

# NEWSLETTER



Friday 13th September 2024

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School



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome our children back to school over the past week. Witnessing the excitement and enthusiasm of both parents and children as they enter the school gates at 8:30 AM is a heartwarming sight. Observing our children actively engaged in their learning throughout the day and taking pride in their accomplishments fills me with immense satisfaction. It is a privilege to lead such an exceptional school as Hucknall Flying High Academy.

Attendance remains a key priority for this academic year, with a target of 96.5% to be achieved. We are delighted to report that our attendance has gotten off to an excellent start, reaching an impressive 97.5% since our return. We encourage you to continue your outstanding efforts in ensuring that your children do not miss out on valuable learning opportunities.



## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

September	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic 'Book Fair' in school – up till the 17 <sup>th</sup> of September
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School 'Harvest Festival' collection to begin for the local food bank
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm Year 1/2 'Meet the Teacher'
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm EYFS 'Meet the teacher'
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bikability Level 1 and 2 – Year 5
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 'Meet the Teacher'
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bikability Level 1 and 2 – Year 5
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 3/4 'Meet the Teacher'
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day for MacMillan
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am – 10:15am MacMillan Coffee Morning
October	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Black History Month

<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3 trip to Magma Science in Sheffield
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Wear yellow for 'World Mental Health Day' - £1 donation
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of the autumn 1 term
<b>November</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of the autumn 2 term
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Individual school photos
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Anti-bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am F2 trip to Sherwood Forest
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am Year 1 trip to Nottingham Castle
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	World Kindness Day
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15am SEND Coffee Morning
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Non-uniform day for Children in Need
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Road Safety Week
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	(pm) Reception – Year 6 flu immunisation
<b>December</b>	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Service
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am EYFS at the Playhouse – Ugly Duckling performance
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Service
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	12:00pm – 4:30pm Year 1-6 at the Christmas Panto - Playhouse
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	2:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am EYFS Performance
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	2:00pm EYFS Performance
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Non-uniform day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of autumn 2 term
<b>2025</b>	
<b>January</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of spring 1 term
<b>February</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Scholastic Book Fair – up till the 11 <sup>th</sup> of February
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	NSPCC Numbers Day
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Internet Safety Day
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of spring 1 term

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	First day of spring 2 term
<b>March</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women’s History Month
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 6 Parent Meeting – KS2 SATs information meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Hathersage residential
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	International Women’s Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dress in red for Comic Relief
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm Family High Tea event
<b>April</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am EYFS Easter ‘Eggs’travaganza 2025
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00pm Year 3/4 Easter Craft afternoon
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of spring 2 term
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of summer 1 term
<b>May</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Year 6 Tenby Residential Parent Meeting
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day 2025
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of summer 1 term
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET DAY – School Closed
<b>June</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of summer 2 term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Tenby residential
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am Family Breakfast event
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screen Week
<b>July</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am F2 trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 pupils transition to Holgate School
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	‘Transition Day’ into new classes

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Last day of summer 2 term

### **Meet the Teacher Sessions**

Over the next few weeks there will be opportunity to attend a 'Meet the Teacher' session for you to see your child's class teacher and meet with involved in your child's year group. The dates and times for these sessions are listed below:

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	EYFS Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm

During these sessions we will be communicating key information for the year ahead and an insight into the curriculum for your child's new year group. We hope that you will be able to attend these sessions.

### **Uniform**

What a child wears to school reflects his/her learning. Wearing a school uniform creates pride, creates an identity for a school and it also portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values. It is also important for children to wear the correct clothing for physical activities. For PE, children are required to wear the correct PE Kit.

The wearing of a school uniform creates a sense of a collective and individual pride in our school community as well as giving our students a sense of belonging. Security around the school is also significantly enhanced as our children can be readily identified as belonging to Hucknall Flying High Academy.



Additionally, equality is fostered by a uniform policy common to all students. Compulsory uniforms assist in eliminating peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing, reduces competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide "fashionable" items for daily wear.

We have a smart uniform that all children are expected to wear.

- Navy blue fleece with school logo
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue jumpers or cardigans.
- Girls - Grey tailored trousers / skirt / pinafore – (Gingham dresses may be worn in summer months)
- Boys – Grey tailored trousers – (Grey tailored shorts may be worn in summer months)
- Plain black shoes
- Tights or socks plain black / grey

## **Flu Vaccines**

The School Aged Immunisation Service – SAIS - will be in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to offer all children in the following years a Flu Vaccine (Nasal spray):

**F2, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6**

Please look out for the leaflet being sent home with all the details you need to book your child's vaccine. Please note that if you decide NOT to proceed with this, you should send an email with your child's details to the SAIS team direct – not school. Many thanks.

## **MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning**

We are supporting MacMillan again this year and will be doing a fund-raising day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

- We are collecting pennies for MacMillan again – any loose change in the house – bag it up and send to school for the event – every penny counts!
- Non – Uniform day for £1 donation.
- Coffee Morning in school – 9:15am -10:00am. All friends and family invited.
- Cake Sale after school.
- All donations of cake really appreciated on the day – let's make a difference for MacMillan!



## **Food Bank Collection – Starting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

As part of our Harvest Festival Assembly celebrations, we are collecting for our local Food Bank. If you would like to make any contributions, could you please leave them in reception to be collected by our school team taking charge of this. Many thanks for your support with this.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair is now onsite and will be open every night after school until Wednesday. It is a 'cashless' fair for your convenience and you can pay via your mobile phone devices through scanning a QR code that you can get from Mrs Bingham.



## **School Money Issues**

Apologies that School Money wasn't being very cooperative last week – hopefully you are all now able to book school meals and order snacks as required. Please get in touch with the school office asap if this is not the case.

- Any meals and snacks taken last week when School Money was down, will be added to your accounts for payment this week.
- If you had credits on School Money for your child's Extended Provision sessions, this will be dealt with asap.

Going forward, we are no longer able to take requests for pizza muffins and toast on the day. Please make sure they are booked by midnight the day before – this is the same for school meals please.

### School Admissions

Do you have a child due to start Primary school in September 2025?

If so, please make a note of the following dates:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Notts County Council applications open for starting school in September 2025.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Closing date for applications.

If your child is starting Secondary school in September 2025, the closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.



### Christmas Cards

We realise this is extra early, but we are planning ahead!

Children will soon be designing their own Christmas cards, and the template will be sent home for you to see. Once created, this special picture can be used for cards, mugs, coasters, notepads, wrapping paper and tags and even a cushion! Ideal Christmas gifts for friends and family.

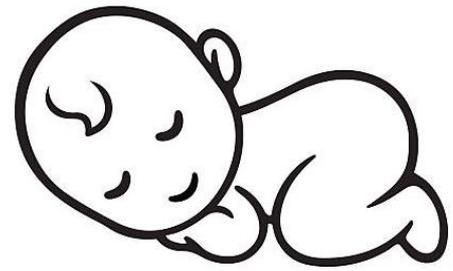
With the template you will receive a price list of what is available. Please **don't** return the price list to school with your order, all of the items will be in the SHOP section on your child's School Money account, so order and pay there please. As a cashless school please don't send cash/cheques with an order to school.

Once ordered on School, Money, please return the template to school for us to return to the printers.

The closing date for completed orders is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm, keeping to this deadline will make sure all orders are back in school before the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## Congratulations

Finally, congratulations to Miss Morris on the recent birth of baby Wynter. Miss Morris would like me to let you know that baby and family are doing well. We look forward to seeing Wynter and Miss Morris soon...



Mrs Curtis, who works in years 5 and 6 has good news too and is expecting a baby. We wish her well during this time and will let you know when her maternity leave commences.

Best wishes,

Mr K Clowery

