

NEWSLETTER



Friday 15.09.2023

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School



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has really been fantastic to welcome our children back to school over the last week. Seeing happy and excited parents and children walking through the gates from 8.30am is a wonderful sight. Walking around school during the day, it is brilliant to see our children actively engaged in their learning, proud of the outcomes that they are achieving. It also reminded me, being back amongst staff and children, what an amazing school I have the privilege to lead at Hucknall Flying High Academy.

We have also held 'Welcome Meetings' for Year 5 and Year 6 parents this week. Hopefully, those of you who have attended these have found them useful. Next week is the turn of all other year groups, please see below for exact dates and times.

Attendance will be a continued focus this year as we have a 96.5% target to achieve. Attendance has been off to a flying start with a wonderful 97.4% so far since our return. Keep-up the great work and ensure that children are not missing out on learning opportunities.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Diary Dates	
2023	
September	
Wednesday 13 th – 20 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 18 th	EYFS Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 19 th	Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 21 st	Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher
Friday 22 nd	INSET DAY – School closed
Friday 29 th	Non-uniform for MacMillan
Friday 29 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning: 9:00am - 10:15am
October	
Monday 2 nd	Black History Month
Thursday 5 th	National Poetry Day
Monday 16 th	Recycling Week
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 8th	Individual School Photos
Monday 13th	Anti-Bullying Week – ‘Odd Socks Day’
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 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

INSET Day – 22nd September 2023

A reminder that due to staff training, school is closed on Friday 22nd September.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions continue next week for you to see your child’s class teacher and meet with the Phase Leader for your child’s year group. The dates and times for the remaining sessions are listed below:

Monday 18th September	EYFS Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm
Tuesday 19th September	Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm
Thursday 21st September	Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm

During these sessions we will be communicating key information for the year ahead and an insight into the curriculum for your child’s new year group. We hope that you will be able to attend these sessions.

Punctuality

At Hucknall Flying High Academy, we monitor punctuality as well as attendance. The law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as irregular attendance and parents may be prosecuted by the Local Authority if late arrival is not resolved. The school gates open daily at 8:30am. Poor punctuality can lead to your child...



- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day

The Importance of School Attendance



Our attendance drive continues this year and since returning it has been really positive. Below is attendance for each class and overall, since returning:

Class	Attendance last week
Spitfires – F2	100%
Lancaster – Year 1	97.6%
Hurricanes – Year 2	97.8%
Hunter – Year 3	96.8%
Harriers – Year 4	93.6%
Mosquito – Year 5	98.3%
Comet – Year 6	96.0%
Overall	97.4%



Spitfire Class – F2 are our attendance champions for this week – **100%** attendance! Amazing!

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is now on site and will be open every night after school next week. It is a 'cashless' fair for your convenience and you can pay via your mobile phone devices through scanning a QR code that you can get from Mrs Bingham.



Flu Vaccines - F2, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

The School Aged Immunisation Service – SAIS - will be in school on Wednesday 18th October to offer all children in the above years a Flu Vaccine (Nasal spray):

You will have today received an email with an attached flu information leaflet and the link you need to book your child's vaccine. If you decide NOT to proceed with the vaccine, please register this via the same link: <https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/c34ca617>

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

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 – 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 – times to be confirmed. All friends and family invited.
- Cake Sale after school.



All donations of cake really appreciated on the day – let's make a difference for MacMillan!

Believe Dance Academy

Believe Dance Academy is running a dance class after school every Wednesday from 3.15 till 4.15pm. Everyone is invited. The cost for this half term is £25.00. If you would like to book a place, please register using the following link:



<https://believeacademy.membermeister.com/register>

Let's continue to work together to have a wonderful year.

Best wishes,
Mr K Clowery