



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – October 2021

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe it is October already, the children continue to work really hard in their lessons, classrooms are well organised and displays are added to daily. Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent coffee mornings – we hope you found the information useful and informative, it was lovely to finally be able to welcome you all back into school. For those that were not able to attend the curriculum overviews are on the school website for you to view. The revised collection times (3.10 for KS1 and 3.20pm KS2) are working well although we recognise that it is still very busy at the gate at the end of the day.

I do need to remind you that only parents with a valid parking permit are allowed to park on the school site before or after school. We will be monitoring this carefully over the next few weeks so expect to be challenged if you are one of the consistent offenders. If you have older children who can walk to a meeting point, this will be really helpful and also supports their independence in preparation for secondary school. Please ensure you have signed the consent form for this to happen.

In terms of ongoing school processes, all staff have now completed their annual safeguarding training updates and this morning rehearsed our first lockdown procedure following on from our fire drill last week. This went very smoothly and the children reacted calmly and continued with their work as if nothing was happening!

As part of the schools continued development, our staff meetings this term are focused on further development of the curriculum and teaching and learning pedagogy. Mr Morey is leading on this development and so far, we have developed our understanding of working memory (the principle being that everyone has a different working memory capacity) and cognitive overload (principle being that pupils can only consciously attend to a handful of stimuli at any one time.) Using educational research to develop our practice is something we are committed to as we continue to develop the opportunities for your children to reach their potential.

This term we have purchased a new scheme of work for Computing, Art & Design, DT, French and PHSE /RSE which have been well received by the teachers and have enabled new ideas and resources to be shared with

the pupils which will ensure progression and consistency cross the school. Each 'topic' provides a *knowledge Organiser* and we will be sharing these with you via class DoJo at the start of each new topic so that you can see the key vocabulary and concepts your children are taught and are expected to remember (an example is below.)

Mechanical Systems - Pop-up book

Aesthetic	How an object or product looks.
CAD	Computer-aided-design. To use the computer to design a product, diagram or drawing.
Caption	A short piece of writing under a picture that describes or explains the picture.
Design	To make, draw or write plans for something.
Design brief	A description of what you are going to design and make and how it will work.
Design criteria	To help designers focus their ideas and test the success of them.
Exploded-diagram	A diagram which shows all of the parts of a product, including the internal and external parts.
Function	How an object or product operates or works.
Input	Input is the motion used to start a mechanism.
Linkage	A set of bars linked together to form a mechanism.
Mechanism	A system of parts working together.
Motion	The movement an object makes when controlled by an input or output (e.g. left, right, up, down).
Output	Output is the motion that happens as a result of starting the input.
Pivots	A shaft or pin on which something turns.
Prototype	A simple model that lets you test out your idea, showing how it will look and work.
Sliders	A part of a mechanism which allows an object to move from side-to-side (e.g. left-to-right).
Structure	Something which stands, usually on its own.
Template	A stencil made of metal, plastic, or paper, used for making many copies of a shape or to help cut material accurately (e.g. biscuit cutter).

Key fact

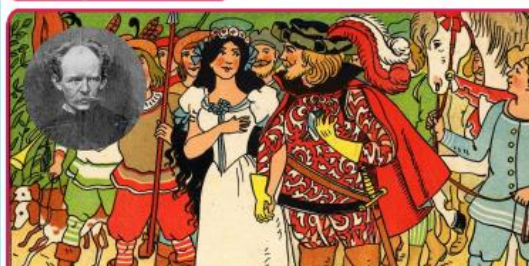
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Input is the **motion** used to start a **mechanism**. **Output** is the **motion** that happens as a result of the **input**.



Think of a see-saw, when you sit on your side of the see-saw (**input**) your friend goes up on the other side. (**output**)

Did you know?



Did you know that the first children's pop-up books were invented in the 1700s? That's over 300 years ago! Lothar Meggendorfer was a well-known pop-up author in the 1800s.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new pupils who have joined us: Adam, Year 1 and Danny, Year 6.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Miss Garlick

Parking

Sadly, there are still a small minority of parents parking inconsiderately/dangerously within the local side roads of the school including Friars Gardens/South Maundin also. A reminder you shouldn't park within 10m of a junction or on corners. We are aware some parents park away from the school to wait for their child to walk to them which is helpful, but please be mindful and respectful to residents and keep junctions open and visible. Our local PCSO's often patrol the area at drop-off and collection times and will take action if needed for the safety of everyone.

Phonics Parent Workshop – 5th October, 8.45am School Hall

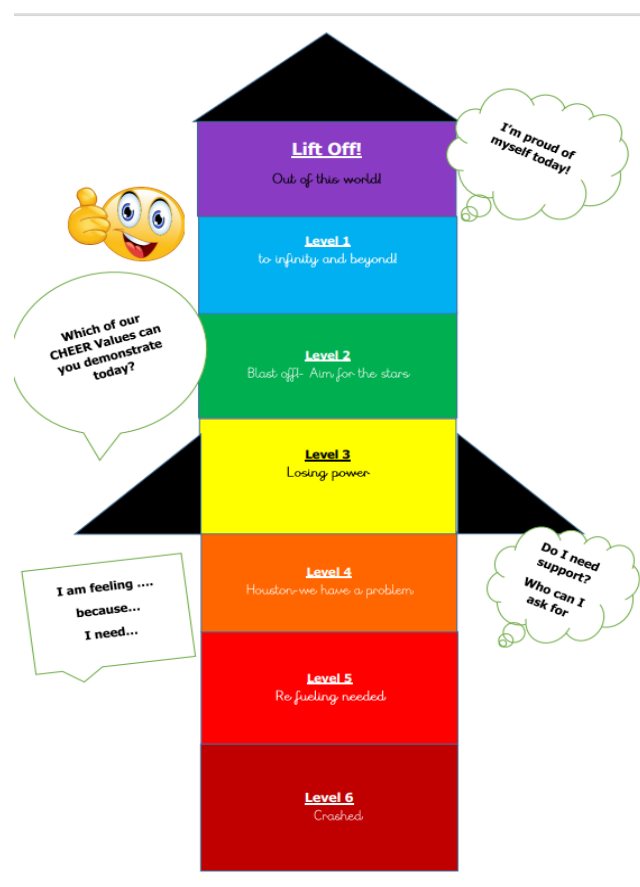
Parents of Foundation, Year 1 and selected Year 2 who are new parents to the school, are welcome to join us for our Phonics Workshop in the school hall which is being run by Mrs Penfold and Mrs Wainwright. Information booklets have already been shared at the Coffee Mornings, these will also be emailed out and put on the school website.

Behaviour Rockets

As many of you have seen in the classes whilst you were at the parent's coffee mornings, we have a new, whole school system in place to encourage children to make positive choices and reap the rewards of doing so.

The rocket is a clear visual message which has been designed with input from staff and children. All children start afresh each new day on the green section, then for making smart choices, working hard etc., they can move up the rocket where they will be rewarded with Dojo points, praise, stickers for example. If, for any reason they do not make the right choice, they may find themselves 'losing power' and moving down the rocket onto yellow, orange and then red. There are far more stages than the last whole school behaviour strategy in place and they can move back up the rocket by making good decisions.

The children have responded well to it, and all are looking to reach the very top, to 'reach for the stars', where the Headteacher will be giving Headteacher awards, the children will share their work with the Senior Leadership Team and also the parents may well receive a postcard home.



Show Racism the **RED** card - 21st October

We are stronger than ever before because we have come together in our common purpose. The advancement of the anti-racism movement. At its core is education. Show your support by wearing red for the day and bring a £1 in as well.

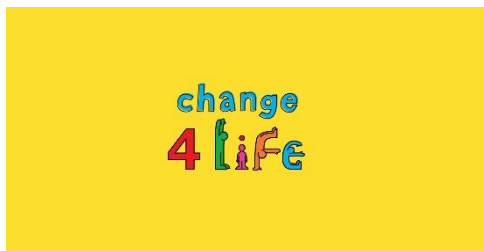


Fruit/Breaktime snacks

Just a gentle reminder to supply your child with a healthy snack for breaktime, for example: banana, apple, satsuma etc, carrot sticks, cucumber slices, NOT crisps, dunkers or other associated savoury products! These items must be kept for lunchtime. Also we have children in school with nut allergies so please do not put nuts or nut products into your children's lunch boxes.

'Fresh fruit and vegetables are always the best snack choice for your children – they contain vitamins and minerals, are a good source of fibre and count towards their 5 A Day. Plus, they're easy to eat on the go!'

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids/fruit-and-veg-snacks/>



Fruit and veg snacks | Change4Life - NHS

Fresh fruit and vegetables are always the best snack choice for your kids – they contain vitamins and minerals, are a good source of fibre and count towards their 5 A Day. Plus, they're easy to eat on the go! It's easy to replace your usual snacks with fruit and vegetables. Here are some top tips ...
www.nhs.uk

Clubs

The updated Clubs Timetable has been emailed out to all parents containing details of how to book. Further information can also be found under the Clubs tab on the school website. Please note, clubs will only be viable if enough children sign up so perhaps take this opportunity of introducing your child/ren to a new sport they may not have tried before.

Wizard of Oz – Christmas Play at Hughenden Village Hall

An exciting opportunity has arisen for children in Year 5 and 6, particularly girls, to apply to join the team at Hughenden Village Hall in this year's Christmas Play, The Wizard Of Oz. The performance dates are from the 9th to 11th December. The parts they have vacancies for are non-speaking parts: munchkins or monkeys!

Please contact John Beveridge by email on jgbev@hotmail.com if your child is interested in taking part.

Curriculum Overviews

Curriculum Overviews can be found on the school website for each year group under the curriculum tab.

Pupil Premium

Pupil premium forms were emailed out to all parents with our last Newsletter – if you think you may be eligible, please complete and return the form to the school office. Thank you.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, we may be able to make arrangements for your child to partake in piano lessons. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office.

Harvest Festival – Friday 15th October

We are delighted to share details of our Harvest Festival with you. We plan to walk the KS2 children to St Michaels & All Angels Church for a 2pm service. Parents are welcome to meet us at the church at 2pm if you wish to attend but please wait outside allow the pupils to be seated first. All KS2 pupils need to be collected from the church at 3pm.

Our Hoppers, EYFS and KS1 children will celebrate Harvest in school. We are asking for tinned goods donations towards the One Can Trust which can be brought into school during the course of that week. Here is a list of their current needs:

Tinned ham, Corned beef, Tinned mixed veg, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned fish, Tinned halal meat, Pasta, Rice (500g), Biscuits, Healthy cereals, UHT milk, Cooking sauces, Baked beans, Deodorants, Toilet roll, Nappies (sizes 4 - 7 only), Baby formula milk stages 1 and 2, Washing up liquid.

Please ask your children to drop these non-perishable items in the box in the main entrance hall from the 11th October onwards.

Good to Grow!

Morrisons has an exciting Campaign starting on Monday 6th September called '*It's Good To Grow!*' Customers can collect tokens when they shop with us, for every £10 they spend they will get 1 token. In order to allocate your electronic tokens, you need to download the My Morrisons app to donate your tokens. Thank you in advance for your support. This will enable us to spend the token on free gardening equipment. Tokens can be collected between Monday 6th September and Sunday 24th October.

Customers have until Sunday 21st November to donate tokens through the app.

Parents Evening

Dates have been set for our Parents Evening appointments which we are planning to hold face to face. The dates are the 20th and 21st October. Parents can book their appointments using their eSchools login, if you need a password reset, please contact the school office. Bookings will go live on the 1st October 2021 and close on the 15th October 2021.

Covid update

As the government have now eased the restrictions, we have amended our internal procedures accordingly. It is now personal choice as to whether face masks and visors are worn by staff in school and when parents drop off and collect. However, we request that you maintain a 2m distance if talking to members of staff and that if you attend school events this term, you do continue to wear a face covering. The risk has certainly not gone away (and is increasing in Buckinghamshire again) so we need to continue to be vigilant.

If a member of your household tests positive, your child can continue to attend school according to government guidelines but we would prefer they take a Lateral Flow Test at home initially following by a PCR test if required to make sure they are not carrying the virus without any symptoms. You may of course, prefer to keep your child at home for a few days to make sure they do not become ill and we will also support parent's decision on this.

If increased positive cases are seen in school, we will inform parents of that class group and may need to close bubbles again if there are increased positive cases. Please do inform us as early as possible if there are any positive cases within your household.

Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Bucks Family Learning are running a volunteering workshop for parents as a one-off session on the 4th October between 10am-12pm. You can either apply online or email their enrolment team. Details were emailed out on the 22nd September.

Health Care Plans

There are currently some plans that remain outstanding for parental checking and approval. If we have sent a copy home for checking, please return it to the School Office so we know our records are current and we are able to meet the medical needs of your child.

Uniform

It's been lovely to see the children return looking so smart in their uniform, however, we have noticed a few children not wearing their full uniform, ties, etc. or arriving with their shirts not tucked in. Please also note, that PE kits must be white/navy/grey/black – no bright colours or slogan tops please. 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/

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.

Please also ensure your child has a rain coat in school each day. Several pupils have been caught out this week with the unexpected rain and it is not pleasant for them having to sit in wet clothes after break / lunchtime.

SchoolGrid accounts

Thank you for all our parents for supporting us in ordering your child's school lunch from home, it really does help us. Our preference is for all pupils in KS1 to order a school lunch as this is funded from the government but if for particular reasons you prefer to make a packed lunch, that is also fine on the understanding that there will not be any spare lunch if the lunchbox is forgotten!

Please can parents in KS2 check their account balances and ensure there are funds available to cover all meals ordered and taken as we have been informed that some balances have been outstanding for a considerable length of time.

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.

Flu vaccination Clinic in school – 2nd November 2021

Children in years Foundation to Year 6 will have the opportunity to have their Flu vaccination done in school by the School Nursing Team. Further information will be sent home in the coming week giving you the option to opt out if you wish. This will be an online opt-out form that goes directly to the School Nursing Team. Please look out for the eSchools email regarding this.

Buckinghamshire Music Centre

If you are interested in booking music lessons, please go to www.bucksmusic.org for more information.

Friends of Hughenden Primary School



Dear Friends of Hughenden, welcome back to a new school year! Thank you, to all the parents who attended our AGM on the 15th September, your support and input was really appreciated.

Fundraising projects?

- TBC. We are still in discussions with school regarding this terms/years fundraising projects. Suggestions were: Bilingual books, bookcases for book corners, improvements to the Foundation outside area, a greenhouse and potting equipment. We are trying to ensure that fundraising money can either be equally allocated to Key Stages or a project which benefits most students.
- Teachers Floats. We donate a float to the teachers each term to spend on topic specific activities/resources with their class (£360 total)

Events held and funds raised

Willy Wonka Smarties Lucky Dip. This was a really popular event and raised £82. The children were so excited when they won a prize!

Funds donated to school

- Go Fund Me. The final total raised was over £1093.42. This was an amazing achievement and has enabled us to fund both the outdoor learning equipment (£243.02) and Puzzle Challenge Event.
- The Outdoor Learning Equipment cost £243.02 and with it school purchased: nets, den building equipment, gardening gloves, tubs and magnifying glasses. All these items are available to use in lessons now.

The rest of the money has been committed for the Puzzle Challenge Event Day to take place this school calendar year, the date and cost is yet to be confirmed by Miss Shafique.

Dates for your Diary!

- 1) Peter Pan Pantomime, tickets @ £15.50 now on sale via Classlist. Closing date: October 21st.
- 2) Sweet Sale: October 21st @ 50p
- 3) Halloween Trail: commences October 24th. Please contact the PTA by Wednesday 6th October if you would like to decorate your house and join in the trail.
- 4) Pumpkin Carving Competition: commences November 1st further detail will be available on Classlist soon.
- 5) Christmas Disco December 13th.

How to keep up to date with PTA events and fundraising

- 1) Classlist is used to convey information to parents regarding our activities. Please make sure you're checking for updates via the App or www.classlist.com
- 2) FaceBook @Friends of HPS

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

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

- 1) Amazon Smile. Earn money for our school on every item you purchase.
- 2) 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/>
- 3) 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 PTA 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.



AUTUMN TERM 2021

1/9/21, 22/10/21, 4/1/22, 25/4/22, 8/7/22	INSET DAYS
Starting on the 15 th September 2021 (every Wednesday)	Swimming – Year 3
5 th October 2021	Phonics Parent Workshop 8.45am Foundation and Year 1 parents plus new Year 2 parents
7 th October 2021	Sports Festival Year 4 @ The Misbourne
8 th October 2021	Tempest individual and school aged sibling photographs
15 th October 2021	Harvest Festival – see above for details
20 th October 2021	Parents Evening 3-5.30pm
21 st October 2021	Parents Evening 3.40-7.30pm
21 st October 2021	Show Racism the RED card – wear RED for £1
25 th – 29 th October 2021	Half Term
2 nd November 2021	Flu vaccination Clinic in school Foundation to Year 6
10 th November 2021	Sports Festival Year 1 @ The Misbourne
11 th November 2021	Foundation, Year 1 & 2 Cinema Trip - Cineworld Year 3 & 4 Cinema Trip - Empire
16 th November 2021	Year 5 & 6 Cinema Trip - Empire
2 nd December 2021	Sports Festival Foundation @ The Misbourne
6 th December 2021	Switching on the Christmas Lights – Village Hall 4pm All welcome
10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children £1 donation
17 th December 2021	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish
16 th July 2022	Village Day – Heroes and Heroines Past & Present more information to follow