



Hundon Community Primary School
Newsletter
Friday 23rd February 2018

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Link to our website is www.hundon.suffolk.sch.uk



Head Teacher's Awards

Acorn Class ~ Henry Smith
Willow Class ~ Hartley-Love Prime, Alfie Beck and Ethan Pettiford
Oak Class ~ Anna Steel and Molly Gilberg
Hawthorn Class ~ Laila Mayes and William Mitson

A little note from Mrs Fitzgerald...

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term ~ time is flying!

We have lots of fantastic learning opportunities and events planned for our children to participate in and enjoy in the coming weeks before Easter is upon us ~ be sure to check the key dates list at the end of the newsletter to help you plan ahead.

We continue to aim high at Hundon; committed to and striving for the highest quality education for all our pupils. It remains at the centre of everything we do.

I am so pleased to say the children are settling back into school extremely well, returning to routines with ease ~ well done everyone!

Have a peaceful weekend,

Warm regards, Mrs Fitzgerald

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY FOR WILLOW, OAK AND HAWTHORN CLASSES

We need all parents and carers to support the children's smooth start to their learning by not entering classrooms at the start of the school day. This is currently proving both disruptive for our children and unhelpful to the teaching and learning teachers and learning support staff are trying to get underway.

We have a number of communication methods available including the noticeboard near the front of school where staff/ pupils can be left messages or our administration team will be more than happy to pass information on at appropriate times and can make mutually convenient appointments for parents requiring them as needed.

Thank you for your cooperation and support with this matter.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS ~ YEARS 1 to 6

These will take place on Tuesday 27th February with appointments available from 1:15pm. The 'sign up' sheets are currently on clipboards near the School Office.

As has previously been the case appointments are 10 minutes in length and focus on your child's learning and progress since the start of the year. For other queries and concerns please speak with the Class Teacher and, if necessary, arrange a separate appointment.

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March ~ Story Character Fancy Dress!

We will be dressing up as our favourite character in a book and love you to join us for an afternoon of reading activities from 2pm.



Hawthorn Class Shirt Appeal

Hawthorn Class are in need of painting shirts to protect their clothes. If anyone has any old oversized shirts they would be willing to donate they would be very much appreciated ~ many thanks!

Healthy Snacks

The school's policy on snacks is to ensure that they should be a healthy option. If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, we encourage them to bring in fresh fruit or vegetables. No sweets please.

The best snack for break time, are foods that they can eat outside and they can eat with their fingers. Chopped up, fruit or raw vegetables such as carrots or peppers are ideal. Breadsticks and wholemeal crackers are also great finger foods that can be spread with low-fat soft cheese. Please note: that the most recent guidance is that dried fruit is no longer recommended as a between-meal snack as it is high in sugar and can be bad for teeth.

Finally, we do not wish to stop the break time snacks but we do rely on our parents to make the healthy choices for our pupils and to abide by our approach. Please do not send snacks that are high in fat or sugar (e.g. chocolate, crisps and sweets) as it is upsetting for the children when staff have to stop them eating their snack.

Many thanks for your support and help in this matter.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Due to staffing commitments the Homework Club will be held on a Wednesday after school instead of a Monday for the next four weeks. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

CHOIR CLUB CANCELLATION

Unfortunately, due to the on-going commitments of our current provider we are no longer able to offer this club.

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Applying for free school meals is simple. If eligible, your child could be eating a hot school meal within days. The school benefits financially from every child who receives free school meals so even if you choose not to take the hot meals register please!!

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:

- **On local radio**
- **Via the Suffolk County Council website: <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/>**
- **Via our Facebook page**
- **On ParentMail**

Play Cricket This Year

Children and adults

Hundon Cricket club offers top quality junior coaching on Friday evenings from April (Dates TBC) for boys and girls from around the age of 7 (or younger with good hand to eye coordination) and take part in local junior leagues on Sunday mornings.

Hundon CC is a small friendly club with new facilities that also needs adult players of all abilities for 20 Wednesday evening games from late April to late June

Ability is not important but a desire to turn up at least once and enjoy an evening on the cricket meadow is. All new players are guaranteed to get a bat.

Meet the players and the people who run the club from 6pm on Sunday 25th February at the Rose and Crown and we will buy you a beer. Tell us when you can play and you will be in the team

Last year the team was made up of adults and juniors (including girls) of all abilities, 90 % of players are from the village.

For further details contact William on 786444

Term Dates for the Academic Year 2017-2018

Spring Easter Break

Begins 30 March 2018 Ends 13 April 2018

Summer Term 2018

Begins 16 April 2018 Ends 24 July 2018

PD DAYS 16 APRIL & 25 MAY

Summer Half Term

Begins 28 May 2018 Ends 1 June 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SPRING TERM

Friday 23rd February ~ Family Celebration Only

TUESDAY 27th February ~ Parent Consultation Meetings

Thursday 1st March ~ World Book Day ~ Story Character Fancy Dress!

We will be dressing up as our favourite character in a book and love you to join us for an afternoon of reading activities from 2pm.



Find out more at www.worldbookday.com

Thursday 1st March ~ Year 6 Parent Session ~ National Curriculum Test Preparation ~ 3.30pm

Friday 2nd March ~ Family Celebration Assembly with Hawthorn Class

Friday 9th March ~ Family Celebration Assembly with Oak Class

Monday 12th to Friday 16th March ~ SCIENCE WEEK

The whole school will be involved in Science learning across the week which includes the chance to participate in an additional 'Mad Science Day' ~ see separate letter regarding this 'optional extra'

Friday 16th March ~ Family Celebration Assembly with Willow Class

Friday 23rd March ~ Family Celebration Assembly with Acorn Class

Monday 26th March ~ After-School Craft & Café Event at the Village Hall

Tuesday 27th March ~ Easter Service at All Saints Church with Reverend Mitchell

Thursday 29th March ~ **SPRING TERM ENDS**

SUMMER TERM

~ Tuesday 17th April 2018 ~

Children Return to School

Tuesday 24th April ~ Acorn and Willow Class Zoo Trip

Month of May ~ Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments

Monday 14th to Friday 18th May ~ Year 6 National Curriculum Tests Week

Friday 18th May ~ Year 3 pupils from Oak Class to visit Thurlow Estate

Hundon School Association

Easter Craft and Café Event

Monday 26th March 3.15-5pm, in
the village hall

Easter activities!

Competitions!

Treasure hunt!

Prizes!



Belle from Beauty and the Beast!

Parents welcome for tea, coffee and cake!

Tickets are £3/child, maximum £6/family - available now from the school office



New Look
Workshop!

Discover materials used in
horseracing at Palace House
in our hands-on workshop...

Ideal for
KS1 & 2!

Marvellous Materials!!

Morning workshop sessions available
5th, 6th, 7th and 9th March 2018

Object
Handling!

Covering KS1 & KS2 curriculum topics
Everyday Materials and Uses of Everyday
Materials and Working Scientifically.

Explore &
Investigate!

Eohippus to Equus: Evolution and Inheritance

Brand new workshop covering the KS2 Evolution and Inheritance
curriculum topic.

Explore and investigate adaptation, evolution and variation
between parents and offspring.

Hands-on activities and Working Scientifically.

Morning workshop sessions
available 12th, 13th, 14th and
16th March 2018

Limited spaces -
book early!



New for British
Science Week
2018!



Duration: Allow 2 hours per workshop

Price: £3.60 per child, accompanying adults free

Booking and Information: For more information or to book please contact our learning team on 01638 667314 or e-mail
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