

# NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Monday 27.11.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another edition of the headteacher newsletter. We are now entering the busy festive period – an exciting time of year for our pupils. Please read on for an update on all things happening at Hucknall Flying High Academy.

## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Diary Dates	
2023	
December	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery/F2 Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse return 3.15pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1-6 Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse return 5pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Carol Service – 5:00pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Carol Service – 5:00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Nativity 10:00am and 1:45pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	KS1 Christmas Nativity 1:45pm and 5:00pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-uniform Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of the autumn 2 term
2024	
January	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – School closed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – School closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the spring 1 term
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting: 5:00pm
February	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NSPCC Numbers Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year – themed lunch in school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the spring 1 term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the spring 2 term
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	FLYING HIGH TRUST INSET DAY – School closed
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 depart for Hathersage residential

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening: 5:00pm
<b>March</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	International Women's Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Family High Tea Event
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	British Science Week
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Easter 'Eggs'travaganza - 9:15am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Assembly for Parents: 10:00am and 1:45pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the spring 2 term
<b>April</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the summer 1 term
<b>May</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Parent Meeting: 5:00pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6 SATs Week begins</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>KS1 SATs Week begins</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the summer 1 term
<b>June</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of the summer 2 term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Year 4 Multiplication Check Week</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screen Week</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Breakfast Event – 7:30am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Eid
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 depart for Isle of Wight residential
<b>July</b>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Production – 5:00pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Transition into new classes
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the summer 2 term



### Parents' Evening

It was great to see so many families attend this event last week, thank you for your continued support. The postponed Year 3 meetings will take place shortly. Further information will be sent out detailing the new dates.

## The Importance of School Attendance



Our overall attendance has remained above 96% over the last week and is still currently at 96.0% for the year. Let's try to improve this figure further.

Attendance for each class this week:

Class	Attendance this week
Spitfires – F2	94.6%
Lancaster – Year 1	97.0%
Hurricanes – Year 2	99.3%
Hunter – Year 3	93.2%
Harriers – Year 4	95.1%
Mosquito – Year 5	98.3%
Comet – Year 6	94.6%
Overall	96.1%



Well done! **Hurricane Class – Year 2** are our attendance champions for this week – 99.3% attendance! Excellent work!

## Key Stage 2 Athletics

Well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 athletes who competed in the area athletics competition on Wednesday night last week. They performed with great spirit throughout – winning overall with 136 points – beating the competition of 5 other schools. The team showed great talent in field events and great teamwork in the relay races. I was very proud of their commitment and behaviour throughout the event.





### **Year 5/6 Football**

Well done to the Year 5/6 football team who qualified for the semi-finals of the Notts County Utilita Cup after a very successful round robin stage against 6 other teams. Amazing performance and attitudes throughout; the team represented Hucknall Flying High Academy very well indeed.

### **Safeguarding Tip of the Week – Early Help**

This week our safeguarding focus is early help. Early help and early intervention are forms of support aimed at improving outcomes for children or preventing escalating need or risk. Early help can be given to families and children from a range of external agencies that can include school. Research suggests that early help and intervention can: protect children from harm; reduce the need for a referral to child protection services; improve children's long-term outcomes; improve children's home and family life; support children to develop strengths and skills to prepare them for adult life. If you would like more information, please contact us at school.



### **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.

The Big Ambition – Share your thoughts...



Dame Rachel de Souza, The Children's Commissioner for England, has launched The Big Ambition – a new campaign to hear directly from children and young people. She wants to hear what they want Government to focus on, to make their lives and children across England's lives better.

As we approach a General Election, she wants to ensure children and young people's voices are reflected in policymakers' decisions. Once she has a comprehensive picture of the practical changes that children want to see, she will call on all political parties for these changes to be adopted across manifestos. Find out more about *#TheBigAmbition* and get involve here:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition)

*"I would be very grateful if you could share The Big Ambition with children in Nottinghamshire. I want to make sure that your area is fairly represented in all government decisions."*



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## Autism East Midlands

### Parent Workshops 2023 - 24

- Location:** Delivered over Zoom
- Time:** Can vary, but usually 7-8.30pm on a weekday evening
- Cost:** Free to attend
- Suitability:** Parents/carers of children under 18

#### What's on?

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| 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Introduction to Autism                          |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov | Autism and Girls                                |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Promoting Positive Behaviour                    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Autism and Sensory Differences                  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Autism and Schools                              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Autism and Claiming Disability Living Allowance |

Don't worry if you're not familiar with zoom or are uncomfortable with appearing on screen. We can arrange a practice Zoom beforehand if you feel that would help – just ask! During the actual workshop there is no pressure to have video or audio on, so you can just watch the presentation.

If you would like to attend any of the above dates, please email [lesley.lock@aem.org.uk](mailto:lesley.lock@aem.org.uk) at least 24 hours before the workshop you would like to attend.

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

Be kind, work hard, fly high!

Mr K Clowery