



Hundon Community Primary School  
Newsletter  
Friday 9th November 2018



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Friday 16th November ~ Oak Class Presentation

Head Teacher's Awards

Acorn Class ~ Edward Basham

Willow Class ~ Edward Gentry & Ian Sharpe

Oak Class ~ Niamh Mitson & Riley Morgan-Jones

Hawthorn Class ~ Kaycee White

*A little note from Mrs Fitzgerald...*

Phew, this term is disappearing at a rapid rate ~ 45 days until Christmas and just 28 actual school days left of the autumn term, (not including today.) What a lot we have planned as we head towards the festive period and all the delights this will bring!

Our school service of Remembrance at the memorial in Hundon as part of the County's 'Suffolk Remembers' event went very well yesterday ~ the children were beautifully behaved and a credit to the school. Their poppy creations and tributes were super too.

With feedback in mind I hope we can catch up at the next 'Parent Forum' session before our Class Celebration Presentation on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2pm. I would be keen to hear your thoughts on the information shared on our Pupil Progress sheets as well as the always 'hot' topic, of 'Homework'. The team and I have been thinking about this element a lot and further information on this comes later in this letter.

I hope to see some of you at Parent Forum if you are able to make it ~ I know how much the provision of this forum is valued and appreciated by parents and we very much value all feedback, which, on balance, is overwhelmingly positive and constructive. Please be assured the team and I are doing our utmost to get things right and we certainly recognise there is always more to do!

Be sure to check the 'Dates for Your Diary' section, I am continuing to try to give advance notice for activities ~ a Christingle (Carol) service has been added but we are still waiting for confirmation of the availability of the church.

Have a lovely weekend!

Warm regards, Mrs Fitzgerald

**PARKING**

**PLEASE PARK WISELY AND SAFELY FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY**

## STAFFING

In the coming weeks Mrs Thompson will be returning to teaching within our Federation following her maternity leave. Mrs Thompson is an experienced primary practitioner who has taught at both our schools and across the primary age range. Additionally she has a much 'sought after' subject specialism in Science. We are pleased to be able to have access to this expertise across both our schools.

Going forward Mrs Thompson will take over from Mrs Carter and be working alongside Miss Buckle, teaching Hawthorn Class. The learning of the class will continue to be supported by Mrs Harding and Mrs Preston, across the day and week, as it is now.

We say goodbye to Mrs Everitt who leaves at the end of next week to return to the familiarity of learning support within a nursery setting. I know you will join me in wishing her well with this venture. We have redistributed the learning support undertaken by Mrs Everitt in the short-term whilst we review the best course of action going forward.

If anyone has any queries regarding this or any other matter please contact me at school.

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

## School Uniform

At Hundon Community Primary School we believe a school uniform gives a sense of belonging and pride in the school whilst ensuring equality amongst pupils. In addition, a smart appearance contributes positively to the children's attitude to work and study; it also significantly influences how the school is portrayed to the general public.

It has been noted that we have a small number of children not adhering to our school uniform requirements and politely request parents and carers re-familiarise themselves with the list, noting particularly the requirements around footwear and jewellery which we have attached at the end of this letter to ensure your child is appropriately dressed for school.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

## **The Poppy Appeal**

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, the period of Remembrance, to raise vital funds for members of the Armed Forces community.

In support of this amazing charity, we have a number of items available for purchase from our School Office. Prices range from 50p.

Make your purchase and wear your poppy in remembrance of the fallen Service men and women and in support of members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families.



### CHILDREN IN NEED ~ Friday 16th November

**Pupils are invited to donate £1:00 and come to school on Friday 16th November in their pyjamas to raise money for this very worthy children's charity. Suggested donation is £1.00**



## HOMEWORK

The Governors and staff of Hundon and Thurlow Primary Federation believe that homework is "an important aspect of a child's education", as described by the Department of Education. We believe it encourages children to realise that learning can take place outside the classroom as well as promoting independent learning, thus encouraging the child to take greater responsibility for their personal progress. Homework allows parents, carers and our schools, to work in partnership for the benefit of their child.



We also know most parents do appreciate the value and importance of homework, whilst some feel that we do not set enough, others feel there is too much and a few feel homework is unwarranted and choose that their child should not do homework.

As a Federation we acknowledge the theme of homework can be contentious as well as a source of conflict and as a result we are, in effect, 'stuck' between a rock and a hard place, not least because we are also aware of the expectations in the next educational setting. At secondary, the children are expected to undertake up to 6 hours of homework weekly (in Year 7) to reinforce and enhance their learning in school as well as prepare them for the rigours of the independent study required by GCSE's and beyond. We recognise we have to contribute to preparing the children with home learning and developing independent study skills to ensure they have the stamina and self-motivation for such demands.

Up until now we have with varying success, endeavoured to provide a range of homework activities, with varying degrees of difficulty and involvement, in order to best accommodate, as much as we can, the many and various 'pulls' on family time. The amount and type of homework has been set at a level which has been believed to be reasonable and manageable for the 'typical' pupil as well as in line with any guidance and research available. Additionally, adjustments can be made for particular individuals with particular needs following discussion with Class Teachers.

Going forward we are planning to trial the following:

Year Group:	Guideline Amount:	When set:	Tasks/Activities/Subject Areas: Our expectations are that:
RECEPTION		Weekly	Children will be encouraged to read / read with you daily with the expectation being a minimum of three times each week for a few minutes. (This can include bedtime stories which form part of night time routines.)  A focused task linked to using and applying sounds with word and Maths tasks being set later in the academic year.  This could be worked on for a few minutes each evening.
KEY STAGE ONE	Up to 1 hour weekly	Weekly	Children will be encouraged to read / read with you daily with the expectation being a minimum of three times each week for a few minutes. (This can include bedtime stories which form part of night time routines.)  Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will complete an English or Topic related task / game / activity weekly. Year 2 will also have a Maths CPG book and need to complete a task within it each week.  Time spent on homework could be built up to 15 minutes each evening or undertaken in a block of time as suits your family time / child.

LOWER KEY STAGE TWO	Up to 1½ hours across the week	Weekly	<p>Children will be encouraged to read / read with you daily with the expectation being a minimum of three times each week of up to 10 minutes. (This can include bedtime stories which form part of night time routines.)</p> <p>Children will complete a consolidating English and Maths task / game /activity each week. Occasional assignments, linked to class themes and topics, will be set for completion over a half term.</p> <p>Time spent on homework could be up to 20 minutes each evening or undertaken in a block of time as suits your family time / child.</p>
UPPER KEY STAGE TWO	Up to 2 hours across the week	Weekly	<p>Children will be encouraged to read / read with you daily with the expectation being a minimum of three times each week for 20 minutes. (This can include bedtime stories which form part of night time routines.)</p> <p>Children will complete a consolidating English and Maths task / game /activity during the week.</p> <p>Assignments, linked to topics and / or Science, will be set for completion over a half term.</p> <p>Time spent on homework could be up to 30 minutes each evening or undertaken in a block of time as suits your family time / child.</p>



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Autumn Term

*Tuesday 13th November ~ WORLD KINDNESS DAY*

*Friday 16th November ~ CHILDREN IN NEED*

*The children are invited to donate £1 and come to school in their pyjamas!*



*Friday 16th November ~ Oak Class Celebration Presentation*

*Tuesday 20th November ~ OPEN MORNING AT HUNDON*

*For prospective parents for places in September 2019*

*Friday 23rd November ~ Willow / Acorn Class Celebration Presentation*

*Monday 3rd December ~ ADVENT 'PAUSE' DAY with Mrs Betts at Hundon*

***Wednesday 5th December ~ Christingle (Carol) Service at the Church at 2pm (TBC)***



*Wednesday 12th December ~ AM & PM Performances of EYFS & KS 1 Nativity Production*

*Thursday 13th December ~ Children's Christmas Lunch*

*Friday 14th December ~ Hundon PTA Christmas Disco ~ details to follow*

*Monday 17th December ~ Carols On The Playground (PM definitely, time to be confirmed)*

*Tuesday 18th December ~ Lego Visit at Hundon*

*Wednesday 19th December ~ **END OF TERM***

Making the world better with a festive sweater!



On Friday 14th December the children are invited to donate £1 to the charity SAVE THE CHILDREN and wear a christmas jumper / something christmassy.

Your donations will help bring essential healthcare, education, protection and food to millions of children around the world who don't have access to these basics.

### **Pending Term Dates for the Academic Year 2018-2019**

#### **Christmas Holiday**

Begins 20 December 2018 ~ Ends 1 January 2019

#### **Spring Term 2019**

Begins 2 January 2019 ~ Ends 5 April 2019

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> January PD day**

#### **Spring Half Term**

Begins 18 February 2019 ~ Ends 22 February 2019

#### **Spring Easter Break**

Begins 8 April 2019 ~ Ends 22 April 2019

#### **Summer Term 2019**

Begins 23 April 2019 ~ Ends 24 July 2019

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> April & 24<sup>th</sup> May PD days**

#### **Summer Half Term**

Begins 27 May 2019 ~ Ends 31 May 2019

### **School Uniform**

**Our Uniform policy is as follows:**

- Official school red v-neck jumper or cardigan with school logo, clip on tie and white shirt
- Grey skirt/dress, trousers or shorts.
- Red checked summer dress.
- Shoes (NOT TRAINERS)

#### **P.E**

Indoor P.E:

- Shorts with elasticated waist
- PE T-Shirt

Most P.E. lessons are done in bare feet so alternative footwear is unnecessary.

Outdoor P.E.

- Track suit bottom and tops.
- Trainers, which are not also worn indoors.

Swimming

- A one piece costume or trunks
- A towel for drying
- A swimming hat

All items should be named and in a clearly marked P.E. or swimming bag.

For all P.E. activities shoulder length hair must be tied back and earrings removed. If, for any reason, earrings cannot be removed for P.E. lessons, they must be taped over. A swim hat must be worn for swimming.

All our school uniform is available to order from:  
[www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/hundonprimary](http://www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/hundonprimary)

Book bags, Ties, and Water Bottles are kept in stock in school.

Jewellery must not be worn