



Hundon Community Primary School
Newsletter
Friday 7th December 2018



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Head Teacher's Awards
Back next week

Attendance for November

Acorn Class ~ 98.7%

Willow Class ~ 96.8%

Oak Class ~ 93.6%

Hawthorn Class ~ 97.2%

Well done Acorn Class!

A little note from Mrs Fitzgerald...

Well, the festive session is almost upon us with a mere 17 days to the 'main event' and just 8 school days remaining.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christingle Service on Wednesday ~ thank you for coming along. I am very much looking forward to our Christmas Jumper Day, (next Thursday, same day as our Christmas Lunch,) and our Carols on the Playground event towards the end of term.

Please can I ask you to take the time to check out the information about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding? Where families are eligible we can access additional funds and this money would be really beneficial for all our children. It already contributes to the costs of the additional adults we have across the school providing valuable learning support as well as helping to pay for extra resources to help enhance and improve the children's learning experiences. The information you provide is kept totally confidential. Please come and talk to me if you want to know more.

Have a lovely weekend,

Warm regards, Mrs Fitzgerald



Christmas Lunch ~ Thursday 13th December

No one requires a packed lunch on this day as the PTA is once again kindly paying for everyone to have a school Christmas lunch.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

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.

After-School Club Update

Thank you for completing the after school club preference on ParentMail. Archery came out as favourite, so this will start on Monday 7th January. First come first served, forms available from the School Office.

Please see club date changes below:

- 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
- Monday 7th Jan - Archery club starts
- Thursday 10 Jan - Dodgeball Club restarts

PTA Christmas Disco Tickets

Don't forget to purchase your disco tickets at £4.00 each, £4.50 after Wednesday 12th December.

Lego workshop

May we please remind you that payment of £6.00 for the Lego Workshop taking place on Tuesday the 18th December needs to be in by Friday 14th December? Also please complete the online consent request if you haven't already done so, many thanks.

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.

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

~ 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 ~ Family celebration assembly ~ no class assembly
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 5th January ~ NO CELEBRATION PRESENTATION

Friday 11th January ~ Family Celebration Only ~ New Year, Fresh Start Theme

Friday 18th January ~ Family Celebration Presentation with Hawthorn Class

Friday 25th January ~ Family Celebration Presentation with Oak Class

Friday 1st February ~ Family Celebration Presentation with Willow Class

Friday 8th February ~ Family Celebration Presentation with Acorn Class

Friday 15th February ~ Family Celebration Presentation Only

HALF-TERM

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February

*Friday 5th April ~ **TERM ENDS***

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

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/