

Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

February 15th, 2019

Diary Dates

February

- 16th Half-term break
- 25th School re-opens
- 26th Key Strings show

March

- 4th Book Week
- 5/6th Parents' Evenings
- 7th World Book Day
- 12th *Amazing*: Storyhouse
- 15th *Comic Relief*
- 22nd PTA social
- 30th Spring Break

April

- 15th School re-opens
- 19th School closed: BH
- 22nd School closed: BH
- 25th Pinocchio show
- PTA disco
- 26th Easter event (KS2)

May

- 1-3rd Y4 residential
- 6th School closed: BH
- 13th Y6 SATs week
- 25th Half-term break

June

- 3rd School re-opens
- 9th *House of Dance* show (Liverpool)
- 10th Y1 phonics week
- 13th Class photos (N,1-5)
- 15th PTA Summer Fair
- 17-21st Y5/6 residential
- 27th Infant Sports morning
- 28th Junior Sports morning

July

- 2nd Class swaps day
- 12th PTA Race Night
- 15th Y4 Northgate concert
- 17th Y6 Leavers' Show
- 25th Summer break

We have been on the new site for the equivalent of a full term, and have lots to celebrate including our first sports trophy here (see p.3), participation in regional and national events (below) and news of our finalised plans for the outdoor play areas (p.2).

Young Voices 2019

On Monday our choir took part in the *Young Voices* concert for the second time. Held at the Manchester Arena, the concert featured 4500 children from across the North West, singing in unison with a professional band and watched by proud parents. Photos and videos from the evening are still available to view on our *Twitter* feed – many thanks to Mrs Ward and Mr Jones for keeping us all updated, for accompanying the children and for guiding them towards the performance over several months. It was an amazing experience for all - well done to every member of the choir.



Technology co-ordinator Mrs Crompton for supporting them via an after-school club and for arranging their participation in the competition. Good luck in the finals!

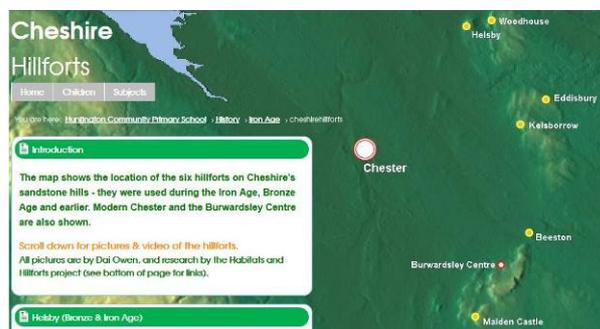
Design and Technology

Congratulations to our Year 5 model glider team whose aerodynamic design skills produced a great result at the regional finals of the *Fly to the Line* competition at Bury Transport Museum. Their glider not only won them a place at the national finals at RAF Cosford (2nd year running for Huntington) but its aerobatics were also impressive, winning them both an additional medal. Videos of the event can still be seen on *Twitter*: many thanks to Design and

Y3 Residential Visits

Both Y3 classes have recently enjoyed residential visits to the Burwardsley Centre in the Peckforton Hills. Combining outdoor learning (den building, nature walks, camp fire) with History curriculum work (Stone and Iron Age studies, including roundhouse construction), these visits were made possible by the goodwill of the staff attending in their own time overnight, and made all the more enjoyable by the children's enthusiasm and excellent behaviour: well done and thank you to all of them.

To support such studies the school has created its own online resources which are much used by other schools: for this visit, the *Iron Age Britain* section of the *History* pages is the place to go (see below, centre).



Adventure Play Areas

We are now pleased to show you the finalised designs for the adventure play areas, being funded by the MBNA General Foundation, the PTA and the school. These areas will be installed in the first part of the summer term, providing the children with a range of physical play opportunities (including on and around a half-sunken ship in the Early Years/KS1 area).

Early Years/KS1 Adventure Play Area



KS2 Adventure Play Area



SPORT

Following a football extravaganza at Newton Primary, where three teams of Huntington footballers competed, and participation in the Chester area basketball competition, the first half of the spring term ended with some notable footballing successes.

Our girls' football team progressed to the semi-finals of the Chester District Cup with a dominant display at Guilden Sutton, winning 5-1 (and only conceding with the last kick of the match). A hat-trick from Olivia Davis and two more from Y4 pupil Louise Wentel were no more than was deserved, with solid defensive work providing a platform for continual attacks. Congratulations to the team, and the best of luck in the next round!



Victorious Year 4 footballers – Chester champions!

A very strong cohort of Year 4 footballers gave warning to all in Chester that Huntington will be a team to avoid over the next few years. With eleven goals scored and none conceded, the team won the Chester area Year 4 tournament held at Blacon High in early February – a fantastic achievement and the first of many cups we hope will grace the trophy shelves at Aldford Road.

Year 3 and Year 4 children have begun their swimming lessons at Christleton Baths this term, with the longer-term intention to move the provision into Year 3 exclusively.

An enjoyable morning of KS2 dance workshops was also recently provided by the talented tutors from *House of Dance*. Invited pupils will now work towards a multi-school performance at the M&S Bank Arena in Liverpool in the summer term, with rehearsal time to be provided via an after-school club.

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES

Healthy Snacks in KS1

As parents may know, all infant children are provided with free fruit for their snack as part of a national health initiative. To encourage the children to benefit fully from this option, we have decided to end the sale of toast and fruit juice to KS1 (Y1/2) children from the coming half-term onwards. KS2 children, who do not receive the free fruit, will continue to be able to purchase toast/juice if they wish.

Safer Internet Day 2019

Our E-Safety team presented in both KS1 and KS2 assemblies on Safer Internet Day (Feb 5th), and also worked with the children in their classrooms. Messages about the protection of personal information were delivered in an engaging way using stories featuring cartoon characters. Do remember that Mrs Hudson and the e-Safety team have created an online safety blog too – this can be accessed via the *Parents* drop-down menu on the school website (*Online Safety* page), or by scanning the QR code below.



Internet Safety Day assembly, presented by our E-Safety team

Journey to School

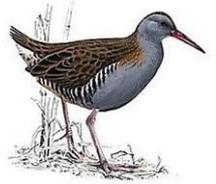
The Parish Council have contacted the school on several occasions to express the concern of residents about the manner in which parents are parking on the new estate, but also crossing the roads with their children – one child was observed crossing to the middle of the mini-roundabout outside the school, with their parent oblivious. Please take care!

Also, please remember that access to the Drop-Off Zone is via the internal roundabout, not by pulling straight into the Zone after entering the school site, which causes confusion and creates risk.

FRIENDS OF CALDY NATURE PARK

An exciting upcoming date for your diary is the Nature Park Duck Race, to be held on April 9th, during the Spring Break. Lots of other information about the park can be found in the Friends' newsletter, the latest (Winter) edition of which is now available on our *Eco* page (*Children* drop-down menu).

The Friends have also recently agreed to undertake a campaign against dog fouling in the park. The start of the campaign involves a spray session, to identify dog poo by colouring it pink – please don't let this colour prove of interest to young ones!



Have a great half-term break.

Mr Rose