

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Friday 22.12.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given to our school community this year. On behalf of all the staff at Hucknall Flying High Academy, we wish you and your families a very peaceful and joyful Christmas.

All the best for 2024!

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024

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2024	
January	
Thursday 4 th	INSET DAY – School closed
Friday 5 th	INSET DAY – School closed
Monday 8 th	First day of the spring 1 term
Tuesday 16 th	Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting: 5:00pm
Monday 29 th	Year 2 History of Flight drama workshop
February	
Friday 2 nd	NSPCC Numbers Day
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th	Chinese New Year – themed lunch in school
Friday 9 th	Last day of the spring 1 term
Monday 19 th	First day of the spring 2 term
Tuesday 20 th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 21 st	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Monday 26 th	FLYING HIGH TRUST INSET DAY – School closed
Wednesday 28 th	Year 5 depart for Hathersage residential
Thursday 29 th	Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening: 5:00pm
March	
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Friday 8 th	International Women's Day
Friday 8 th	Family High Tea Event
Monday 11 th	British Science Week
Tuesday 26 th	EYFS Easter 'Eggs' travaganza - 9:15am
Wednesday 27 th	Year 3/4 Assembly for Parents: 10:00am and 1:45pm
Thursday 28 th	Non-uniform Day

Thursday 28th	Last day of the spring 2 term
April	
Monday 15th	First day of the summer 1 term
May	
Monday 6th	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Thursday 9th	Year 6 Tenby Residential Parent Meeting: 5:00pm
Monday 13th	Year 6 SATs Week begins
Monday 20th	KS1 SATs Week begins
Thursday 23rd	Sports Day
Friday 24th	Last day of the summer 1 term
June	
Monday 3rd	First day of the summer 2 term
Monday 3rd	Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
Thursday 6th	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 10th	Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
Friday 14th	Family Breakfast Event – 7:30am
Monday 17th	Eid
Monday 24th	Year 6 depart for Tenby residential
July	
Friday 19th	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 23rd	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
Wednesday 24th	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
Thursday 25th	Transition into new classes
Friday 26th	Last day of the summer 2 term

Staffing News

We say goodbye to Mrs Mann, our Nursery teacher on Friday as she moves to pastures new. On behalf of Hucknall Flying High Academy, I want to thank her for her hard work for our community over the last 16 months – supporting our Year 1 and Early Years pupils. Mrs Keen will be taking up the teaching responsibility in Nursery from January.

Additionally, we also say goodbye to Mr Davies – our Year 3 teacher. We wish him well with his future endeavours as he departs our school community. Earlier this week we were pleased to announce the arrival of a new Year 3 teacher – Miss Donothey, following a successful interview process. She will be taking over from Mr Davies when we return after the Christmas break. Please join me in making her feel welcome in our Flying High community.

Recently, we were also successful in recruiting a new member of support staff for our Spitfire class, Miss Wilson. She will be joining our school community in January, following the Christmas break. Again, please join me in making her feel welcome in our school community.

Finally, I would like to share some good news from one of our staff members. You may already know, as she has shared the news with the children in her class, that Miss Castledine will be expecting her first child in April. Please join me in offering our congratulations to Miss Castledine. I will communicate staffing for the maternity period in the new term.

Thankyou

I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Graham, on behalf of Hucknall FHA, for their donation of a 3D printer for our children. Mr Smart has been trained up on the use of this device and is ready to use it to support innovative learning with our pupils. This is a great resource that we have use of to support our curriculum that the pupils will get great use out of. Thank you!

School Applications

For those of you who have a child due to start main school in September 2024, please note that the closing date for applications via Notts County Council is Monday 15th January.

The Importance of School Attendance



Over the last week we have seen the effects of seasonal illness impact pupil attendance. Attendance is important at our school, however we understand that children need to appropriately rest and recover during illness and this is something that we emphasise as a school.

Attendance for each class this week:

Class	Attendance this week
Spitfires – F2	93.8%
Lancaster – Year 1	94.6%
Hurricanes – Year 2	83.3%
Hunter – Year 3	90.3%
Harriers – Year 4	95.6%
Mosquito – Year 5	96.7%
Comet – Year 6	86.2%
Overall	92.1%

Lancaster Class – Year 1 are our attendance champions for this week – 97.7% attendance!



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.

Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum Non-Uniform Day

Next term on Friday January 19th, we will be having a whole school non-uniform day to support the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum and Nottinghamshire clothing bank, who visited Year 6 this term to support their enquiry learning focus.

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this term learning about refugees and the unimaginable challenges that they face as a result of war, discrimination, persecution, displacement and poverty. The children's individual websites will soon be up and running, showcasing key aspects of their learning. On our January 19th non-uniform day, could you please donate one item from the attached list from the following categories:

- An item of clothing (especially men's if possible)
- Non-perishable packaged food
- A hygiene product e.g. toothpaste, shower gel etc

Please see the posters attached to the Class Dojo post for more detail regarding the required items. Thank you very much in advance for your support.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all when we return on the 8th January.

Merry Christmas!!

Mr K Clowery