



Hughenden Primary School

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Newsletter – March 2022
SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 2, I trust you had a lovely break. I am sure, like me, you were distracted somewhat by the events in Ukraine and our thoughts are with those affected at this difficult time. We will not be having any specific assemblies or lessons regarding the crisis, but we are aware that our pupils could be seeing and hearing things from the media or from their peers or home that may cause concern or may lead to questions. They may have seen images or heard something that has worried or upset them and may be giving them bad dreams.

As parents, you will make decisions about what you want your child to be exposed to but I thought it may be helpful to signpost you to a resource and to give some advice on how to broach this topic if you choose to do so. If children and young people do not have the opportunity to voice concerns or worries, they will continue looking for the information that they need to make sense of the world.

Remember - you do not need to have an answer for every question asked. News is ever-changing and you cannot be expected to have up to date information on every story. It is entirely your decision what, if anything, you choose to share but the following resources and links may help you to talk with your child about the conflict and answer those questions in an age-appropriate way, if you wish:

BBC Newsround has a number of good pieces. For example - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60417806>

We are aware several of our parents have arranged collections of items to send to Ukraine, look at the class WhatsApp pages for more information about how you can help and which items can be donated.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend.
Miss Garlick

Parents Evening – Hoppers – 30th and 31st 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 1st March 2022 for you to book a 10-minute appointment with Miss Shafique, accompanied by Mrs Athwal and Miss Brooke-Read.

Parents Evening – Foundation – 8th and 10th 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 8th and 10th March 2022, 3-6pm with Mrs Penfold and Miss Shafique. Bookings open on eSchools on the 14th February 2022 and close on the 4th March 2022.

Parents Evening – Years 1-6 – 30th and 31st 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 30th March from 3:00pm - 5:30pm and Thursday 31st March from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Bookings open on eSchools on the 1st March 2022.

RWI Phonics Workshop for KS1 Parents –Thursday 24th March at 8.55-9.20am

We are very excited to be sending home our new Read Write Inc home reading books. Thank you again to our lovely PTA for purchasing these for us. The Read Write Inc book your child brings home is linked directly to their phonics level. They should therefore be able to blend the sounds easily in order to read. They should re-read the book a number of times over the week so that they are able to answer the comprehension questions at the back of it by the end of the week.

To supplement this reading, we are also sending home other books. These books may not be linked to your child's ability. They will be books that your child has chosen. These books are for 'reading for pleasure' and can involve you and your child reading them together.

We would like to invite you to a reading workshop on **Thursday 24th March at 8.55-9.20am** to discuss phonics/reading at home further and to answer any questions that you may have.

Covid Guidance Update

I am sure you are aware of the Governments latest communication in relation to Covid rules - **moving from "government restrictions" to "personal responsibility"**.

Whilst there is now no legal requirement to self-isolate after a positive Covid test, pupils and staff who test positive are still advised to remain at home for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

The removal of Covid rules in schools

Recent guidance published by the DfE reads: "If parents insist on their child attending nursery, school or college when they have symptoms, the school or nursery setting can take the decision to refuse your child if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with Covid 19."Any decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice."

At Hughenden Primary School, we expect that the vast majority of our families will follow the updated guidance and keep their child off school if they test positive for Covid, informing the school office so that we can monitor cases and update other families where appropriate as we have been doing over recent months.

The UKHSA guidance is clear that, while there is no longer a legal requirement for people with Covid to self-isolate, if you have any of the main symptoms of Covid or a positive test result, **the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people."**

The DfE's operational guidance "appears clear that schools and colleges should have robust policies in place that anyone with Covid symptoms should be asked to stay at home and take a PCR test, and that **anyone with a positive test should be required to stay at home for 10 days or until they test negative for two consecutive days from day five, whichever is the sooner"**.

We appreciate your ongoing co-operation.

Hughenden Hoppers Preschool

We have a few spaces remaining in our Hughenden Hoppers Preschool for the Summer Term and are now taking bookings for the Autumn Term 2022 and beyond. If you are interested in confirming a booking, please head over to our school website for the booking and funding forms. These can all be found under the Hughenden Hoppers tab. If you have any queries, or wish to book a visit, please call us on the school number to arrange this.

If parents wish to increase the hours their child currently attends ahead of the Summer Term, please contact Mrs Brinkworth to discuss further.

NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to all our children and parents who contributed towards our NSPCC Number Day. This raised £120 which we will be forwarding to the charity.

RED Nose Day – 18th March 2022

We will be acknowledging and celebrating Red Nose Day again this year and ask for a £1 contribution to the cause. Children can wear RED to school on the top half with normal uniform on the bottom half/school shoes please.

World book day fun!

All classes looked like they were having the best day on World Book day. Classroom doors were being decorated for the competition; children were creating characters, stories, poetry and drama; and children and teachers alike were enjoying being dressed up as their favourite book characters. A big well done to all children and teachers as the book-cover doors look fantastic! Our winners were Year 4 for their Harry Potter themed door and Year 1 The Robot and the Blue Bird themed door with a very impressive 3D robot made out of balloons!!



Friends of Hughenden Primary School



Dear Friends of HPS (yes that's you, all of you), did you know you automatically become part of Friends of HPS when your child joins the school?

Friends refers to the PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friends Association) and is run by volunteers who share an interest in supporting Hughenden School to provide the best experience possible for its students.

What do the PTFA aim to do?

The goal of Friends of Hughenden Primary School is:

- To raise funds to enable the school to offer valuable 'extra' items or opportunities that enhance the learning experience for our children.
- Help create a positive, inclusive school community.



Get involved!

- All parents are welcome and wanted
- All parents have skills that can help
- We are grateful for anytime you can contribute - even if it is only 20 minutes a year

Many hands make light work, and the more support and volunteers we have the better! It's fun and you'll get to meet other parents too. You can volunteer in many different capacities from being a Class Rep to adhoc support, helping with refreshments at school discos, selling chocolates/ sweets / ice lollies after school or doing some photocopying.

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 fund-raising 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, message your Class Rep or Committee Officers. Chair of PTFA Kate Peake: 07929446774

New treasurer

Welcome to Monika in the role of Treasurer. Co-opted until September 2022. A huge welcome and thanks for agreeing to join the PTFA committee. Monika has children in Hoppers and Foundation.

Class Reps changes

Hoppers - Rebecca Louw

Year 2 - Natasha Clements

Year 4 - Jo Sergeant

If you're interested in getting involved or have any fundraising ideas, contact us at: friends.hughedenprimary@gmail.com



Fundraising project/s: Books £1000

At the last Open Meeting (3rd February 2022) the PTFA agree to fund/raise money for the following project:

Books. School identified a need for Read Write Ink Books to support the curriculum and teaching of phonics. In total we need to raise £1000 which will be price matched by school.

Fundraising events & Dates for your Diary!

- 1) Mother's Day gift orders - don't forget to order online by Saturday 5th March and we will receive by 19th March at school.
- 2) Mother's Day Tombola Wednesday 23rd March
- 3) Easter Egg Hunt TBC
- 4) Krispy Kreme Doughnuts - to raise further donations, we will be organising a sale this term, TBC
- 5) Platinum Jubilee Project: To mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of the Queen, we will get children to create some designs in class. Then similarly to Mother's Day, these designs will be used for you to order some great keepsakes which will include tea towels, cushion covers, mugs, coasters and more! Designs will be completed this week and we will update you with order timings soon!

Events held and funds raised

World Book Day £1 donation for dressing up. £114

Funds donated to school

Teachers floats: (£45 each year and Foundation/Hoppers share £90 awaiting further breakdown of last term) **£360**

How to keep up to date with PTA events and fundraising

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. We can also be contacted through our dedicated communication platform Classlist. If you have a query regarding an event led by the Friends of Hughenden, please contact us directly, not the school office in order that your query can be addressed promptly and accurately.

- 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

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

- 1) Regular donations. If you'd like to make regular donations and want to set up a standing order here are our bank details: Friends of Hughenden Primary School Sort Code: 60-11-01 Account No: 82758913
- 2) Amazon Smile. Earn money for our school on every item you purchase.
- 3) 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/>
- 4) Clothes Recycling Bin. Donate any clean, unwanted adults and children clothing, paired shoes, handbags and linen.



Next Open Meeting: 18th March TBC

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.

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 th January 2022 – 30 th March 2022 incl. (every Wednesday)	Swimming – Year 3
8 th and 10 th March 2022	Foundation Parents Evening 3-6pm
16/3/2022	Year 5 Sports Festival @ The Misbourne
18 th March 2022	Red Nose Day, £1 to wear RED
24/03/2022	RWI Phonics Workshop to Foundation/KS1 parents 8.55-9.20am
25/03/2022	Year 3 Eton College Museum of Antiquities Trip – letter sent separately to parents 3/3/22
30 th March 2022	Year 1-6 Parents Evening 3-5.30pm Hoppers Parents Evening 3.20-5pm
31 st 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 nd 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 th May – 3 rd June 2022	Half Term
6-10 th June 2022	Isle of Wight Year 6 Residential
18 th -25 th 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 th July 2022	Village Day – Heroes and Heroines Past & Present more information to follow
20 th July 2022	Last Day of Term, 1.30pm finish