

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Friday 21.06.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday we were delighted to host a wonderful family breakfast event. It was heartwarming to see so many families join us, filling the hall with laughter and conversation as they enjoyed a delicious, shared breakfast. The atmosphere was truly buzzing, and it was a fantastic opportunity to connect with parents and children outside the classroom setting.

This week also brought an exciting, and somewhat unexpected, development for our school community. On Monday morning, we received a surprise call from Ofsted, informing us of a two-day inspection scheduled to begin the following day. This marked our first formal graded inspection since Hucknall Flying High Academy officially opened its doors.



While official results are not yet available, and the report is expected before the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who played a role in this successful inspection.

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you goes to our exceptional children. Their remarkable behaviour and genuine enthusiasm for learning truly shone through. Their love for being part of the Hucknall Flying High family was evident throughout the inspection, and they readily demonstrated the valuable knowledge they have acquired. The inspectors were particularly impressed by the depth and breadth of their understanding across various subjects.

I am also incredibly proud of our dedicated staff. They are a truly remarkable team, consistently going above and beyond to ensure every child receives an excellent education. Their unwavering commitment to driving our school vision and creating a positive learning environment is truly inspiring.



Finally, a sincere thank you to you all. Your unwavering support throughout this process, and indeed throughout the school year and beyond, is deeply appreciated. The well wishes we received during the inspection week were a source of great encouragement to the entire team.

We look forward to sharing the official Ofsted report with you once it becomes available.



Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024

June	
Friday 21 st	Non-uniform day for the Summer Fair – Chocolates and sweets
Tuesday 25 th	Year 6 depart for Tenby residential
July	
Tuesday 9 th	Year 6 at Nottingham Trent University
Wednesday 10 th	Nursery trip to Sheffield Tropical Butterfly House
Thursday 11 th	Year 2 trip to the National Emergency Services Museum
Friday 12 th	Year 4 at New Walk Museum in Leicester
Friday 12 th	Summer Fair, 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Tuesday 16 th	4:00pm F2 'Dinner Party' to showcase enquiry learning
Thursday 18 th	Trust Awards Ceremony – Nottingham Arena 5:00pm
Friday 19 th	Reports to Parents
Monday 22 nd	'Transition Day' for new classes
Tuesday 23 rd	'Transition Day' for new classes
Wednesday 24 th	'Transition Day' for new classes
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
Wednesday 24 th	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
Thursday 25 th	Year 6 at Wollaton Park
Friday 26 th	Last day of the summer 2 term
September	
Thursday 5 th	First day of the new academic year – pupils return to school



Classes for Next Year

We are currently finalising staffing plans for the 2024/2025 academic year. We will confirm this very soon – so watch this space!

On Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th July we will be running transition days, so children have the chance to get to know their new teachers and spend time in their new classes. Children will return to their current classes for the final 2 days.

Year 1 Phonics

Last week, our Year 1 children embarked on an exciting learning journey of their own– the Phonics screening tests! Mrs. Hitchen has been working diligently with each child, creating a supportive and encouraging environment for them to showcase their growing phonics skills. We have been truly impressed by the remarkable progress the children have made in mastering these foundational literacy skills.

Phonics

The Phonics screening tests play a crucial role in identifying areas where each child excels and where they may benefit from additional support. Mrs. Hitchen has tailored her teaching throughout the year to address individual needs, ensuring a strong foundation for all our Year 1 learners.

While we eagerly await the official results, we want to take this opportunity to celebrate the dedication and hard work demonstrated by both our children and Mrs. Hitchen. Seeing their confidence blossom as they tackle new challenges is truly rewarding.

We will be sure to share the finalised results with you as soon as they are available. In the meantime, please join us in acknowledging the fantastic achievements of our Year 1 students!

Year 4 Multiplication

Also, a huge well done to our Year 4 children who have completed their multiplication checks last week. The purpose of these checks is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. All children have worked extremely hard to improve their fluency and rapid recall of facts and have done themselves, their teachers and you proud. Well done and thank you for supporting your children with this work this year.



Summer Fair



We are delighted to let you know that we have scheduled the annual Summer Fair for Friday 12th July from 4pm - 6pm. As in previous years there will be stalls available for parents, friends and families to run and sell their own products, these can be booked through the school office now for a payment of £20.

Our 2 remaining Non - Uniform Fundraising Days this year are as follows:

Friday 28th June - Non-Uniform Day 2, donations of bottles please for the tombola.

Friday 5th July - Non-Uniform Day 3, donations of £1 please to maximise our fundraising effort.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with children in the next couple of week, so if you can help with selling these to friends and family we would be most grateful.

We absolutely welcome any help with donations of raffle prizes and physical help on the day with setting up the fair and clearing away. If you have any suggestions or can offer help in any way, please call by the school office, we are always happy to see you!

Ice Cream Fridays!

We have booked an ice cream van to visit school on certain Fridays this term. Please make a note of the remaining dates:

Friday 5th July

Friday 26th July

The van will be outside school at 3.15pm for you to treat yourselves on the way home.



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.

Careers and Aspiration Day – Reminder



We are looking to hold an annual 'Careers Day' for our pupils, and we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to come in and speak to children about their career journey.

Research has shown that children who have meaningful encounters are more likely to have a positive educational and employment outlook. In previous schools when I've held these events, children have the opportunity to find out and explore jobs they may never have even heard of, and feedback has been incredibly positive.

If you would like to volunteer for such an event, could you please contact the school office so we can start to put together a plan for an opportunity like this to take place at Hucknall Flying High Academy.

Safeguarding Tip 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



Spotlight on British Values

Democracy

During the next few weeks, our pupils will be taking part in citizenship lessons around our British Value of 'Democracy'. The announcement of the general election, on the 4th July 2024, has provided the perfect platform for our school to explore the British democratic system.

Pupils will have the opportunity to express their views in respectful classroom debates whilst also learning about voting; parliament and government.



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 **94.5%** across school – below where we would like it to be. Attendance will remain a huge focus until the end of term - please make sure children are in school on time, every day!

Well done to ??? 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.

Warmer Weather

Just a couple of reminders:

- Please apply suncream to children before attending school. If you prefer to send in the cream, please make sure this is in a named and sealed bag and that children are aware they will have to apply the cream themselves.
- We also ask that sun hats/baseball caps are sent into school every day.
- We have a few children in school who are really suffering with the symptoms of hay fever. Please make sure they are dosed up for the day and if required send in medicines to be given during the day. Please avoid giving children medicines/sprays to keep in their bags as all medicinal items should be handed into the school office for safe keeping and recording.



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 in case 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 sure 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!

Welcome

On behalf of the entire Hucknall Flying High Academy community, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Whitt! As our school continues to flourish and grow, we're delighted to have Mrs. Whitt join our dedicated office team.



Mrs. Whitt brings a wealth of experience and administrative expertise to Hucknall Flying High. Her presence will be instrumental in providing additional capacity to our busy office, ensuring a seamless workflow and unwavering support for staff, children and families.

We understand that navigating the intricacies of school life can sometimes involve questions and require efficient solutions. Mrs. Whitt's friendly demeanour and commitment to excellence will undoubtedly make her a valuable resource for parents and carers seeking information or assistance. We are confident that Mrs. Whitt's positive attitude and collaborative spirit will make her a wonderful addition to our team.

Good News Story

We are delighted to share some wonderful personal news! Miss Morris is expecting her first child, due to arrive in August. This is an incredibly exciting time for her, and we at Hucknall Flying High Academy want to extend our warmest congratulations.

I'm sure you'll agree, Miss Morris' dedication and passion for teaching have been invaluable assets to our school community. We know she'll be a fantastic parent, and we wish her all the joy and love that comes with welcoming a new baby into the world.

Her maternity leave will begin at the end of the current academic year. In the meantime, please join us in sending Miss Morris our best wishes, we look forward to hearing more about her exciting news as the time draws near.

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

Best wishes,

Mr K Clowery