

NEWSLETTER



'Be kind, work hard and fly high.'

Monday 25.09.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over the first 3 weeks of this academic year – the children are really settling back into good routines that are enabling them to achieve in their classroom learning.

**“Fly high, work hard,
and never give up on
your dreams.” –**

As we progress through this term, we are continuing to reflect on our school values with the children, what they mean and how they demonstrate these in their day-to-day actions. The children at Hucknall Flying High Academy really are proud of their school and community and I want to continue to enable them to grow as model citizens within our community. As I said last week, this is a wonderful school and it has been a pleasure to see it grow over the last 4 years, since its opening in 2019.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Diary Dates	
2023	
September	
Wednesday 13 th – 27 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 29 th	Non-uniform for MacMillan
Friday 29 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning: 9:00am - 10:15am
Saturday 30 th	9:30am Open Event for Early Years
October	
Monday 2 nd	Black History Month
Thursday 5 th	National Poetry Day
Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 to Magna, Rotherham
Friday 13 th	Year 5 to Attenborough Nature Reserve
Monday 16 th	Recycling Week
Tuesday 17 th	Year 4 trip to Carsington Water
Wednesday 18 th	Flu Vaccinations for children in F2 – Y6
Friday 20 th	Last day of the autumn 1 term
November	
Monday 6 th	First day of the autumn 2 term
Wednesday 8 th	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 8 th	Year 2 trip to the Sea Life Centre - Birmingham
Thursday 9 th	Nursery and Spitfires Class to Sherwood Forest

Wednesday 15th	Year 1 to Nottingham Castle
Friday 17th	Non-uniform for Children in Need
Monday 20th	Road Safety Week
Tuesday 21st	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 22nd	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
December	
Friday 8th	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner
Monday 11th	Nursery and F2 at the Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse
Thursday 14th	Year 1-6 at the Christmas Pantomime – Nottingham Playhouse
Monday 18th	Year 3/4 Carol Service – 5:00pm
Tuesday 19th	Year 5/6 Carol Service – 5:00pm
Wednesday 20th	EYFS Christmas Nativity 10:00am and 1:45pm
Thursday 21st	KS1 Christmas Nativity 1:45pm and 5:00pm
Friday 22nd	Non-uniform Day
Friday 22nd	Last day of the autumn 2 term
2024	
January	
Thursday 4th	INSET DAY – School closed
Friday 5th	INSET DAY – School closed
Monday 8th	First day of the spring 1 term
Tuesday 16th	Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting: 5:00pm
February	
Friday 2nd	NSPCC Numbers Day
Tuesday 6th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9th	Chinese New Year – themed lunch in school
Friday 9th	Last day of the spring 1 term
Monday 19th	First day of the spring 2 term
Tuesday 20th	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 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

Reading Mornings

These will begin to take place **week beginning 9th October 2023**, now the children are settled back in from the summer break. They will take place in the hall for Nursery and Foundation, and in the classrooms for Year 1 and Year 2. They will take place on the following days at the specified times:

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

Meet the Teacher Sessions

It has been lovely to see families attend these sessions and for those that attended we hope that you found them useful and informative. Thank you to all the staff for the hard work and preparation in putting the events together.



As a follow up to these sessions we will be sending out the Hucknall Flying High Academy '**Home – School Agreement**' in the coming days. This is an important document that we review with Governors yearly to support the running of our school and the collaborative community approach that we adopt to enable all children to thrive in our school. It outlines expectations of stakeholders, as we work together to

provide a positive environment for the children at Hucknall Flying High Academy. This year you will receive this document electronically, so please check your email inboxes.

Foundation 2 and Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshops

We will be hosting a 'Phonics Workshop' session for you to participate in alongside your child. This will be taught by the class teacher and will give you an idea of the phonics terminology used, the structure of the lessons and will give you an insight into your child's learning, whilst engaging in the session together. These workshops will run during the mornings of **Wednesday 4th October for Foundation 2** and **Monday 9th October for Year One**. Your child will receive a letter this week with further details, sign-up information, and timings.

Online Activity and Safety - Advice Centre for Parents and Carers

Tips, advice, guides, and resources to help keep your child safe online are available on the **UK Safer Internet Centre** website. As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. Advice and resources are available to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, with responsibility and positively. Click the link below to access the website:



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Additionally, although social networking sites may appear to be the quickest and easiest way to express frustrations or concerns about the school (and individuals associated with Hucknall Flying High Academy), it is **never** appropriate to do so. Other channels, such as a private and confidential discussion with school staff or using the school communication channels are much better suited to this. Please refer to the school Social Media Policy for further information on this.

Parents should also ensure that their children are not using social networking/internet sites in an inappropriate manner. It is expected that parents/carers explain to their children what is acceptable to post online. Parents/carers are also expected to monitor their children's online activity, including in relation to their use of social media and communication apps.



Christmas Cards

Children will shortly be working on their Christmas cards in class and sending them home for you to see.

Once you receive them, you can decide if you would like their unique pattern on a variety of items: cards, mugs, coasters, notepads, wrapping paper, thank you cards and cushions.

These make lovely Christmas gifts for your family and friends.

The design will be on an A4 sheet with the picture on one side and an order form on the other. Please indicate on the order which items you wish to buy. To pay, please go to your child's School Money account SHOP and buy. Please then return the order form with the design back to school. Please do not send cash or cheques to school.

The sooner we get your orders back to school, the sooner we can send them off to be printed in time for Christmas!

The Importance of School Attendance



Our attendance drive continues this year and since returning it continues to be positive. Below is attendance for each class and overall, last week:

Class	Attendance last week
Spitfires – F2	91.6%
Lancaster – Year 1	100%
Hurricanes – Year 2	96.3%
Hunter – Year 3	99.2%
Harriers – Year 4	98.4%
Mosquito – Year 5	95.8%
Comet – Year 6	90.6%
Overall	97.1%



Lancaster Class – Year 1 are our attendance champions for this week – **100%** attendance! Amazing!

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September: 9:15am – 10:15am

We are supporting MacMillan again this year and will be doing a fund-raising day on Friday 29th September.

- We are collecting pennies for MacMillan again – any loose change in the house – bag it up and send to school for the event – every penny counts!
- Non – Uniform day for £1 donation.
- Coffee Morning in school – 9:15am – 10:15am. All friends and family invited.
- Cake Sale after school.

If you can send in donations for the cake sale and coffee morning that would be great and hugely appreciated – let's make a difference for MacMillan!



EYFS Open Event

We are opening our doors to the local community to invite any potential families to visit our Early Years and Nursery setting on Saturday 30th September. We would like to welcome you between 9:30 and 11:30am to pop-by and meet the Early Years Team alongside seeing our wonderful learning environment.



If you are considering our setting for your children to start in Nursery or Reception, it is a fantastic opportunity to visit and discuss applications. No appointment is necessary, and we would love to meet you and your family. We are looking forward to the event and cannot wait to meet families within our community. On arrival, please enter via the school office on Shepherd Street.

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

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Mr K Clowery