

NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 06.09.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a great summer holiday, fun-filled with memory making experiences. We embark on another exciting year ahead with lots planned. This is the first instalment of my weekly letter, so please have a read to keep updated with all things at Hucknall Flying High Academy.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2023/2024

Diary Dates	
2023	
September	
Wednesday 6 th	First day of the autumn 1 term
Wednesday 13 th – 20 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 14 th	Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher
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 8 th	Individual School Photos
Monday 13 th	Anti-Bullying Week – ‘Odd Socks Day’
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

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
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
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
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

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Over the next few weeks there will be opportunity to attend a 'Meet the Teacher' session 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 these sessions are listed below:

Thursday 14th September	Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher at 5:00pm
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.

Uniform

What a child wears to school reflects his/her learning. Wearing a school uniform creates pride, creates an identity for a school and it also portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values. It is also important for children to wear the correct clothing for physical activities. For PE, children are required to wear the correct PE Kit.

The wearing of a school uniform creates a sense of a collective and individual pride in our school community as well as giving our students a sense of belonging. Security around the school is also significantly enhanced as our children can be readily identified as belonging to Hucknall Flying High Academy.

Additionally, equality is fostered by a uniform policy common to all students. Compulsory uniforms assist in eliminating peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing, reduces competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide “fashionable” items for daily wear.

We have a smart uniform that all children are expected to wear.

- Navy blue fleece with school logo
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue jumpers or cardigans.
- Girls - Grey tailored trousers / skirt / pinafore – (Gingham dresses may be worn in summer months)
- Boys – Grey tailored trousers – (Grey tailored shorts may be worn in summer months)
- Plain black shoes
- Tights or socks plain black / grey

Attendance

Hucknall FHA is committed to working together with parents and carers to ensure the highest possible attendance, which will in turn support the progress of our children, enabling them to achieve the best outcomes and access the best opportunities possible. You can support the school, and your child, to achieve attendance targets by:

- Making sure your child attends school regularly and on time.
- Contacting school on the first day of any absence.
- Informing school of any problems that may impact your child’s attendance, punctuality, and learning.
- Arrange routine medical appointments **outside of school time**. If this is not possible, please bring your child in prior to their appointment and ensure they return to school afterwards.
- Ensuring children are ready for school by having good morning and bedtime routines.
- Ensure that you do not book holidays in term time.
- If you feel your child is too ill to come to school, please try to provide medical evidence. This can be prescription medication, an appointment card, or a prescription.

Attendance	Impact
Above 97%	Less than 6 days absence a year. Excellent attendance. Pupils with this attendance should have access to most of the taught curriculum.
95%	10 days absence in a year. Attendance has room for improvement. Pupils with this attendance are likely to access most of the curriculum. But may miss out on important educational experiences.
90%	19 days absence over the year. Pupils with this absence are missing 1 month of school per year and will miss key curriculum areas. It will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%	29 days absence in a year. These pupils are missing 6 weeks of school per year, equivalent to a half term. It will be very difficult for them to access the curriculum and achieve.
80% or below	Pupils with this attendance are missing the equivalent of 1 day for every week of school. It will be almost impossible to access all the curriculum.

Flu Vaccines

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

F2, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Please look out for the leaflet being sent home with all the details you need to book your child's vaccine. Please note that if you decide NOT to proceed with this, you should send an email with your child's details to the SAIS team direct – not school. Many thanks.

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 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 – 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 will be running a dance class after school every Wednesday from the 14th September, 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>

PE Days

PE days are on Thursday and Friday. Please can you make sure your child has their kit in school on these days.

Let's look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Best wishes,

Mr K Clowery