



Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter
Friday 28th June, 2024



Laying the foundations for a bright future

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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

It continues to be a full and action-packed term so far, no slowing down here! Our oldest pupils gave a detailed and informative Celebration Presentation last week, their last as a class - it was lovely that so many of you were able to come along, not least to celebrate their Bikeability achievements as well!

Thank you for your support and understanding with regards our postponing of our family picnic and sports afternoon this week with the children's safety in mind. Whilst I know you will appreciate these decisions are never taken lightly, they can cause some disappointment which is always regrettable. I hope most of you will be able to come along next week, the forecast is much more favourable at present - fingers crossed it stays that way!

Work has been on-going to remedy a couple of problems with the pool at our sister school to ensure our youngest children continue to benefit from this resource before the end of the academic year and we are pursuing the renovation of our current adventure trail in readiness for September - watch this space!

Oak Class are currently on route from their curriculum enhancing visit to the FitzWilliam Museum as part of their 'Ancient Civilisations' theme. I hear they have very much enjoyed the Egyptology elements and have been amazing representatives for our school!

Let's hope this lovely sunshine continues into the weekend - I hope everyone manages some family time!

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please check back regularly as additional dates added as and when activities / visits are confirmed!

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 1st July ~ Hawthorn Class visit to Crucial Crew

Wednesday 3rd July ~ HUNDON SPORTS AFTERNOON (rescheduled from last week)

Join us from lunchtime for a picnic lunch followed by our sports afternoon

Thursday 4th July ~ Year 6 Leaver's Trip to Pleasurewood Hills

Thursday 4th July ~ Years 3, 4 & 5 Inter-School Day

Inter-school team-based activities with sport and creative themes; Thurlow will be visiting Hundon & joining their peers~ look out for Dojo for more information

(Monday 8th July to Wednesday 10th July ~ Stour Valley Transition Days for Year 6)

Monday 8th July and Tuesday 9th July ~ 'MOVE UP' DAYS for all pupils

Friday 12th July ~ Annual School Reports distributed

FORTHCOMING EVENTS *continued...*

FRIDAY 12TH JULY ~ YEAR 6 LEAVER'S PRESENTATION at 2.30pm

Year 6 Parents, carers and 'special others' are invited to this special celebration presentation

(Wednesday 17th July to Friday 19th July ~ Unity School Transition Days for Year 6)

Friday 19th July ~ LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing from 19th August 2024

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices issued by DfE, the following changes will come into force for School Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Please note: The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Per Parent*, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent*, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

*Parent

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as:

- All natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences

(within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case could be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in Criminal records and fines of up to £2,500

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court may show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

