



# Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th January, 2025



## Laying the foundations for a bright future

Website link: [www.htpfederation.co.uk](http://www.htpfederation.co.uk)

### A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

What a great job Oak Class did last week in their Class Celebration Presentation, it is great to see the children are enjoying their '1066' theme.

Similarly, our youngest children in Cherry Class did really well in their Celebration Presentation today, sharing a little of what they have learnt about 'Long Ago' ~ they showed great courage standing up and speaking in front of the whole school as well as lots of their important grown-ups!

You should have received your child's class newsletter recently which includes more information about what your child is learning this term. If there is anything you would like to see in this newsletter or the whole school newsletter, please get in touch. You can do this by dropping a message to the [admin@hundonschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@hundonschool.co.uk) email address.

We all hope the weather holds and storm Éowyn does not cause too many issues ~ be sure to familiarise yourselves with the severe weather information below ~ just in case!

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

**Every effort will be made to keep the school open in severe weather. The school would only close if it is no longer safe for staff and pupils to travel to school and be on site.**

**We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Therefore, we will make every effort to prepare for severe weather.**

**Information about school closure will be posted:**

- **Class Dojo**
- **ParentMail**
- **Via the Suffolk County Council website: <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk>**
- **Facebook**

### **STAFF BRIEFING**

On a Tuesday morning, we have a short staff briefing at 8.20am to share anything pertinent about the day / week. This meeting includes all staff and means the School Office may be unmanned for a short amount of time. Please be patient, a member of staff will return!

### **SCHOOL MEALS ~ SPRING TERM 2024 ~ FIRST HALF**

The cost of a school meal in Years 3 to 6 is £2.60 (a week is £13.00.) **School meals MUST be paid for in advance.** Payment is required online where a minimum of five meals must be purchased at any one time. The cost of the first half of the Spring term is £75.40. Here is the link for payment: [Pay for school meals - Suffolk County Council](#)

## COMMUNICATION ~ A REQUEST / REMINDER

We are extremely pleased to have every parent accessing and using our learning platform, Class Dojo, for communication, however, I am politely reminding parents that during the school day our Teachers and Learning Support staff are, as you would expect, directly engaged in teaching and learning activities with the children in their classes.

Our teaching teams are incredibly conscientious, whilst they will endeavour to respond to any and all messages, there may be a delay during the school day in order that teaching and learning continues without disruption.

Should you have a message that is urgent and cannot wait, please contact Mrs Sanders in the School Office who will be happy to assist you.

Additionally, I am also aware that colleagues are receiving messages, either by email or through Class Dojo, during their evenings and weekends, sometimes late into the night. Colleagues already work long hours in school and then frequently work at home during what should be their 'family time'.

Please can I politely request that messages are sent during working hours, that is **between 8am and 6pm (at the latest,) Monday to Friday** and not at weekends.

If you need to contact the school urgently, please leave a message on the school answerphone and office staff will respond as soon as they are able. Your email system **will** have a 'send later' function, which means you can compose your message at your convenience but time it to be sent during working hours. With Class Dojo messages can be composed and left there until it is an appropriate time to send.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and co-operation in this very important matter.

## USEFUL RESOURCES

We wanted to highlight the availability of some NHS online learning resources which are being made available by Suffolk County Council for free to support parents with their children. As well as advice and guidance they include lots of practical tips. Whilst the courses look quite long, between 10 and 13 modules, each module is just 15 minutes, you can dip in and out, select certain sections or choose to use the courses as a whole in manageable chunks, coming back to it when convenient. These are just three:

Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager - <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/59>

Understanding your child's feelings - <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/40>

Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing - <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/56>

## PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE

We are sending this message to remind parents and carers of the importance of driving and parking safely around the school site. It is vital due care and attention for our school, our neighbours and other drivers is given.

We are in a conservation area and our neighbours are, understandably very protective of the locality. Please be careful not to park on verges and block driveways. We have received a number of complaints regarding this.

We know it is very challenging to park around the school site but none of us want a child attending our setting to be a road traffic accident statistic. Please ensure when parking there are gaps left to ensure passing cars can in fact pass and ensure the front of school is accessible ~ this is with the emergency services in mind.

Please remember you can park at the village hall or use the car park at the Rose and Crown and take the short walks from either location to and from the school site.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS ~ SPRING TERM 2025**

Other dates will follow but I know lots of you will want to get these onto the calendar as soon as possible. The team and I will be adding to our schedule of special days, visitors and trips, including some additional 'share' opportunities ~ keep checking this list!

**Friday 31st January ~ Hawthorn Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm**

Parents of children in Hawthorn Class only are invited.

**Monday 3rd February to Friday 7th February ~ National Storytelling Week**

There will be lots of storytelling learning and activities underway across the school this week.

**Tuesday 11th February ~ Safer Internet Day** ~ more details to follow

**Friday 14th February ~ Willow Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm**

Parents of children in Willow Class only are invited.

**FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY ~ END OF HALF-TERM**

**HALF-TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 17th February ~ Friday 21st February

**Thursday 27th February ~ Willow Class Trip to Audley End House**

**Thursday 6th March ~ World Book Day** ~ more details to follow

**Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March ~ British Science Week** ~ more details to follow

**Tuesday 12th March ~ East Town Park School Visit** ~ linked to British Science Week

**Wednesday 19th March ~ Maths Workshops (all classes)**

**Friday 21st March ~ Cherry Class Trip to The Food Museum, Stowmarket**

**Friday 4th April ~ LAST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM**

**Spring Holiday ~ Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025**

**Monday 5th May ~ early May Bank Holiday**

Like many of you I am sure, I was saddened and disappointed to read about the troubles the football club in Hundon is having at the moment. I'd like to believe this is not something any of our pupils, current or previous, would be involved in, please talk to your children about this in case they know anything about the matter. We are so fortunate in Hundon to have access to so many amazing community facilities, it would be awful if this changed.

### **ON BEHALF OF HUNDON FOOTBALL CLUB**

Unfortunately, over the Christmas period there has been incidents of vandalism to the Changing Rooms. This is very disappointing and dangerous, an external electrical socket has been pulled off the wall and boards broken, there is also a continuous issue with stones being thrown onto the pitch.

The club would be grateful if villagers who see anyone damaging the facilities or know who is responsible they report it to the club or the Parish Council.

Thank You.