



## Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

### Diary Dates

#### April

23<sup>rd</sup> School re-opens  
23-25<sup>th</sup> Y3 residential

#### May

5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
12<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs week  
23<sup>rd</sup> INSET (pupils not in)  
24<sup>th</sup> Half-term break

#### June

2<sup>nd</sup> School re-opens  
9<sup>th</sup> Y1 Phonics check wk  
Y4 Times Tables wk  
12<sup>th</sup> Class photos YN, 1-5  
18<sup>th</sup> Nursery Sports (am)  
18-20<sup>th</sup> Y6 residential  
19<sup>th</sup> Infant Sports (am)  
26<sup>th</sup> Junior Sports (am)

#### July

1<sup>st</sup> Class swaps day  
7-10<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evenings  
16<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' show  
23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Break/INSET

### Easter Excitement

As the Spring term drew to a close, a wonderful fundraising event took place for The Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Proposed by the School Council, it was great to see Year 6 pupils helping children from all other year groups to complete their sponsored hops/skips/jumps around the playground circuit, and thanks to the generosity of our families the amazing total of £3455 was raised! What a fantastic way to finish the term.



### Grounds Developments

Reception and Nursery children have been enjoying their new adventure play area, part-funded by the PTA, over the past half-term - many thanks to our super group of supporters. Over the Easter break the Early Years trike and scooter shed has also had a new roof installed, and the gates near the internal roundabout have been repaired, after the damage caused by the school library van (this unfortunate chapter is now at an end...)



### Year 4 Lake District Residential

Pupils from Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Lake District as preparation for their geography work about the area in the summer term. Amid the beautiful scenery of the Ullswater area, they enjoyed a range of exciting outdoor adventures, team building activities and wonderful food in the outstanding Patterdale Hall centre. Many thanks to the staff team for facilitating the visit and giving up their free time to do so (Miss Avery, Mrs Bunning-Williams, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Osholaja and Mrs Thomson).



## A sample of recent school activities



Y5 Jodrell Bank visit



*The Jungle Book* comes to school



KS1 Fossil Art



World Book Day (KS1 Beech)

## Early Years Activities

As well as enjoying their new adventure play area, Reception pupils have been experiencing a wide range of learning activities – these have included active mathematics outside and making beanstalk prints based on the work of Picasso. The children had to use their imagination to choose what they would like to find at the top of their beanstalk, and then wrote about their imaginary adventures.



## School lunches: price increase

Our catering supplier has implemented a cost increase for school meals as of the summer term. We must therefore, and with regret, increase the cost of a **school lunch to £3.20 from the start of the summer term**. Families who are struggling in the current economic climate are reminded that they may apply for the provision of free school meals if they meet the criteria (click [HERE](#) to visit CWAC's information page).

## Behaviour Awards

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes for the last half term are as below - and well done to all the other children whose behaviour was excellent:

Y3 Birch: Iyla McMillan	Y3 Hazel: Lewyn Williams
Y4 Hawthorn: Sophia Smalls	Y4 Lime: Marni Williams
Y5 Larch: Isadora Kapps Sutter	Y5 Rowan: Zac Butler
Y6 Alder: Finlay Shingfield	Y6 Sycamore: Gavin Bachler

## Golden Table

Congratulations to the children who received Golden Tickets for their behaviour at lunchtime over the previous half-term, and were rewarded with a seat at the Golden Table on the last Friday (some shown below).



## PTA

Thanks to all who took a look at the PTA's pop-up shop just before the break – we appreciate the support. Entries for the *Design an Easter Egg Competition* (entry price £1) should be returned by next Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – there will be prize for the winners of each class.



Don't forget that a brilliant way of supporting the school is to sign up with Easyfundraising, enabling a donation every time you make an online purchase!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Details of more upcoming events will be circulated soon – and check out the links below:



## Paddington

Our duck for the Countess of Chester charity duck race, designed by Ella Howlett, came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the public vote – a fantastic result, and many thanks for your support.



## Musical Experiences

Our school choir again took part in the amazing *Young Voices* music festival, at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester. Tutored for the event by Mrs Caldecott, the children enjoyed singing a range of popular songs with thousands of other school children. Videos from the show are available on our X feed (see Feb 25<sup>th</sup>).



Several musical events also took place in school in the weeks leading up to Easter. Two guitar concerts for Y4 parents enabled the children from Hawthorn and Lime to demonstrate the skills they have developed with their coaches from *Music for Life* as part of our whole class instrumental tuition programme. Mr Hay's piano pupils were also able to share their progress with an audience of parents and junior children, impressing all present.



Y4 Hawthorn Guitar Concert



Pianists after their concert

## Internet Safety Events

We again welcomed Andy Kevan, Detective Cyber Protect at Cheshire Police, into school for online safety presentations, for both pupils and parents. He is much in demand, and we were fortunate that our computing leads were able to book him for two full days so that children in all classes could benefit from his knowledge, which is vast (as parents who attended the evening workshop can confirm).

Hints & tips are now available as a document for parents – click [HERE](#) to access.



## Musical Theatre Club: *Mary Poppins*

Miss Bunning's Musical Theatre Club staged a magical production of *Mary Poppins* just before the Easter break. The dress rehearsal was enjoyed by junior pupils, before the two evening performances showcased some truly wonderful singing, dancing and acting. Many congratulations to all involved, including Miss Avery, who assisted throughout, and Mrs Duncan-Price and Mrs Hennessy, who created the beautiful stage setting and props. It was quite supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!



## SPORT

### Cross Country

Pupils from Year 4 and Year 6 recently competed against 20 other schools in the Chester district cross country competition, held at the Ellesmere Port Sport Village. The team as a whole were close to a podium finish, and particular congratulations go to Blair Stein, who finished fourth in the Y4 girls' race, and our entire Y4 girls' squad, who won their team event.



#### Y4 Squad

Girls: Ivy Dougherty, Summer Lewis, Blair Stein, Holly Swadling

Boys: Sam Armstrong, Ben Evans, William Hughes, Dexter Shingfield

#### Y6 Squad

Girls: Serena Abbinante, Olivia Evans, Maisie Gamble, Emilia Hughes

Boys: Jack Enright, Niall Lahive, Oscar Edge McCaffrey, Bill Williams

### Girls' Football Day with Chester FC

Girls from all classes from YR to Y6 enjoyed coaching from Chester FC women's team manager Calvin Williams in early March, arranged for England Football's 'Biggest Ever Football Session'. The girls showed lots of skill & enthusiasm, and we look forward to future collaboration with the club.



### Football League

There was success for our Y6 boys' football team just before the Easter break, winning their local league and thereby progressing to the Chester Champions finals in the summer term. The boys put in three very impressive performances, winning each of their games against Eccleston, Lache and Oldfield by comfortable margins. League matches for Y6 girls and Y4 will be completed this coming half-term.

#### Y6 Boys' Football Team

Elliott Collier, Jack Enright, Rome Evans, Keeana Goncalves, Cody Grant, Niall Lahive, Oscar Edge McCaffrey, Finlay Shingfield, Jack Swadling, Bill Williams

## Health, Safety and Wellbeing

### Recent Pupil Training



Y5 examining fire engine equipment and experiencing the smoke tent!

*Kind regards,  
Mr Rose*