

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Tuesday 19.12.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a huge thanks to everyone involved in making our Christmas Fair such a success. We managed to raise a remarkable £1,300. Mrs Bingham deserves a big **well done** for her organisation of the event.

Again, it was another busy week at school last week, with the children travelling to the panto at the Nottingham Playhouse, our choir singing at the Hucknall light switch-on, carols at St Mary's church and now we have only one week left until we break-up for the Christmas Holidays.

This week it is the turn of our school Christmas performances. I'm really looking forward to seeing all our pupils involved in singing and acting in the variety of performances that we have planned across each year group.

Finally, I had the pleasure to show a group of headteachers around our school as part of a teaching and learning showcase. They were so impressed by our children's' knowledge, the learning atmosphere, and the school environment – I was very proud to showcase our school.

Here are some of the comments from the headteachers who attended:

I just wanted to say a massive thank you for this morning. It was so lovely to see your amazing school and spend time with you and the children. Loads of things to think about and bring back to our school.

*I just want to echo what **** has said - thanks for the opportunity to visit your amazing school! It really is a stunning learning environment for your children! Thank you for taking the time to showcase the triad visit for us. Please thank your staff team and children for making us feel so welcome, and for giving me so much inspiration to bring back to ****.*

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Diary Dates	
2023	
December	
Monday 18 th	Year 3/4 Carol Service – 5:00pm
Tuesday 19 th	Year 5/6 Carol Service – 5:00pm
Wednesday 20 th	EYFS Christmas Nativity 10:00am and 1:45pm
Thursday 21 st	KS1 Christmas Nativity 1:45pm and 5:00pm
Friday 22 nd	Non-uniform Day
Friday 22 nd	Last day of the autumn 2 term

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
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 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

School Panto Feedback

We had a great time at the panto at Nottingham Playhouse. Early Years went on Monday 11th and Years 1-6 went on Thursday 14th December. These are always a wonderful occasion, and I must say that on both occasions our children behaved impeccably. However, what makes it even more special is when we receive comments from members of the public regarding the way our children present themselves in public. Here is an email that we received following the panto on Thursday:

Hello

I am one of the three ladies who had the joy of sitting with your great pupils this afternoon at Nottingham Playhouse. I just wanted to pass on a big thank you. We three all had a lovely time. Some of the young men who sat in front of us offered to share their snack bags, all your students appeared very well behaved, very involved and it made the atmosphere more enjoyable.

The staff were extremely diligent and busy with the many bathroom visits, and like the pupils a credit to the school. I hope you all had as much fun as we had.

Merry Christmas to you all



Boccia

Well done to our Boccia team who won the Hucknall area competition - competing against 6 other schools. They performed incredibly well and showed great spirit throughout - a wonderful team performance!

Parking Around School

I am once again receiving concerns which have been raised by our school community and local residents about parking outside the school and surrounding streets.

On several occasions we have had to send out reminders regarding parking around the school. Please show the children good examples by demonstrating good road habits around school. Parking across

residents' driveways is also not acceptable. Please remember that the school is in a residential area. I appreciate that it can be very difficult to park near the school, but parking in the manner we have witnessed is putting your children at risk.

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	80.3%
Lancaster – Year 1	97.7%
Hurricanes – Year 2	96.3%
Hunter – Year 3	95.7%
Harriers – Year 4	96.1%
Mosquito – Year 5	88.6%
Comet – Year 6	90.5%
Overall	91.7%



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

Sickness and Absences from School

As documented above, over the last few weeks, we have seen a lot of children falling ill with a variety of bugs. Thank you for keeping us up to date with their progress throughout their illnesses and returning them to school once they are well enough to come back. Despite seeing this larger than normal period of absences, Hucknall Flying High Academy is still above the national average for daily attendance, so it just goes to show that we as a school have not been alone in this prolonged period of ill health.

As we return to school in the New Year and Spring term 1, we again ask you to be vigilant when children fall ill with a vomiting/diarrhoea bug. We are guided by the HSC Public Health Agency who advise that children be kept at home for 48 hours following the last bout of illness. Whilst this can at times seem unnecessary, and a child may appear fully recovered before the end of the 48 hours, we strongly request that you support this guideline to keep the spread of germs at bay for the whole school community.

To aid our attempts to keep bugs at bay, please let the school office know immediately of any illness affecting your child and discuss their treatment. If we can support your child in school with medicines, please again let the school office know. We can administer 1 dose of medicine per day, this ideally being given over the lunch break.

Please look out for links being sent by email giving you some useful tips on general illnesses and how to cope with them and children attending school.

School Money

Please can we remind everyone to make sure that your child's accounts are up to date before the end of term. There should be no debt on any account. If you are struggling to make payments due, please call the school office and let us know. Many thanks.

Focus on British Values – Individual Liberty



There are lots of choices we make all the time. Having the freedom to make these choices is part of our individual liberty. Individual liberty is the belief that we should have the right to express ourselves and live our life as we choose while respecting and protecting the rights of other people. This forms part of our basic rights and freedoms. Our human rights are things we are all entitled to, to help us lead happy, safe and healthy lives.

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.

Let's continue to work together to support our children in all we do.

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Mr K Clowery