thank you, to the whole school community for making this last year so memorable and especially the children. Through Lockdown, Remote Learning, online Zoom Assemblies, communicating via Class Dojo and face to face meetings, you have all made me so welcome, Hughenden is certainly a very special place and I will miss you all.

I hope that you have a safe and enjoyable Christmas break and come back re-energised for the spring term! Look after yourselves and each other and keep on working hard to be the best you can be!

Thank you to all that have brought gifts in for the staffroom, the sweet treats have kept us all going over the last 2 weeks and we are very grateful for these and your good wishes!

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely, restful holiday with your families. Please keep safe and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Miss J E Garlick  
Interim Headteacher

### **The Friends of Hughenden Primary School**

We would like to thank our PTA and parent helpers for all their support this term for all the fun events they have organised for the children.

Please note all communications for the PTA should be addressed to [friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com)  
If you have a query regarding an event led by the PTA, please contact them directly, not the school office in order that your query can be addressed promptly.

The PTA rely heavily on support from all the parents to ensure the workload is evenly distributed for everyone's enjoyment. Please support them by volunteering when the requests come through asking for help – thank you.

### **Charitable Donation Update**

We have had a busy month raising much needed funds to support various charities this year and the children have learnt about the importance of both supporting these and where the funds go to help individuals.

This term alone we have raised £495 which is amazing!

This equates to £125 for Unite the Uniforms where staff and children supported the services that have supported us through Covid and lockdown by wearing the colours of the emergency services. £125 for Save the Children as part of our Christmas Jumper Day and £245 for BBC Children in Need where our student teachers planned activities across the school with children and staff wearing spots!

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated – the payments have all been forwarded on behalf of the school.

### **School Crossing Patroller – Vacancy**

We have been informed by Georgina Longley, that from January 2022, Mario our School Crossing Patroller will be manning the crossing patrol on the following days only:

#### Manned sessions

Mornings: Tuesday, Thursday

Afternoons: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Despite, advertising widely, the Council have yet to appoint a replacement for the other sessions so please note, the crossing will be unmanned on the following days/sessions:

Unmanned sessions

Morning: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Afternoons: Tuesday, Thursday

Please can we all help circulate the advert and the requirement to get this position filled as soon as possible to ensure children can continue to cross safely. It also helps to alleviate the pressure on the local roads.

Thank you in advance for your support in addressing this important issue. Below are the details:

A vacancy has arisen for the School Crossing Patroller on the Valley Road to start from January 2022. This is a crucial role to fill to ensure children can safely cross the road and walk to meet their parents and it makes a huge difference in easing congestion by the school.

If you are interested in applying, in the first instance, please contact Georgina Longley for further details. This is a job share to work alongside the existing crossing patroller and they can be flexible on the days/shifts.

**Georgina Longley**

School Crossing Patrol and Sustainable Travel Supervisor, Buckinghamshire Council

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### SPRING TERM 2022 DIARY DATES

4/1/2022 25/4/2022 8/7/2022 2/9/2022 21/10/2022 19/12/2022 20/12/2022 7/7/2023	INSET DAYS
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Return to school
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 onwards (every Wednesday)	Swimming – Year 3 (except for the 6/4/2022)
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Open Day for prospective parents, 9.30am – please book in advance via email/phone
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Cross County Festival @ The Misbourne – Year 3, 4, 5, 6
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2022	Year 4 & Year 5 - Young Voices
9-11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022	Woodrow Year 5 Residential
21-25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half Term
16/3/2022	Year 5 Sports Festival @ The Misbourne
6/4/2022	Year 3 Sports Festival @ The Misbourne (instead of swimming)
8/4/2022	Last Day of Term, Hoppers/EYFS/KS1 – 1.15pm 1.30pm finish KS2
11th-22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022	Easter Holidays
4/5/2022	Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne
23/5/2022	Tempest Photography – Class Photos
26/05/2022	Sports Festival Year 2 @ The Misbourne
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Half Term
6-10 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Isle of Wight Year 6 Residential
8/6/2022	Sports Festival Year 4 @ The Misbourne
23/6/2022	Sports Festival Year 6 @ The Misbourne
13/7/2022	Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Village Day – Heroes and Heroines Past & Present  more information to follow
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Last Day of Term, 1.15pm finish Hoppers/EYFS/KS1 1.30pm finish KS2