



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

May 24th, 2019

Diary Dates

June

- 3rd School re-opens
- 9th *House of Dance*
- 10th Y1 phonics week
- 12/13th German visitors
- 13th Class photos (N,1-5)
- 15th PTA Summer Fair
- 17-21st Y5/6 residential
- 27th Infant Sports morning
- 27/28th Beauty & the Beast
- 28th Junior Sports morning

July

- 1st District Sports
- 2nd Class swaps day
- 10th Piano concert
- 12th PTA Race Night
- 15th Y4 Northgate concert
- 17th Y6 Leavers' Show
- 25th Summer break

And so, after a half term of four-day weeks due to Bank Holidays, we are racing towards the end of the year. A big well done to the Year 6 and Year 2 pupils who have recently completed their statutory tests, and thanks to the staff who have worked hard both to support them to achieve their best and to reduce their stress levels as much as possible at what can be an anxious time. Parental help with the Y6 Toast Club during SATs week was also much appreciated.

Staffing Changes

A period of staff recruitment is under way at present, with a new teacher needed for our additional Year 5 class in September. We have also appointed Miss Catt (pictured right) to teach Reception Oak class during Mrs Devlin's recently commenced maternity leave, and Mrs Williams to cover Mrs Osholaja's period of maternity (lower KS2). Details of the allocation of teachers to classes for 2019-20 will be announced soon after the break.



Year 4's Lake District Residential

Pupils from both Year 4 classes enjoyed a range of exciting activities on their recent residential visit to the Lake District, from a cook-out and fell walk to adventurous activities such as archery and the King Swing. The children's behaviour was excellent, and they were able to draw on their experiences for this term's geography topic, contrasting Chester with the Lakes. Many thanks to the staff team, led by Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Crompton, for facilitating the visit.



Adventure Play Areas

Pentagon Play's installation of our two adventure play areas should be completed over the half-term break, and is much anticipated. Many thanks once more to MBNA and our PTA for contributing very substantially to this project – it could not have gone ahead without them.



Fly to the Line national final

Design and Technology co-ordinator Mrs Crompton and Deputy Head Mrs Nicholson accompanied our Year 5 glider team to RAF Cosford over the spring break. Our pupils devised a new glider on the day, and their efforts were rewarded with 3rd place in these national finals – a fantastic result. This is the third year that Huntington has successfully entered teams into competitions organised via Dendrite, the social learning network for STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and the only school in Chester to do so to our knowledge.

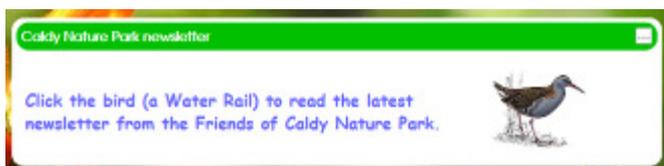
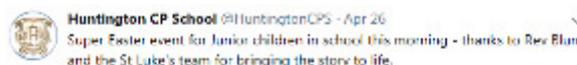


Sport

We still have the semi-final of the girls' football cup to look forward to after the break, against Waverton, together with the District Sports for Junior Children and a Kwik Cricket tournament for Y5/6 pupils. School sports days may not be possible this year, due to the advice relating to the new grass, but we will make a final assessment closer to the scheduled dates (which therefore remain in the Diary Dates).

Community

Many thanks to the team at St Luke's for providing the KS2 children with engaging experiences in the school hall on the theme of Easter, to accompany their all-year-round work with KS1 children during *Open the Book* assemblies. Lots of photos of the Easter event can be seen on our Twitter feed (see right), which is absolutely the best way of keeping up to date with school events as they happen (subscribe now!).



The latest newsletter from the Friends of Caldy Nature Park is now online in our website *Eco Learning* area (*Children* drop-down menu) – as left. Thanks for your help with recent funding campaigns; news of their successes is featured in the newsletter.

KS2 Behaviour Awards

The winners of the KS2 prize for the first half of the summer term are as below – and very well done to the other children whose behaviour has been exemplary.

Y6 Oscar Edwards
Y5 Amelia Dixon

Y4 Lime
Y4 Hawthorn
Y3 Hazel
Y3 Birch

Anissa Ziar
Eva Malthouse
Cody Mercer
George Rogers

Y5 Pupils: Bishops' High School Open Morning

Bishops' High are providing an opportunity for children and their parents/carers to come along for an informal visit to meet them and see the school at work, on Wednesday 26th June, 9.30 - 11am (for Year 5 pupils and their families).

Do enjoy the half-term break.
Mr Rose