



# Hughenden Primary School

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**Newsletter – February 2022**  
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe it is already February and only two and a half weeks until the half term break. A lot has been happening in school but not all of it visible to you, so I would like to update you through this newsletter.

## **Governors**

Within the Governing Body, there have been a few changes:

Mrs Julia Smith and Mr David Sparks are now co-chairs. In addition, following the recent parent governor election, Mrs Jo Sergeant was appointed to serve a term of 4 years and the governors have approved Mr Neill Riordan as a new co-opted community governor.

## **Staffing**

We currently have a vacancy for an EYFS trained Level 3 LSA, please do contact me if this is of interest to you or somebody you know.

Following 2 rounds of recent teacher interviews we have appointed Ms Shafique as a teacher from Easter 2022 once she completes her training course. Mrs Penfold has decided she wishes to leave Hughenden later this term and take a break from teaching. As a result, Ms Shafique will then become the main EYFS teacher from the summer term. Ms Shabbir has also now been appointed as a permanent member of staff. We are very excited to be able to announce these permanent appointments, which will bring further stability to Hughenden Primary School. I am looking forward to the continued contributions of both these members of staff as we continue to move the school forward.

In other news, following a recent meeting with LA advisers, where we report regularly on the progress the school is making in terms of Teaching and Learning, Behaviour and Curriculum, they were very pleased with the progress Hughenden Primary School is making and in particular reflected on the improvements to English, the wider curriculum, presentation in pupil books and pupils' attitudes to their learning. A whole school 2 week focus on The Hughenden Ridgeback provided an exciting stimulus and resulted in some high-quality pupil work across the school. A whole school display is in situ in the learning hub. Please do look at the work when you visit for parents evening.



Finally, the Governing Body have begun the process of recruiting for a permanent headteacher for Hughenden Primary School. As soon as there is any news to share on this process, I am sure the Governing Body will update you.

Have a lovely week.

Miss J E Garlick. Interim Headteacher

### **Parents Evening – Hoppers – 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 3.20-5pm**

There is a manual booking appointment system on a clipboard which will be available at drop-off and pickup times from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 for you to book a 10-minute appointment with Miss Shafique, accompanied by Mrs Athwal and Miss Brooke-Read.

### **Parents Evening – Foundation – 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 3-6pm**

Parents evening for the Spring term for Foundation parents is taking place, face to face in the Knowledge Hub on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 3-6pm with Mrs Penfold and Miss Shafique. Bookings open on eSchools on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### **Parents Evening – Years 1-6 – 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Parents evening for the Spring term for children in Years 1-6 is taking place, face to face in the School Hall on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 3:00pm - 5:30pm and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Bookings open on eSchools on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### **Covid Guidance Update**

We continue to have positive cases in school but thankfully, with careful monitoring and support from all of our families this is on the decline. Please do continue to watch out for any symptoms, however mild they seem and arrange for a lateral flow test for your child before sending them to school. There have been some changes to the self-isolation requirements - This change came into effect in England on Monday 17 January and applies to all positive cases, regardless of vaccination status.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace as well as sending an email to either the office or attendance email address with a screenshot of the results.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation. You should not take an LFD test before the fifth day of your self-isolation period, and you should only end your self-isolation after you have had 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. You should stop testing after you have had 2 consecutive negative test results. This guidance so applies to children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting. You will be unable to use either your domestic or travel NHS COVID Pass for 10 days following a positive test result. **Examples of when to end self-isolation if you**



parents. All the details of how to book for each club are detailed on the Clubs Timetable. This can also be found on the school website under the Curriculum and Enrichment tab.

### Highway Code and School Travel Plan Updates

#### **At a glance: How has the Highway Code changed?**

- Drivers of large passenger vehicles and HGVs now have 'the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger posed to other road users'
- Drivers at a junction should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road that they're turning into
- Drivers should give way to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing, and pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing
- Cyclists should give way to pedestrians that are using shared-use cycle tracks
- Drivers should not cut across cyclists going ahead when turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane

## **Highway Code changes for 2022: Are you aware of the new rules?**

Pedestrians (children, older adults and disabled people in particular) are identified as 'the most likely to be injured in the event of a collision'.

Here's a look at what the hierarchy of road users looks like:

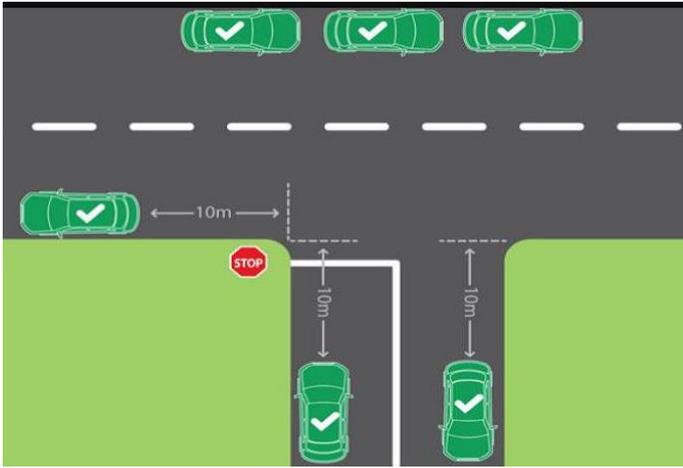
1. Pedestrians
2. Cyclists
3. Horse riders
4. Motorcyclists
5. Cars/taxis
6. Vans/minibuses
7. Large passenger vehicles/heavy goods vehicles

The changes are due to come into practice from 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Thank you to those parents who have been driving and parking considerately in the neighbourhood, in the mornings and at pick up time. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

**The Highway Code**

**DO NOT** stop or park  
opposite or within 10 metres  
(32 feet) of a junction,



### Rule 242

You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

### Rule 243

**DO NOT** stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

### Rule 244

You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.



### NSPCC Number Day

NSPCC Number day is taking place on the 11th February. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We will be taking part in **Dress up for Digits** and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

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### **Uniform**

Full uniform including school shoes and ties should now be worn everyday. PE kit should now be brought into school and kept in school, NOT worn on PE days. The uniform list is here for anyone who wants a reminder: [https://www.hughendenprimary.co.uk/website/uniform\\_1/](https://www.hughendenprimary.co.uk/website/uniform_1/)

A reminder that the only jewellery that should be worn are stud earrings and a wristwatch. Please also ensure that any hair bobbles, bows or scrunchies are discreet and not 'fashion items.' These can be worn on Mufti days but are not part of everyday school uniform.

### **Permission to Walk Home**

Children in Upper KS2 (years 5/6), with permission from parents or carers, are able to walk home or to a meeting point – if you would like your child to do this and have not yet given consent to do so, please ask the school office for a form to complete or send an email to the school office. Please make sure your child knows the arrangements. This is for a long-standing arrangement. For any last-minute arrangements, please continue to notify us and supply a password if the person collecting is unknown to the staff.

### **Mobile Phones**

Children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring in their mobile phones and must hand them into the school office on arrival. Before sending your child into school with their phone, please request the permission slip from the school office. Thank you.

# Friends of Hughenden Primary School

Dear Friends of Hughenden, welcome back to a new year- 2022!

We would like to start by again, thanking all our parent volunteers for their support at events such as the Christmas Disco, the Christmas Fete at Hughenden Village Hall as well as dressing Santa's Grotto. We would also like to give a big thank you to all Class Reps: Jo, Karen, Tanya, Kate, Ruth, Dimu and Sadia for their dedication and helping in the background as well as wrapping all Christmas gifts for the children AND lastly, all teachers and staff who again provided their support.

We are looking forward to restrictions being lifted and hopefully seeing you face to face in meetings in the not-to-distant future and we hope to be welcoming more volunteers!

So, let's tell you a bit about what we have achieved:

## Events held and funds raised: £543.91

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| 1) Christmas Disco: The Christmas Disco was a great event, children really enjoyed themselves and Dave the Disco was fantastic. This raised funds of:                   | £280.32 |
| 2) Christmas Cards, this activity allowed for children to create their designs in class. We sold a combination of mugs, cards gift tags and coasters, raising funds of: | £236.60 |
| 3) Nativity Refreshments – mince pies and refreshments raised:  | £14.74  |
| 4) Hughenden Village Christmas Fete, a lovely community event which the PTA and volunteers supported:   | £12.25  |

## Funds donated to school/ activities: £966.27

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| 1) Go Fund Me. The outdoor learning Go Fund me page had also funded the Puzzle Challenge Event Day and payment is now being made. This event takes place on the <b>15<sup>th</sup> February 2022.</b>   | £495 approx. |
| 2) Science Equipment: This was a request from Mr. Churchill –<br>– thermometers, stop watches, half scale skeleton, measuring beakers, magnifying glasses, beneficial to whole school, thermometers, stop watches, half scale skeleton, measuring beakers, magnifying glasses | £248.62      |
| 3) Christmas Books – every year, the PTA uses funds raised to buy Christmas gifts for all children which are then given to them at Santa's Grotto – we hope the children all loved and received their books   | £222.65      |
| 4) Teachers floats:(£45 each year and Foundation/Hoppers share £90 awaiting further breakdown of last term)   | £360         |

Please see below what the teachers spent their floats on last term:

- Foundation: consumables for outdoor area
- Year 1: ingredients for their cooking Indian food, related to their text that term
  - Year 2: science resources
  - Year 3: design tech project resources
  - Year 4: resources for Design Tech chariot projects, and science experiment resources
  - Year 5: lino cutters, lino sheets and hand protector. This term Mrs Kittler has purchased small bags of compost for their potato growing.
  - Year 6: subscription to The Week Junior and some cooking resources.



**FRIENDS**  
of Hughenden Primary School

## Fundraising projects?



We are in discussions with school regarding this year's fundraising projects

- Suggestions from previous meeting are below, **give us your feedback or let us know what you would like us to fund:**
- Outdoor History Timeline on outdoor learning area, see link <https://ks2historytimeline.co.uk/>. This would cover history from early years to Year 6. Needs to be weatherproofed **£450 approx.**
- Reading scheme books being discussed further

### Dates for your Diary!



**1) Mother's Day** – the PTFA are organising Mother's Day gifts, similar to the Christmas Cards, where children can create their design in class and order cards, tote bags, mugs, fridge magnets, tote bags and water bottles. We will be sending details soon, next steps are children will design in class, we will keep you posted.

**2) Next meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 8pm via zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81157336693?pwd=TDRJSm84SXp4d21Od1ZtRElOb1dWdz09>

Meeting ID: 811 5733 6693

Passcode: 291280



### IMPORTANT: Communication and Events:

Please note all communications regarding PTFA organised events as well as ticket bookings, for example Disco's, should be addressed to [friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com). We can also be contacted through our dedicated communication platform Classlist. If you have a query regarding an event led by the PTFA, please contact us directly, not the school office in order that your query can be addressed promptly and accurately.

### Class Reps:

Are you a parent in Year 4? Could you liaise between the PTFA and the class your child is in regarding fundraising and events. This is a vital link role between the committee officers and the parent community.

The role involves:

- Encouraging parents to sign up to Classlist.
- Promoting the PTFA and helping to find volunteers for events
- Disseminating information to your year group about events
- Representing the ideas and thoughts of your year group about fundraising and events at PTFA monthly meetings (or finding a parent to attend if you are unable to).
- Wrapping the Christmas gifts for the Grotto.

Thank you Kate and Xocoa for your time and support as Class Reps it's very much appreciated.

### Hughenden Helpers! \*New Role\*

Calling all parents who would like to provide support and be involved in the PTFA on an adhoc basis, providing either time to volunteer at an event, help sourcing resources/donations or raffle prizes. We desperately need a wider support base to contact and ask for help and would like to set up a group called Hughenden Helpers. To be involved all you need to do is agree to be contacted through WhatsApp or Classlist with information about the fundraising events we need extra support with.

This is not a commitment to help but a way we can call for a bit of extra help. If you would like to be a Hughenden Helper please contact us @ [friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com), message your Class Reps or Committee Officers. Chair of PTFA Kate Peake: 07929446774

### How to keep up to date with PTFA events and fundraising

- 1) Classlist is used to convey information to parents regarding our activities. Please make sure you are checking for updates via the App or [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com)

- 2) Currently all ticketed events are sold through the platform, e.g. Disco tickets so do make sure your children don't miss out. Please ensure you have an active account. **Join us through the above web address and search for Hughenden Primary School and create your own account.**
- 3) Facebook @Friendsofhughendenschool

### **Get involved!**

Many hands make light work, and the more support and volunteers we have the better! If you're interested in getting involved or have any fundraising ideas, contact us at: [friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com)

### **How can you help raise funds for our projects throughout the year?**



- 4) Amazon Smile: Earn money for our school on every item you purchase
- 5) Stikins: Stick in Name Labels: If you are ordering Stikins name labels PLEASE use the fundraising number 10300 so that we get 15% commission. <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>
- 6) Clothes Recycling Bin: Donate any clean, unwanted adults and children clothing, paired shoes, handbags and linen.

The board ensures the day to day running of Friends PTFA Committee but can't run it alone! We rely heavily on our Class Reps and Volunteers. Thanks to all that have supported us so far.

**Please do send us an email with feedback on wishlists from the school or anything you think we could fund**

Hope you enjoyed the update and look forward to seeing more of you at the next meeting

**Kate, Alka and Becky – Friends of HPS Committee**

**SPRING TERM 2022 DIARY DATES**

25/4/2022 8/7/2022 2/9/2022 21/10/2022 19/12/2022 20/12/2022 7/7/2023	INSET DAYS
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 – 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 incl. (every Wednesday)	Swimming – Year 3
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	NSPCC Number Day, £1 donation please
9-11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022	Woodrow Year 5 Residential
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Happy Puzzle Day
21-25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half Term
8 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Foundation Parents Evening 3-6pm
16/3/2022	Year 5 Sports Festival @ The Misbourne
30 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 1-6 Parents Evening 3-5.30pm Hoppers Parents Evening 3.20-5pm
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Year 1-6 Parents Evening 3.40-7pm Hoppers Parents Evening 3.20-5pm
6/4/2022	Year 3 Sports Festival @ The Misbourne (instead of swimming)
8/4/2022	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish
11th-22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022	Easter Holidays
4/5/2022	Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne
26/4/2022	Y4 and Y5 – Young Voices – NEW DATE
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
18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Drowning Prevention Week
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, 1.30pm finish