

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Tuesday 21.11.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another edition of the headteacher newsletter. Another busy week ahead, this time with parent meetings and school photographs. Read on for the latest updates.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Diary Dates	
2023	
November	
Tuesday 21 st	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 24 th	Individual School Photos – NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE
December	
Friday 8 th	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner
Friday 8 th	4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair
Monday 11 th	Nursery and F2 at the Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse
Thursday 14 th	Year 1-6 at the Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse
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 21st	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Monday 26th	FLYING HIGH TRUST INSET DAY – School closed
Wednesday 28th	Year 5 depart for Hathersage residential
Thursday 29th	Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening: 5:00pm
March	
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Friday 8th	International Women’s Day
Friday 8th	Family High Tea Event
Monday 11th	British Science Week
Tuesday 26th	EYFS Easter ‘Eggs’travaganza - 9:15am
Wednesday 27th	Year 3/4 Assembly for Parents: 10:00am and 1:45pm
Thursday 28th	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 Isle of Wight 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 Isle of Wight 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

Children in Need Day

It was great to see the children get involved with the Children in Need activity on Friday. Thank you to our school cook for the preparation of Pudsey Bear biscuits for our children. All in all, we raised £180 For a fantastic charity cause. Well done everyone!



School Photos

IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting school on 24th November, to take Individual & Sibling Photos. All Parents are requested to pre-register before the photography date above to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot. Registration only takes a minute.

Please visit www.carmeljanshop.co.uk and enter the following code: **JR98PMD**

You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name. Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your child's photos are now ready to be viewed and can be purchased.

Don't miss out pre-register today!

The Importance of School Attendance



Our attendance has continued to improve over the last two weeks and is currently at 96.0%, a positive improvement.

Attendance for each class this week:

Class	Attendance this week
Spitfires – F2	98.0%
Lancaster – Year 1	99.3%
Hurricanes – Year 2	95.2%
Hunter – Year 3	97.4%
Harriers – Year 4	99.0%
Mosquito – Year 5	98.3%
Comet – Year 6	97.9%
Overall	97.8%

It is great to see many classes exceed our 96.5% target this week. Well done! **Lancaster Class – Year 1** are our attendance champions for this week – 99.3% attendance! Excellent work!



Key Stage 1 Athletics

Well done to our Year 2 athletes who competed in the area athletics competition on Tuesday night last week. They performed admirably throughout – ending up in 2nd position overall with 100 points – missing out on 1st position by only 4 points. The team showed great talent in the relay races that ended the evening, finishing 1st in 3 races and 2nd in the other 3 races. I was very proud of their commitment and behaviour throughout the event.



NSPCC **Safeguarding Tip of the Week – Neglect**

This week our safeguarding focus is neglect. Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and the most common form of child abuse. A child might be left hungry or dirty, or without proper clothing, shelter, supervision or health care. This can put children and young people in danger. It can also have long term effects on their physical and mental wellbeing. The main types of neglect are physical neglect, educational neglect, emotional neglect and medical neglect. For more information about this and what to do if you think a child might be suffering neglect see the NSPCC link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/neglect>

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.

Spotlight on Curriculum – Early Reading & Phonics



At Hucknall Flying High, we ensure Early Reading is prioritised throughout our curriculum to ensure the children become confident and fluent readers. We believe that **knowledge is a seed, that grows when you read.**

To ensure that a rigorous approach to the teaching of reading is implemented we hold high aspirations and ambitions for all children. We ensure this is prioritised by putting reading at the forefront of **'Making Every Day Count'** to unlock and prevent barriers to learning throughout the curriculum.

Some of these approaches involve daily reading with the children in school. Across school, children engage in **Rise and Shine** reading time, this is where they read their school reading book daily during the first session of the day, in a quiet and calm manner.



In addition, to this session children engage in guided reading lessons, and 1:1 reading with adults across school. To further support, your child's reading at home we recommend that you **read daily**. For every

five reads documented in your child's diary, they will receive a dojo. For information on the reading expectations for each class, please see our 'Early Reading' page on the school website, where you will also be able to find additional information about the teaching of Phonics & Reading across school.

Click on the icons to find out more about our curriculum at Hucknall Flying High Academy



Early Years



Maths



English



Phonics & Early Reading



Ultimately, we want our children to thrive with their reading skills alongside developing a love and enjoyment for reading. Therefore, we invest both time and resources into creating high-quality reading spaces across school and hosting events such as reading morning to enthuse and engage the children. Below are some pictures of our wonderful school environment that are dedicated to reading for pleasure.



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

"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."



Scan QR code to take survey

AEM

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 th Oct | Introduction to Autism |
| 21 st Nov | Autism and Girls |
| 19 th Dec | Promoting Positive Behaviour |
| 16 th Jan | Autism and Sensory Differences |
| 20 th Feb | Autism and Schools |
| 19 th 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 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.

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Mr K Clowery