

NEWSLETTER



Thursday 5th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a great summer holiday, fun-filled with memory making experiences. We embark on another exciting year ahead with lots planned. This is the first instalment of my weekly letter, so please have a read to keep updated with all things at Hucknall Flying High Academy.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

| September | |
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| Tuesday 10 th | 1:30pm Year 2 litter picking around the local estate |
| Wednesday 11 th | Scholastic 'Book Fair' in school – up till the 17 th September |
| Wednesday 11 th | 9:15am PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) Coffee Morning |
| Monday 23 rd | School 'Harvest Festival' collection to begin for the local food bank |
| Monday 23 rd | 5:00pm Year 1/2 'Meet the Teacher' |
| Tuesday 24 th | 5:00pm EYFS 'Meet the teacher' |
| Wednesday 25 th | Bikeability Level 1 and 2 – Year 5 |
| Wednesday 25 th | 5:00pm Year 5/6 'Meet the Teacher' |
| Thursday 26 th | Bikeability Level 1 and 2 – Year 5 |
| Thursday 26 th | 5:00pm Year 3/4 'Meet the Teacher' |
| Thursday 26 th | Notts County Cricket Championship Match – Year 6 |
| Friday 27 th | Non-uniform day for MacMillan |
| Friday 27 th | 9:15am – 10:15am MacMillan Coffee Morning |
| October | |
| Tuesday 1 st | Black History Month |
| Friday 4 th | INSET DAY – School Closed |
| Wednesday 9 th | Year 3 trip to Magna Science in Sheffield |
| Thursday 10 th | Wear yellow for 'World Mental Health Day' - £1 donation |
| Friday 18 th | Last day of the autumn 1 term |
| November | |
| Monday 4 th | First day of the autumn 2 term |
| Tuesday 5 th | Individual school photos |
| Monday 11 th | Anti-bullying Week – Odd Socks Day |
| Wednesday 13 th | World Kindness Day |
| Friday 15 th | 9:15am SEND Coffee Morning |

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| Friday 15 th | Non-uniform day for Children in Need |
| Monday 18 th | Road Safety Week |
| Tuesday 19 th | Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm |
| Wednesday 20 th | Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm |
| Monday 25 th | (pm) Reception – Year 6 flu immunisation |
| December | |
| Friday 6 th | 4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair |
| Tuesday 10 th | 5:00pm Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Service |
| Thursday 12 th | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thursday 12 th | 5:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Service |
| Friday 13 th | 12:00pm – 4:30pm Year 1-6 at the Christmas Panto, Nottm Playhouse |
| Tuesday 17 th | 2:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance |
| Tuesday 17 th | 5:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Performance |
| Wednesday 18 th | 10:00am EYFS Christmas Performance |
| Wednesday 18 th | 2:00pm EYFS Christmas Performance |
| Friday 20 th | Non-uniform day |
| Friday 20 th | Last day of autumn 2 term |
| 2025 | |
| January | |
| Monday 6 th | First day of spring 1 term |
| February | |
| Monday 3 rd | Children's Mental Health Week |
| Tuesday 4 th | Scholastic Book Fair – up till the 11 th February |
| Friday 7 th | NSPCC Numbers Day |
| Tuesday 11 th | Internet Safety Day |
| Tuesday 11 th | 5:00pm Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting |
| Friday 14 th | Last day of spring 1 term |
| Monday 24 th | INSET DAY – School Closed |
| Tuesday 25 th | First day of spring 2 term |
| March | |
| Monday 3 rd | Women's History Month |
| Tuesday 4 th | 5:00pm Year 6 Parent Meeting – KS2 SATs information meeting |
| Wednesday 5 th – 7 th | Year 5 Hathersage residential |
| Thursday 6 th | World Book Day |
| Friday 7 th | International Women's Day |
| Monday 10 th | Science Week |
| Tuesday 11 th | Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm |
| Wednesday 12 th | Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm |
| Friday 21 st | Dress in red for Comic Relief |
| Friday 28 th | 1:00pm Family High Tea event |

| April | |
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| Tuesday 1st | 9:15am EYFS Easter 'Eggs'travaganza 2025 |
| Wednesday 2nd | 1:00pm Year 3/4 Easter Craft afternoon |
| Friday 4th | Last day of spring 2 term |
| Tuesday 22nd | First day of summer 1 term |
| May | |
| Monday 5th | BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed |
| Tuesday 6th | Class photographs |
| Tuesday 6th | 5:00pm Year 6 Tenby Residential Parent Meeting |
| Monday 12th | Key Stage 2 SATS Week |
| Thursday 22nd | Sports Day 2025 |
| Thursday 22nd | Last day of summer 1 term |
| Friday 23rd | INSET DAY – School Closed |
| June | |
| Monday 2nd | First day of summer 2 term |
| Monday 2nd | Year 4 multiplication Check Week |
| Tuesday 3rd – 6th | Year 6 Tenby residential |
| Thursday 12th | Reserve Sports Day |
| Friday 13th | 7:30am Family Breakfast event |
| Monday 16th | Phonics Screen Week |
| July | |
| Wednesday 9th – 11th | Year 6 pupils transition to Holgate School |
| Friday 18th | Reports to Parents |
| Tuesday 22nd | 5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production |
| Wednesday 23rd | 5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production |
| Friday 25th | 'Transition Day' into new classes |
| Tuesday 29th | Last day of summer 2 term |

New Staff Members

We are delighted to formally introduce Miss Pouncey and Miss Whitt to the Hucknall Flying High Academy family. Miss Pouncey will be supporting in Year 1, while Miss Whitt will be guiding students in Year 4. Their collective passion for education will undoubtedly contribute significantly to the continued success of our school. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to both members of staff.

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:

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| Monday 23rd September | Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm |
| Tuesday 24th September | EYFS Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm |
| Wednesday 25th September | Year 5/6 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

Attendance



Hucknall FHA is committed to working together with parents and carers to ensure the highest possible attendance, which will in turn support the progress of our children, enabling them to achieve the best outcomes and access the best opportunities possible. You can support the school, and your child, to achieve attendance targets by:

- Making sure your child attends school regularly and on time.
- Contacting school on the first day of any absence

- Informing school of any problems that may impact your child's attendance, punctuality, and learning.
- Arrange routine medical appointments **outside of school time**. If this is not possible, please bring your child in prior to their appointment and ensure they return to school afterwards.
- Ensuring children are ready for school by having good morning and bedtime routines.
- Ensure that you do not book holidays in term time.
- If you feel your child is too ill to come to school, please try to provide medical evidence. This can be prescription medication, an appointment card, or a prescription.

| Attendance | Impact |
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| Above 97% | Less than 6 days absence a year. Excellent attendance. Pupils with this attendance should have access to most of the taught curriculum. |
| 95% | 10 days absence in a year. Attendance has room for improvement. Pupils with this attendance are likely to access most of the curriculum. But may miss out on important educational experiences. |
| 90% | 19 days absence over the year. Pupils with this absence are missing 1 month of school per year and will miss key curriculum areas. It will be difficult for them to achieve their best. |
| 85% | 29 days absence in a year. These pupils are missing 6 weeks of school per year, equivalent to a half term. It will be very difficult for them to access the curriculum and achieve. |
| 80% or below | Pupils with this attendance are missing the equivalent of 1 day for every week of school. It will be almost impossible to access all the curriculum. |

Flu Vaccines

The School Aged Immunisation Service – SAIS - will be in school on Monday 25th 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 27th 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!

PE Days

PE days are on Thursday and Friday. Please can you make sure your child has their kit in school on these days.

Food Bank Collection – Starting Monday 23rd 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.

PINS project

As of the new academic year we will be opting into the Nottinghamshire PINS (partnership for inclusion of Neurodiversity). The programme focuses on meeting the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in mainstream schools it is essential to improving outcomes (across attainment, attendance and wellbeing), parental confidence and delivering the financially sustainable SEND system, as envisaged in the SEND and Alternative Provision (AP) Improvement Plan.

Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) will bring health and education specialists and expert parent carers into mainstream primary settings to:

- Help shape whole school SEND provision.
- Provide early interventions at a whole school level.
- Upskill school staff.
- Support strengthening of partnerships between schools and parent carers.

Throughout the programme we will be working closely with the Parent Carer Forum who are keen to work with the parents in our school. Our first event is the PINS Coffee Morning on Wednesday 11th September at 9:15am. We hope that you can make it...

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be on site from Wednesday 11th September and will be open every night after school. 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.

Let's look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Best wishes,
Mr K Clowery

