

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Tuesday 19.03.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We enter the last two weeks of the spring term – wow, time is flying.

Last week we welcomed Councillor Tracey Taylor and Councillor Sam Smith to our school. They enjoyed their tour hosted by our Year 6 pupils and congratulated them on their hospitality during their visit. When walking around our school they were very impressed with the working attitudes of the children and the outcomes that they were achieving during the lessons observed. Well done children!



Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024

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2024	
March	
Tuesday 26 th	EYFS Easter 'Eggs'travaganza - 9:15am
Tuesday 26 th	Year3 / 4 Easter Crafts
Wednesday 27 th	Year 3 /4 Easter Crafts
Thursday 28 th	Non-uniform Day / Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 28 th	Last day of the spring 2 term
April	
Monday 15 th	First day of the summer 1 term
May	
Monday 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Thursday 9 th	Year 6 Tenby Residential Parent Meeting: 5:00pm
Monday 13 th	Year 6 SATs Week begins
Monday 20 th	KS1 SATs Week begins
Thursday 23 rd	Sports Day
Friday 24 th	Last day of the summer 1 term
June	
Monday 3 rd	First day of the summer 2 term
Monday 3 rd	Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
Thursday 6 th	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 10 th	Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
Friday 14 th	Family Breakfast Event – 7:30am
Monday 17 th	Eid
Monday 24 th	Year 6 depart for Tenby residential

July	
Friday 19 th	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
Wednesday 24 th	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
Thursday 25 th	Transition into new classes
Friday 26 th	Last day of the summer 2 term
September	
Wednesday 4 th	First day of the new academic year – pupils return to school

Easter Bonnet Parade – Thursday 28th March



On Thursday 28th March we will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade in school. Grab your bonnet get creative and get ready to take part in the class parade. All children will receive a small Easter gift and there will be prizes for the winning bonnets. We would love to see your children come into school wearing their Easter Bonnets. **This date will also be a non-uniform day too.**

Staffing

For the rest of the academic year Miss Cawley will be taking over the teaching responsibility for the Year 2 class, covering Miss Castledine's maternity leave. She has been with us since the start of the spring term and has been working in classes across school during this period, building up a fantastic rapport with the children across our school.

Miss Cawley brings a vast array of experience to our school, and we are confident that she will provide a stimulating and supportive learning environment for the children of Year 2. With this news, we wish Miss Castledine all the best when she begins her maternity leave at Easter.



To cover PPA teaching across school, with Miss Cawley vacating this role, we have appointed Miss Plant for the summer term, who covered the role across school during the last academic year. Miss Plant was well liked by our pupils when she worked at Hucknall FHA during 2023 and the children were very happy to see her return last week. Miss Plant is an experienced teacher and will be following the PPA timetable that Miss Cawley has delivered throughout spring.

PE Kit

Just a reminder that on PE days children should have the correct PE kit for their session.

We have noticed lots of different colours creeping into the PE kit and children are wearing items that are not strictly in our PE uniform list.

Please see the following as a reminder:

- Plain white t shirt
- Plain navy shorts

Plain navy jogging bottoms and sweat top
Trainers or plimsolls

Please note that football shirts and brightly coloured leggings should not be worn for PE.

If your child wears earrings, they should remove them for the PE lesson. If this is not possible, please provide your child with a plaster to cover the ear lobe during PE. Children should be able to apply this themselves.

The Importance of School Attendance



Attendance last week was 96% across school – above the national average, but a slight dip compared to previous weeks.

Well done to Year 2 for their excellent attendance over the last week – **99.3%** attendance!

Additionally, well done to Kai in Y3 – who won the 100% weekly attendance raffle last week. On a real positive note 193 pupils achieved 100% attendance last week. Well done!

Good News Stories

Mother's Day High Tea

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday 8th March for the High Tea event.

It was lovely to see so many families and friends in school and the children absolutely loved sharing the time with you all. A big thank you too to all the staff who helped make the event such a success and a shout out to Mrs Bingham and Mrs Oswin for their great organisation of the event, ably supported by Mrs Bailey, Miss Potton, Mrs Thorne, Mrs Dempsey and the rest of the lunchtime team.



Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations for the annual Red Nose Day on Friday, it was lovely to see the children in their red clothes too! – we collected £266. Well Done HFHA.

Book Trust

Are you aware of the Book Trust's wonderful work? They have some wonderful resources on their website.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

The Book Trust transforms lives by getting children and families reading. They are the UK's largest reading charity and they reach millions of children every year with books, resources and support to get every child reading, regularly and by choice.

They are national in scale and operate in every region in England, Northern Ireland and Wales. They work through every local authority, via children's centres, schools, libraries and health professionals, to reach the families who need them most.

From running the Children's Laureate to giving out books to families and schools, running exciting reading campaigns or celebrating the very best children's books with prizes, everything they do aims to inspire children – from babies to teenagers – to get children started on their reading journeys.



Sustainability Top Tips

Changing your driving habits can dramatically reduce your carbon footprint. Walk, bike, carpool or use public transportation whenever possible. Combine errands to make fewer trips. Participate in, or start, car-free days in your community. It's also important to keep your car in shape with regular tune-ups and tyre inflations. Tune-ups can increase your fuel efficiency by up to 40%, saving you money and helping to save the environment.



Easter Holiday Club

Easter Holiday club is open for two weeks Tuesday **2nd April until Friday 12th April**. We are closed MONDAY on the first week (1.4.23) as this is a public holiday.

We will have a range of fun activities for the children including crafts and games, time for free choice and play outside.

Bookings can be made on School Money until Friday 22nd March. 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 1 weeks' 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 4:40pm.
- 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 warm, waterproof clothing. Children do not need to wear uniform.
- 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.

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.

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.

And Finally...

We were very upset this week to receive an email from a local resident expressing her horror at seeing a child wearing our school uniform using her driveway as a toilet. I am sure you can imagine how upsetting this was for our neighbour, and likewise, we as a school are equally as disappointed to read of such an incident.

As always, many thanks for your support.

Mr K Clowery