



# Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter Friday 23rd November 2018



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## Head Teacher's Awards

Acorn Class ~ Daisy Gale

Willow Class ~ Poppy Merrifield & Henry Smith

Oak Class ~ Ashley Marshall

Hawthorn Class ~ Alex Sharpe & Grace Daniels

## A little note from Mrs Fitzgerald...

Goodness me another week has disappeared at a rapid rate!

Our Willow Class gave a fabulous presentation of their learning this afternoon.

Thank you to those of you able to come along to Parent Forum before our presentation today, it was good to catch up and hear your views on our Pupil Progress sheets and homework. I shall feedback in more detail in due course!

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Warmest regards, Mrs Fitzgerald

## After-School Club Update

Due to the wintery weather our Football Club will cease after Christmas, (Dodgeball will be continuing.) Prestige Sport, our club provider, has offered an archery or combat club to replace the football as these can be delivered indoors if the weather is particularly cold. This club will be open to pupils in Years 1 to 6 and we have sent a form separately to gauge interest and check the viability of this replacement club. If interested please complete and return the form to school as soon as you can so we can make arrangements as necessary.

Please see club date changes below:

Dec 6th - Dodgeball cancelled as hall in use (Book Fair)

Dec 10th - Last Football Club session

Dec 13th - Last Dodgeball Club session

Wed 19th Dec - Last Breakfast Club session

Thursday 3rd Jan - Breakfast Club sessions restart

Thursday 10 Jan – Dodgeball Club restarts

## LEGO WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Just a reminder ~ information related to our planned Lego Workshop on Tuesday 18th December was sent out recently on ParentMail.



It is that time of year again when the Scholastic Book Fair visits us. This year they have offered us a fantastic deal for hosting the fair. For every book you buy, the school gets a book of equal value to keep - on the condition that we sell £300 worth of stock. £300 worth of books for the school will significantly enhance the provision that is currently on offer in the library and in the classrooms.

The book fair will be open on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December after school until 3.45pm. It will also be open on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm until 3.45pm to enable parents to come and do a bit of Christmas shopping whilst the children are still in lessons. It will then be open again for the last time on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December after school until 3.45pm.

We have 5 lots of £5 book tokens to giveaway during the book fair. To be in with a chance of winning one you need to purchase a book from the book fair by the end of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and you will receive a raffle ticket. The raffle will take place on the morning of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Those 5 lucky winners will then be able to spend their voucher after school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Look out for the book fair leaflet which also has a few money off coupons that can be used during the book fair. We hope that you will come along and support this event. Just a gentle reminder that the book fair only takes cash.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Attendance and punctuality are central to ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential - pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education.** Missing lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. It is widely acknowledged that children with poor attendance achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

Thank you for helping us by remembering any **leaves of absence** must be taken in school closure periods unless there are **rare and strictly exceptional circumstances** and for **supporting your child's learning and progress** by ensuring that **non-urgent appointments**, for example, dentist, optician, Doctor, are **arranged outside school hours**.

#### **In other news...**

Thurlow CE VC Primary, our sister school had quite a day yesterday. We took receipt of a 'top of the range' defibrillator kindly donated to the school by Adrian Waller from the resuscitation and acute critical care solution company ZOLL. The Mayor of St Edmundsbury, Mrs Margaret Marks, the High Sheriff of Suffolk, George Vestey DL and Ian Groves from St John Ambulance came to see us receive this, with the Mayor and High Sheriff both making their own presentations to Ellis Kerr, a Year 4 pupil, and his Dad, Garry, who made all this possible. The local press attended so look out for us in the Haverhill Echo, the Cambridge News and the East Anglian Daily Times in the next week. And, if you have the time, you can use 'listen again' to hear our interview on BBC Radio Suffolk which was broadcast on James Hazell's show at around 12.15pm yesterday, or click here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p06ppvry> (🗣️do I really sound like that?!)

This is excellent news for our youngest pupils here at Hundon also who will benefit from this extra layer of first aid protection when they visit Thurlow in the summer months to use their swimming pool facilities.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM**

**HELP US TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL IS AS WELL FUNDED AS POSSIBLE!**

You will already be aware that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free healthy school lunch if they wish to take it, funded by central government. What you may not realise is that if you register for free school meals (and are eligible) it could raise an extra £1320 for your child's school, irrelevant of what year group your child is in and your child doesn't have to take the meal if they don't want it!

This can fund things like extra learning support hours for individual children, groups and whole classes as well as provide extra tuition, additional teaching staff, and supplementary resources for all children, even after-school / extra-curricular activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent receives one of the following welfare benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

It is really important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in one of the funded year groups for meals so that we receive as much funding as possible.

As already stated your child does not have to take the meal and if they do, no one will know how it was paid for. We are committed to ensuring personal and sensitive information that we hold is protected, kept safe, secure, and confidential, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information.

Please take a few moments to complete the form sent along with the newsletter to help us make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.

## CLASS DOJO

We are really pleased with how well our Class DoJo communication network is being used to update on learning and progress. Please remember this system is primarily learning related. If you need to share a concern please speak directly with the Class Teacher in the first instance. Other methods of communication for queries would be to telephone the school and ask for a call back or a meeting with the relevant member of staff or alternatively you could email the School Office [admin@thurlowschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@thurlowschool.co.uk) who would direct your query to the right person across the team.

### CHILDREN IN NEED ~ THANK YOU!

We raised £84.00 for this very worthy children's charity this year  
~ well done everyone for your contributions!



### 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

**Please note date change!**

**Making the world better with a festive sweater!**

On Thursday 13th 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.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

## Electronic Payments

Following requests via parent forum we are pleased to advise that payments for school trips in addition to paying for school meals can be made online from September. Please see the instructions below.

The links related to electronic payments are as follows:

School Meals

<https://secure.suffolkcc.gov.uk/customerservice/CSD/SCC/product.aspx?ProductID=EDSM01>

School Trips

[https://secure.suffolkcc.gov.uk/customerservice/CSD/product.aspx?ProductID=SCC\\_T\\_SchoolList&SchoolProductName=SchoolTrips](https://secure.suffolkcc.gov.uk/customerservice/CSD/product.aspx?ProductID=SCC_T_SchoolList&SchoolProductName=SchoolTrips)

### **CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES**

The admissions round opened on September 12th for primary school places starting next September (2019). Please be aware the closing date for applications is January 15th 2019 with the offer date identified as April 16th, 2019. We recommend families apply online as soon as possible in order to secure their places. Further information regarding admissions can be found on our school website or

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/)



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### Autumn Term

*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November ~ Yr 5/6 Basketball comp at Castle Manor*

*Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December ~ ADVENT 'PAUSE' DAY with Mrs Betts at Hundon*

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christingle (Carol) Service at the Church at 2pm*

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

*Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December ~ Children's Christmas Lunch ~ Christmas Jumper Day*

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ Hundon PTA Christmas Disco ~ details to follow*

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

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December ~ Lego Visit at Hundon*

*Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December ~ **END OF TERM***



## **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

## **PTA INFORMATION**

NEW HUNDON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA FACEBOOK PAGE: Please note the Hundon PTA now have their own separate closed **PTA specific Facebook page** which is [https://www.facebook.com/groups/264303937767956/?ref=group\\_header](https://www.facebook.com/groups/264303937767956/?ref=group_header) if you would like to join.

In due course the page originally set up as a parent page will be replaced with an official school facebook Page.



# XMAS CAMPS

## FOOTBALL CAMPS

27th & 28th December 9-3.30  
Haverhill Leisure Centre Astro

2nd & 3rd January 9-3.30  
The New Croft 3G, Haverhill

£15 per day  
Book before 1st December for £12.50  
per day

TEXT LINE: 07966780005  
[www.prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk](http://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk)



## SPORTS CAMP

28th December 9-3.30  
Westfield Primary Academy, Haverhill

## NERF & LASER TAG

27th December 9-3.30  
Westfield Primary Academy, Haverhill

£15 per day  
Book before 1st December for £12.50  
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