



Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th October, 2024



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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

What a great couple of weeks we have had here at Hundon! Those of our children in Year 5 and 6 who participated in our amazing residential trip to West Runton had a great time. In addition to all the new and exciting activities they got involved in, they also got to build their independence, resilience, co-operation and teamwork skills.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Wiffen, Mrs Buckle and Mrs Feakes who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure this trip was a great success and gave up time with their own families to accompany our children. Without staff such as these we would not be able to offer such enhancing opportunities to our children. Mrs Wiffen, Mrs Buckle and Mrs Feakes ensured they had the best time possible and have memories which will last well beyond their time with us - THANK YOU! You are the best!

Yesterday was National Poetry Day, something those of you who were able to make our 'SHARE' session today will have heard lots about. The day aimed to inspire a love of poetry and give children a fantastic opportunity to explore, celebrate and craft poems. This year's theme was 'counting' and it certainly inspired our children!

If you haven't already please check the 'Forthcoming Events' list at the end of this newsletter so you know what is coming up! As mentioned previously the list goes up to Christmas which hopefully will help everyone with planning and organisation!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

DRIVING AND 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 know it is very challenging to park around our school site but **none of us want a child attending our setting to be a road traffic accident statistic!**

You can report road traffic incidents (speeding / illegal stopping etc..) to the police here:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/ro/report/>

Issues with 'on street parking infringements' can be reported here: https://westsuffolk-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report_street_parking_infringement Specific vehicles, photos and times can be uploaded and Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) can and will issue penalty charge notices (PCNs.)

Please consider leaving a little earlier and use the parking available at the village hall or the Rose and Crown and take the short walk to and from the school site.

Children remain the responsibility of their parents until they are handed over to school staff at the start of the school day. Please, please have due care and attention when dropping off and collecting your child/ren.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

~ Macmillan Cake Sale ~

Thank you for supporting Macmillan, raising £164 here at Hundon and a similar amount at our sister school, Hundon. We know this money will help support specialist health care as well as financial support for people affected by cancer.

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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!

Data Collection Forms

The data collection forms have been sent home, please make any amendments to details on the data collection forms as necessary and return to school. If there are any details you think we need to know please inform the school office. Many thanks in advance.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ~ SEE FLYER ATTACHED AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER ALSO!

Changes to School Attendance came into force from 19th August which includes higher fine costs and the Department for Education's (DfE) stance that a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance.

As is the case for all schools we are obligated to follow the statutory guidance and regulations laid down by the DfE and in turn, the Local Authority. We have to follow this guidance and the fines are not received by schools.

Our attendance figures are closely scrutinised by the Local Authority as well as other professional bodies such as Ofsted. It is in our own best interests that all our children are at school on time and attend regularly, in order that they can take full advantage of the very best educational experiences and highest educational standards we are constantly striving to provide.

REMINDER!

Please be sure to name all uniform, particularly ties, jumpers and cardigans. This helps us ensure misplaced items can be returned quickly ~ thank you for your support with this!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Others will follow but I know lots of you will want to get these onto the calendar as soon as possible. The team and I are continuing to add to our schedule with special days, visitors and trips, including some additional 'share' opportunities - we will keep you posted!

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Tuesday 24th September ~ NHS Flu Immunisations across the school

Wednesday 25th September to Friday 27th September ~ Kingswood Residential Trip

Friday 27th September ~ Cake Sale after-school in support of Macmillan

Thursday 3rd October ~ National Poetry Day

There will be lots of poetry-focused learning across the school today.

Friday 4th October ~ Parent 'share' session

At 2:15pm in the afternoon, we are hosting 'share' sessions and parents and carers are invited to attend. Join your child and share their learning linked to yesterday's National Poetry Day.

Thursday 10th October ~ World Mental Health Day

Friday 11th October ~ Hawthorn Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm

Parents, carers & significant others of children in Hawthorn Class are invited.

Friday 18th October ~ Willow Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm

Parents, carers & significant others of children in Willow Class are invited.

Thursday 24th October ~ HARVEST SERVICE at our church, All Saints, Hundon

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER ~ END OF HALF-TERM

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 28th October ~ Friday 1st November

Tuesday 5th November ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Cherry Class & Willow Class

Find out how your child is doing in class with their academic targets.

Wednesday 6th November ~ Key Stage 2 Science Museum Visit, London

All the children in Key Stage 2 (Oak & Hawthorn) will be heading to London to the Science Museum to visit various exhibits and attend specific workshops linked to their themed learning.

Thursday 7th November ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Oak Class & Hawthorn Class

Find out how your child is doing in class with their academic targets.

Friday 8th November ~ Cherry Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm

Parents of children in Cherry Class only are invited.

Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November

Anti-bullying week, including World Kindness Day (the Wednesday) and concluding with a non-uniform day at the end of the week.

Friday 15th November ~ Children in Need Day (non-uniform day)

The children are asked to donate £1 in support of this charity and come to school in non-uniform.

AUTUMN TERM 2024 continued...

Monday 18th November to Friday 22nd November

PARLIAMENT LEARNING WEEK including School Council Elections

Friday 22nd November ~ Celebration Presentation including introduction of new School Council

Parents of elected School Council Representatives only are invited.

Tuesday 19th November ~ PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN MORNING ~ 9.15am until 12pm

Thursday 21st November ~ 3.15pm to 4.15pm ~ Health and Wellbeing Parent Workshop

Our trusted colleagues at OM Health Consultancy will be offering a session about 'Supporting your child to be mentally well' ~ more details are available on Class Dojo, these sessions are highly recommended!

Thursday 28th November ~ CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at our church, All Saints, Hundon

This includes a collection in aid of The Children's Society

Wednesday 4th December ~ AM & PM Performances of our Reception Class Nativity

Thursday 12th December ~ Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December ~ Carols on the Playground at 2.30pm

Friday 20th December ~ 'FANCY FRIDAY'

End of term parties & party clothes!

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER ~ LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance changed from 19th August 2024

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices issued by DfE, the following changes came 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.



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.



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'.

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.

*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.