

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Friday 10.11.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely half term break. We have certainly got a busy few weeks ahead as we begin to prepare for our Christmas celebrations.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Diary Dates	
2023	
November	
Monday 6 th	First day of the autumn 2 term
Wednesday 8 th	Year 2 trip to the Sea Life Centre - Birmingham
Thursday 9 th	Nursery and Spitfires Class to Sherwood Forest
Monday 13 th	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
Wednesday 15 th	Year 1 to Nottingham Castle
Friday 17 th	Non-uniform for Children in Need
Monday 20 th	Road Safety Week
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 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 Isle of Wight 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 Isle of Wight 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

Key Stage 2 Academic Progress 2022-2023 at Hucknall Flying High Academy

The following table outlines the progress data for pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 from the last academic year.

	2023 cohort/ entries	Performance in 2023	2023 value	2023 nat value	1 year	4 year
Reading KS2 progress	20	Sig above national and 99th percentile	5.7	0.0	—	No data
Writing KS2 progress	20	Sig above national and 100th percentile	7.5	0.0	—	No data
Mathematics KS2 progress	20	Sig above national and 99th percentile	6.0	0.0	—	No data

Progress throughout Key Stage 2 significantly exceeded other schools locally and nationally for the pupils in our Year 6 cohort in 2023. On average, across all subject areas, children perform at least +5 points above their predicted standardised score by the end of Key Stage 2 (so a child predicted to score 100 based on their Key Stage 1 data, would have scored 105 at the end of key stage 2 at Hucknall Flying High Academy).

These progress measures have resulted in the school being ranked in the top 1% nationally for progress (data taken from DfE Analyse School Performance). A big congratulations to the pupils for their excellent outcomes and thank you to the staff and parents for their hard work and support.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week. To launch this, we have 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 13th November and would love for the children to come to school wearing their own odd socks.

The theme that we have chosen as a school, is 'We are all different, all equal.' Which asks children to focus on how our differences make us unique. Throughout the week, the children will be creating their own 'child friendly' anti-bullying policy, which will be available around school once created.

School Money

We have received a message from School Money that they will be conducting maintenance work on Monday 13th November from 6.00 till 6.30pm.

Please avoid this time for booking activities. Many thanks.

We're going paperless with bookings!

Going forward we are keen to cut back on the use of paper in school. With this in mind, all afterschool clubs and events will now have an online letter via email, and bookings will be made through your child's School Money account. No more reply slips!

Bikes and Scooters

Can parents and carers please make sure that those children who bring scooters and bikes to school do not ride them on the school grounds. As the school grows, there is lots of activity on the playground at drop off and collection times and we are simply trying our best to avoid accidents.

Christmas Fair

Please see the following requests for the Christmas Fair. We are really looking forward to the event again this year and hope you can support us:

There will be **2 non-uniform days** on the following **Mondays** and we are asking for donations of bottles and sweets on the respective dates:

Monday 20th November - The Bottle Tombola – a huge success in the summer with quite a few laughs on the stall too. Can we ask for donations of bottles to be bought into school please - bottles of anything - your favourite tippie or something a little bit different – all adds to the excitement of the draw!

Monday 27th November - The sweet tombola – again a great, chaotic success! Donations of sweets and chocolates greatly appreciated!



Raffle Prizes

We are sending out a heartfelt plea for raffle prizes!

A gift of any kind: large or small, edible, or practical, a visit, a toy, a book, toiletries, a voucher.... you name, we'd really appreciate it!

Any donations to the school office please.

There is also availability for anyone who might like to run a stall at the event too. Stalls are £20 for the afternoon, please call at the school office and book yours.



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.carmeljaneshop.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



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell, particularly in the winter months when there are lots of seasonal illnesses going around. If you do keep your child at home, please remember to call school on the first day of the absence and keep us updated everyday after that. Wherever possible children should be in school so that they can receive their education. The NHS has produced a useful guide relating to the different illness that your child might experience and whether they are able to come to school in each case:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Our attendance has this week improved and is currently at 95.9%, however it is still below our target of **96.5%**. A child who is not in school is a child who is not achieving: development, social and emotional wellbeing and safety may all be compromised.

Attendance for each class this week:

Class	Attendance this week
Spitfires – F2	99.1%
Lancaster – Year 1	96.2%
Hurricanes – Year 2	99.4%
Hunter – Year 3	96.3%
Harriers – Year 4	95.4%
Mosquito – Year 5	94.1%
Comet – Year 6	92.6%
Overall	96.5%



Hurricane Class – Year 2 are our attendance champions for this week – **99.4%** attendance! Well done!

Focus on British Values – Respect and Tolerance

Respect and tolerance are words that describe how we treat other people. If we respect someone, we treat them in a way that shows we value them and think they are important. If we are tolerant of something, it shows we accept the differences between people.

This is the understanding that we are all different and have different beliefs and values. It is accepting and respecting this and involves no one person or



group of people thinking they are more important, more deserving or better than anyone else. We all have the right to live healthy, safe and happy lives, where our different values are accepted and respected.

NSPCC Safeguarding Tip of the Week – Home or Out Alone

As your child gets older, it's likely they'll want a bit more independence. Going out without you is a natural step for them to take — when the time is right. The NSPCC 'Home or Out Alone' guide contains practical tips and advice for parents. It covers some of the risks parents should consider before making a decision and suggestions on who children should contact in case of an emergency.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/home-or-out-alone-guide>

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.



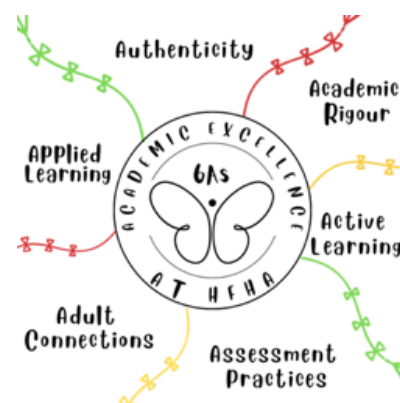
When our school is notified of its next Ofsted inspection, parents will be invited to give their views about the school to inspectors using the Parent View online facility.

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 make a decision 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

At Hucknall Flying High Academy our vision is to “Make every day count.” This is embodied through our carefully constructed knowledge-based curriculum which is designed to use every opportunity to prepare our children to be compassionate citizens of the world, building their cultural capital. It reflects the Flying High Partnership’s intent of promoting well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the next stage of their journey. Additionally, they must have an understanding of modern Britain, that celebrates the differences that we all have in our life choices, relationships and opinions.



We define curriculum as the totality of a child’s experience at Hucknall Flying High Academy including not only what, but also how, each child learns. Our broad and balanced curriculum has been developed and carefully mapped out across each year to inspire our children through enquiry, addressing the identified barriers to learning, to deliver the skills, cultural knowledge and understanding to achieve every day of their lives. Our curriculum encompasses our trust values of aspiration, confidence, creativity, enjoyment, perseverance, pride, responsibility, and enterprise and promotes our school values to ‘be kind, to work hard and fly high!’

It is our duty through our curriculum, to ensure our children are ready to flourish at secondary school and have the capacity to be successful in what they explore in the next stage of their educational journey. For this to happen we aim to support our children to improve in their learning and development, helping them overcome any barriers through the provision that we put in place. Our outcomes in the core areas show that we are supporting our pupils to overcome barriers and achieve their targets and beyond.

As a staff we have developed our curriculum vision which is based on the context and needs of our local community. Our curriculum is rich and varied and provides our children with high quality education and experiences that support the development of the whole child, through an interwoven emphasis on PSHE. We have designed our curriculum through the lens of the 6 As which align closely to the Ethic of Excellence work by Ron Berger.

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

Be kind, work hard, fly high!

Mr K Clowery