

# NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Friday 20.10.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of a busy first half term. Thank you for your support over the start of this academic year and we look forward to an exciting term after the break, as we head into the festive season. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school when we return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Diary Dates	
<b>2023</b>	
<b>November</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of the autumn 2 term
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 2 trip to the Sea Life Centre - Birmingham
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Nursery and Spitfires Class to Sherwood Forest
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 to Nottingham Castle
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Non-uniform for Children in Need
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Road Safety Week
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Individual School Photos – NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE
<b>December</b>	
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Fair
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Nursery and F2 at the Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1-6 at the Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3/4 Carol Service – 5:00pm
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5/6 Carol Service – 5:00pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	EYFS Christmas Nativity 10:00am and 1:45pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	KS1 Christmas Nativity 1:45pm and 5:00pm
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Non-uniform Day
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Last day of the autumn 2 term
<b>2024</b>	
<b>January</b>	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	INSET DAY – School closed
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	INSET DAY – School closed
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	First day of the spring 1 term
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	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
March	
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
April	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the summer 1 term
May	
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
June	
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
July	
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



### School Photos

Please note this change to the calendar.

The photographer is now coming to school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, not the 8<sup>th</sup>- to take individual and sibling school photos. Those of you with younger preschool children can come into school from 8am to have photos taken as a family group.

### Reading Mornings

Below is a reminder of the reading morning times for EYFS and Key Stage 1:

Day	Time	Class	Location
Tuesday	8:45 – 9:00	Nursery	Hall
Wednesday	8:45 – 9:00	Foundation	Hall
Thursday	8:30 – 8:45	Year 1	Year 1 classroom
Friday	8:30 – 8:45	Year 2	Year 2 classroom

### Christmas Fair

We have planned out the Christmas Fair ready for the 8<sup>th</sup> December but need your help with the following please.

There will be **non-uniform days** on the following **2 Mondays** with 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!

The Raffle – Do you work for a company who would like to donate a prize for the raffle? Can you help with a prize? Any donations are very much appreciated.



## The Importance of School Attendance



Our attendance has continued to dip – dropping to **96.1%**, 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.

It is important that parents call in every day that a child is absent from school. Below is attendance for each class and overall, last week:

Class	Attendance last week
Spitfires – F2	<b>88.2%</b>
Lancaster – Year 1	<b>92.5%</b>
Hurricanes – Year 2	<b>86.1%</b>
Hunter – Year 3	<b>93.1%</b>
Harriers – Year 4	<b>98.8%</b>
Mosquito – Year 5	<b>91.2%</b>
Comet – Year 6	<b>89.5%</b>
Overall	<b>92.7%</b>



**Harrier Class – Year 4** are our attendance champions for this week – **98.8.3%** attendance! Well done!

However, they were the only class to exceed the attendance target last week, and our school attendance was well below our target of 96.5%. This figure takes into account those children who are absent from school due to illnesses and holidays.

### Friends of Hucknall FHA

We would like parents to be part of our 'Friends of Hucknall FHA' group. If you are a parent/carer of a pupil in school and would like to be involved in supporting school events such as: fundraising, family fun days and fayres, please get in touch with the school office. We would like to create a group to support Mrs Bingham in the school events that we organise across the school year.



## **Focus on British Values – Democracy**

Children, parents and staff have many opportunities for their voices to be heard at Hucknall Flying High Academy.

Democracy is central to how we operate. An obvious example is our School Parliament. The election of the School Parliament members reflects our British electoral system and demonstrates democracy in action: candidates make speeches, pupils consider characteristics important for an elected representative, pupils vote using ballot boxes etc.



Made up of one representative from each class, the School Parliament meets regularly to discuss issues raised by the different classes. The group has its own budget and is able to effect change within the school; in the past, the School Council has helped to provide equipment for our school playground, with the support of the School Values team and supported fundraising events. Our next Parliament elections will take place in November.

## **Safeguarding Tip of the Week - Online Safety - Monitoring Systems**

As a school we have a number of systems and processes that we use to keep pupils safe online. We use a filtering and monitoring system in school which identifies any searches that may contain inappropriate information. Monitoring takes place at all times and helps us to ensure that the children are safe online.

Online safety is included in our curriculum as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum. Remember to encourage your children to always tell a trusted adult if they do not feel safe online and to never share passwords or important information.



## **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 SEND

Thank you so much for the parents that attended our SEND Coffee Morning on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We hope that you found it useful. Our next Coffee Morning will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December – and will include hot chocolate and mince pies! The SEND Coffee Morning is open to everyone, and you will be able to drop in between 9am-10am.

We would also like to promote the 'not so spooky' SEND disco party below. Should you want to attend during the holidays just follow the information below:



**NOT SO SPOOKY  
SEND DISCO**

A SEND Inclusive Disco Party with a DJ, Balloons, Bubbles and a safe space for Parents, Carers and Families to get together, dance, make new friends and have lots of fun!  
A LOW COST tuck shop for drinks and snacks will be available to buy!

**Friday 27 October 2023 at 17:00 – 19:00**

Where: St. Johns Community Hall 1 Nottingham Road  
Hucknall NG15 7QN

Cost: £2 per child (£1 per additional child)

Contact Graham 07400177963 or email [sendhucknall@gmail.com](mailto:sendhucknall@gmail.com)

**"Bringing our Local SEND Community Together"**

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

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