



Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter Friday 30th November 2018



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

Head Teacher's Awards

Acorn Class ~ Lucas Rudkin

Willow Class ~ Yvie Rudkin & Ethan Marshall

Oak Class ~ Henry Mepham & Riley Lambdon

Hawthorn Class ~ Freya Richardson

A little note from Mrs Fitzgerald...

Well, the end of term is fast approaching ~ where does the time go?!

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Parent Forum last week, I promised to feedback on our discussions. You may remember we were discussing our Pupil Progress information sheets, which we had updated in light of feedback. Some additional suggestions were made to further enhance their clarity. We will endeavour to put these in place for the next Pupil Progress update. We also talked about homework and again suggestions were made about how this could be further improved with marking and feedback mentioned, alongside information on methods for Maths tasks, for example. Again we will look to further develop this area in the coming term. Other topics included introducing some information booklets for each Key Stage and parental sessions on themes like assessment, reading and maths approaches and methods and adding homework to the Dojo App.

In other news our Acorn Class gave a fabulous presentation of their learning this afternoon ~ Well done Acorn!!

Whilst the end of term looms we remain focused on achieving the highest educational standards and very best educational experiences for all our pupils.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Warm regards, Mrs Fitzgerald

CHRISTINGLES REQUEST

Please could you supply an orange for your child to make a Christingle. We will be making the Christingles on Wednesday 5th December so please bring them in on Monday or Tuesday of next week - Thank you!



After-School Club Update

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



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 6th December after school until 3.45pm. It will also be open on Friday 7th 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 11th 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 7th and you will receive a raffle ticket. The raffle will take place on the morning of Tuesday 11th. Those 5 lucky winners will then be able to spend their voucher after school on Tuesday 11th 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.

Photograph Consent Forms

New photograph consent forms were sent out earlier this year and for those who did not respond, again recently. To ensure the School is meeting the new data protection requirements we need these to be returned. We are still waiting for some completed forms which we need as a matter of urgency. Without this consent we may need to make alterations to our current arrangements for photographing events such as the forthcoming nativity production as well as other church events and even Class Presentations on Friday afternoons. If you have misplaced your copy feel free to ask at the School Office for a replacement.

Church Christmas Services

We have been asked by Hundon All Saints Church to let you know the following dates for Christmas:

Christmas Carol Service is on Sunday 16 December at 4.00pm to be followed by mulled wine and mince pies (and suitable refreshments for children!).

Crib Service - Christmas Eve at 3.00p.m. We are asking the children who come to bring a picture they have drawn and coloured - a simple title, "A Christmas Picture"! These will be put up on our display boards during the service.

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@hundonschool.co.uk who would direct your query to the right person across the team.

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

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/

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

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

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

Wednesday 12th December ~ Morning 9.30AM & Afternoon 2.00PM Performances of EYFS & KS 1 Nativity Production



Thursday 13th December ~ Children's Christmas Lunch ~ Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 14th December ~ Hundon PTA Christmas Disco

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***

JANUARY

SPRING TERM

Wednesday 2nd January 2019

~ PD DAY ~

~ Thursday 3rd January 2019 ~

Children Return to School

Friday 4th January ~ Family Celebration Only ~ New Year, Fresh Start Theme

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

2nd 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

23rd April & 24th May PD days

Summer Half Term

Begins 27 May 2019 ~ Ends 31 May 2019