

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Thursday 18.07.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school year is drawing to a close with a palpable sense of excitement and anticipation. The final week promises to be a whirlwind of activity. Last week we embarked on a series of enriching trips, engaging events, and welcoming visitors into our school. A particular highlight over the coming days will undoubtedly be the captivating performance of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' by our exceptionally talented Key Stage 2 pupils.

Simultaneously, we are diligently preparing our pupils for the forthcoming academic year through our transition sessions, which commence next week. We were also delighted to share that we have received the final draft of our Ofsted report, a document that reflects the collective achievements of our school community. Here is the link to the report: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/147075>

Below are some of the highlights from the report.

Staff remind pupils that they are capable of excellence.

Staff develop pupils to be bastions of the school and their local community.

Their voice has led to.... making the whole community a safer and better place.

Although school leaders and staff know the quality the school provides, nothing is left to chance. There is a determination to make refinements and continuously improve.

The curriculum at Hucknall Flying High Academy is expertly designed. It is underpinned by academic rigour.

The interconnectedness of this exceptional curriculum means that pupils apply knowledge from one subject domain to another.

Teachers know how to adapt teaching to precisely meet the needs of all pupils, especially those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Interactions between children and adults are of the highest quality. Adults expertly draw children's attention to meticulously planned activities to help them develop knowledge in all areas of learning.

Pupils know that they can get things wrong, but there will always be an opportunity to reflect and make better choices next time. This ethos ensures that pupils become better with each mistake.

Staff are proud to work here.

While the recent Ofsted report is a testament to our school's achievements, we remain steadfast in our commitment to continuous improvement. Hucknall Flying High Academy is a dynamic school that embraces opportunities for growth and development.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024 – 2025

We will continue to update the dates list over the coming weeks in preparation for the forthcoming academic year.

| July | |
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| Friday 19th | Reports to Parents |
| Monday 22nd | 'Transition Day' for new classes |
| Tuesday 23rd | 'Transition Day' for new classes |
| Wednesday 24th | 'Transition Day' for new classes |
| Tuesday 23rd | Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm |
| Wednesday 24th | Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm |
| Thursday 25th | Year 6 at Wollaton Park |
| Friday 26th | Last day of the summer 2 term |
| September | |
| Thursday 5th | First day of the new academic year – pupils return to school |
| Friday 27th | MacMillan Coffee Morning |
| October | |
| Friday 4th | INSET DAY – School Closed |
| Friday 18th | Last day of the autumn 1 term |
| November | |
| Monday 4th | First day of the autumn 2 term |
| Tuesday 19th | Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm |
| Wednesday 20th | Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm |
| December | |
| Friday 20th | Last day of autumn 2 term |
| 2025 | |
| January | |
| Monday 6th | First day of spring 1 term |
| February | |
| Thursday 13th | Last day of spring 1 term |
| Monday 24th | INSET DAY – School Closed |
| Tuesday 25th | First day of spring 2 term |
| April | |
| Friday 4th | Last day of spring 2 term |
| Tuesday 22nd | First day of summer 1 term |
| May | |
| Monday 5th | BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed |
| Thursday 22nd | Last day of summer 1 term |
| Friday 23rd | INSET DAY – School Closed |
| June | |
| Monday 2nd | First day of summer 2 term |
| July | |
| Tuesday 29th | Last day of summer 2 term |

School Reports

As we approach the end of the academic year, this week we are pleased to share with you your child's annual report for 2023-24. These will be making their way home to you tomorrow, so please look out for them.

The report gives an overview of your child's achievements this year, as well as some indications for their progress in the year ahead. I hope that you find its contents informative, and that you enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the progress made.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to discuss the content with your child's class teacher.

Year 6 SATs Results

We are really proud of our Year 6 children who completed their SATS tests in May. Last week, the results were released, and we are delighted to report that our standards remain well above national figures and are the BEST results we have ever achieved as a school. A HUGE well done to our children and staff.

| | School Percentage at ARE | National Percentage at ARE |
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| Reading | 89% (+15% above national) | 74% |
| EGPS | 89% (+17% above national) | 72% |
| Writing | 83% (+11% above national) | 72% |
| Maths | 89% (+16% above national) | 73% |
| Combined | 83% (+22% above national) | 61% |



Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair this year exceeded all expectations, culminating in a resounding success! We were thrilled to raise a remarkable sum of £1,500, which will undoubtedly benefit our school community in numerous ways. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who graced us with their presence and contributed to the vibrant atmosphere.

The weather, as if on cue, cooperated beautifully, ensuring a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for all. This festive spirit wouldn't have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our staff. **A special shout-out goes to Mrs. Bingham and Mrs. Oswin, whose exceptional organisational skills and meticulous planning were instrumental in the event's smooth execution.** Their tireless efforts ensured a seamless experience for everyone involved.

Ice Cream Fridays!

We have booked an ice cream van to visit school on the last day of term, it will be parked in the usual spot. Let's hope for some nice weather to end the term.

School Uniform Orders for September

Our uniform supplier, Price and Buckland has informed us that the last day for orders for September is 1st August. So please make sure you place your orders in time.



Safeguarding Tips of the Week

Safety in the Sun

This week our safeguarding focus is on staying safe when out in the sun. As the weather starts to warm up and the sun is shining, it is important that we protect our skin and our health in general.

Here are some top tips for being safe in the sun:

- Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection
- Reapply sunscreen if you have been in the water
- Wear sunglasses with UV protection
- Wear a sunhat and loose clothing made of breathable material
- Stay in the shade during the middle of the day when the sun is at its strongest
- Drink lots of water to stay hydrated



Online Safety



There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. There are some challenges, too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate.

For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount. Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing. You can manage the content that your children see, ensure the interactions they have are suitable and manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities. There are many things you can do to help support a child, e.g. using specific apps and checking app settings. For more information see:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

The Importance of School Attendance



Regular attendance is crucial for academic and social success. Missing school can disrupt learning and make it difficult to catch up. At Hucknall FHA, we encourage all pupils to strive for excellent attendance.

Parents and carers, please support your child by ensuring they arrive at school on time and prepared each day. If your child is unable to attend, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Let's work together to create a learning environment where every child thrives.

Attendance over this last week has been **95%** across school – once again, below where we would like it to be. Attendance will remain a focus until the end of term - please make sure children are in school on time, every day! Well done to Max in Year 4 for winning the 100% attendance raffle this week.

Ofsted Parent View

Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year and at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View.



When our school is notified of its next Ofsted inspection, parents will be invited to give their views about the school to inspectors using the Parent View online facility.

Please register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> - Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions about our school. Your views are important in helping inspectors decide about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved. If you do not have a computer or an email address or if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask at reception.

Free School Meals

If you think you might qualify for Benefit Related Free School Meals, please call the following number to apply: 0300 500 8080.



It's a quick and easy process and you find out straight away if you are eligible.

Summer Holiday Club

Summer Holiday club is open for three weeks Monday 29th July- Friday 16th August. As usual, for the final two weeks of the Summer Holidays, holiday club will be closed.

We will have a range of fun activities for the children including crafts and games, time for free choice and play outside. We also have some exciting space, ocean and animal activities planned throughout the weeks too.

Bookings can be made on School Money until Friday 19th July. After that time, bookings will be taken offline, and all bookings will need to be made and paid for through the office to ensure your child has a place. Refunds require one week notice.

Reminders:

- The short day starts at 9am and ends at 3pm.
- The longer day starts at 8am and ends at 5pm.
- Breakfast will be available from 8am- 9am.
- The children will be given a light tea between 3:30pm and 4:30pm.
- All children require a packed lunch AND a water bottle.
- Children need to come dressed for the weather. We will try and play outside at least once a day, weather



permitting, so please send them in clothing appropriate for the changeable weather. Children do not need to wear uniform.

- If it is sunny please ensure they come with suncream on and some extra to apply later. They also require a sun hat.
- Younger children (KS1 and below) need a spare change of clothes incase of accidents.
- We require a week notice for refunds as staff, food and resources are already organised.
- Club number: 07745 631543. This can be used to contact staff in holiday club and to book/cancel sessions. If there is an issue with the gate staff can be alerted on this number.
- Please ensure children are walked to the door of the provision when they are dropped off in the morning to make, they safely get into the building.

If you have any questions or queries please ring the club number or email bdempsey@hucknallfha.co.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Bookings cannot be made by email during the three weeks of holiday club as they are not always monitored. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 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. Before their work starts in the Autumn Term, they have requested that parents complete this survey so that they can begin to target and hone the advice and support that they can offer to families within our local community.

Please find attached a link and QR code which will take you to the survey.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id= b5SEAcuUupkuYyBVFU6ZAI37JuRVFAktF-r7IPicFURVBUNDNNjQ0TUU0MVpNNjM5MUxGUDFaTi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=b5SEAcuUupkuYyBVFU6ZAI37JuRVFAktF-r7IPicFURVBUNDNNjQ0TUU0MVpNNjM5MUxGUDFaTi4u)

As always, thank you for your support. Let's look forward to the rest of the term ahead.

Best wishes,
Mr K Clowery

