



# Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Diary Dates

### September

16<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher  
30<sup>th</sup> PTA AGM

### October

4<sup>th</sup> Harvest donations  
8<sup>th</sup> Open day  
11<sup>th</sup> PTA Coffee morning  
15-17<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evenings  
18<sup>th</sup> PTA Bingo  
21<sup>st</sup> Individual photos  
26<sup>th</sup> Half-term break

### November

4<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
7<sup>th</sup> Book Reading  
11<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying week  
15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need  
18<sup>th</sup> British Art/Values wk

### December

10/11<sup>th</sup> YR Xmas shows  
11/12<sup>th</sup> Y1/2 Xmas shows  
13<sup>th</sup> Nursery Xmas show  
Xmas Jumper Day  
19<sup>th</sup> Junior Xmas Carols  
21<sup>st</sup> Christmas break

### January

6<sup>th</sup> INSET (pupils not in)  
7<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
8/9<sup>th</sup> *Peter Pan*  
22<sup>nd</sup> YR/Y6 class photos  
31<sup>st</sup> *Young Voices*

### February

5-7<sup>th</sup> Y3 Birch residential  
11<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day  
12-14<sup>th</sup> Y3Hazel residential  
15<sup>th</sup> Half-term break  
24<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> Book Week  
5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
9-13<sup>th</sup> Sport Relief  
10-12<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evenings

### April

3<sup>rd</sup> INSET (pupils not in)  
4<sup>th</sup> Spring break  
20<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
23<sup>rd</sup> *The Reluctant Dragon*

### May

4-7<sup>th</sup> VE Day activities  
8<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
11<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs week  
20-22<sup>nd</sup> Y4 residential  
23<sup>rd</sup> Half-term break

### June

1<sup>st</sup> School re-opens  
3<sup>rd</sup> Class photos (N,1-5)  
5<sup>th</sup> World Environment Day  
8-12<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 residential  
8<sup>th</sup> Y1 phonics week  
15<sup>th</sup> Y4 Tables check  
19<sup>th</sup> Refugee Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> Olympics Week  
25<sup>th</sup> Infant Sports (am)  
26<sup>th</sup> Junior Sports (am)

*More to come*

## Welcome back

Welcome back to what will be our first full year at Aldford Road, with lots of exciting events planned (see left) and our playing fields in use, which are already proving very popular with the children. We hope you have enjoyed the summer and that the children's batteries are fully recharged for the busy term ahead.

## Meet the Teacher

In addition to the now-termly parents' evenings, initiated last year, we are holding *Meet the Teacher* drop-in sessions next Monday (Sep 16<sup>th</sup>), 3:30 – 4:30, in all classes. This is a chance to meet the teaching staff informally, get together with the parents of your child's classmates and find out what is happening in class this term (following receipt of the term's information letter – bear in mind the class pages on the school website are also updated with information and activities on a regular basis).

<b>Y6 Alder</b>	Mr Cunningham
<b>Y5 Rowan</b>	Miss Carpenter
<b>Y5 Larch</b>	Miss Avery
<b>Y4 Lime</b>	Mrs Nicholson/Mr Jones
<b>Y4 Hawthorn</b>	Miss Bunning
<b>Y3 Birch</b>	Mrs Williams/Mr Jones
<b>Y3 Hazel</b>	Mrs Caldecott/Mrs Kirkness
<b>Y2 Cedar</b>	Mrs Crompton
<b>Y2 Elm</b>	Miss Bate/Mrs Jones
<b>Y1 Maple</b>	Mrs Ward
<b>Y1 Beech</b>	Mrs Pelham/Mrs Wilson
<b>YR Oak</b>	Mrs Catt/Mrs Wilson
<b>YR Willow</b>	Miss Hooks
<b>Nursery</b>	Mrs Roberts/Mrs Inchley

## Class and staff changes

An additional Year 5 class has now been established - new teachers joining us are Miss Avery (Y5 Larch) and Mrs Williams (Y3 Birch, covering Mrs Osholaja's maternity), while Mrs Caldecott has returned to Y3 Hazel following her maternity leave.

## School Diary Dates

### 2019-2020

In addition to the regular list to the left, you will already have received a separate sheet listing the major diary dates for the full school year 2019-20: we trust that this will help you plan ahead (with fund-raising days identified in advance on parental request). This sheet can also be downloaded from the *Parents* home page on the website, and do remember that the website has an online calendar in the *Parents* section which is constantly updated as new events are scheduled. You do not need to log in to view this, or indeed most of the site, including our embedded Twitter feed on the homepage.

## Clubs

The following clubs either commenced this week or will do next, and have proved extremely popular (to the extent that the Football and Multi-Skills clubs have had to be expanded to two separate nights). We continue to subsidise in full the cost of the sports clubs offered by external staff (Mr Martin Jones and staff from CEPD).

Monday	<b>Football</b> (Y5/6, 3:15-4:30) <b>Multi-Skills</b> (Y1, 3:15-4:00)
Tuesday	<b>Football</b> (Y4, 3:15-4:30) <b>Multi-Skills</b> (Y2, 3:15-4:00) <b>Netball</b> (Y5/6, 3:15-4:30) <b>Choir</b> (Y4-6, 3:15-4:15) <b>Art</b> (YR, 3:05-4:00)
Thursday	<b>Indoor Athletics</b> (Y5/6, 3:15-4:30)
Friday	<b>Street Dance</b> (Y1/2, 3:15-4:00) <b>Outdoor Games</b> (Y3/4, 3:15-4:30) <b>Lights, Camera, Action</b> (Y3-6, 3:15-4:15)

Please note that, rarely but unavoidably, clubs need to be cancelled. We endeavour to provide sufficient notice for parents to make alternative arrangements, and ask for your understanding if, for circumstances outside our control, this proves not to be possible. If poor weather prevents an outdoor sport club from taking place, children will be supervised in a classroom (if the hall is not available).

## Reading

### Summer Reading Challenge

Many congratulations to all the children who have already completed the CWAC Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. For those who haven't yet, the following is from the Reading Challenge team:



*Calling all Space Chasers! There's still time to complete the Summer Reading Challenge! If you just haven't had the chance to get to the library, due to starting back at school, then pop along this Saturday (Sep 14<sup>th</sup>) and you'll still be able to collect your medal and certificate. Remember there's also a prize draw that you'll be automatically entered into when you complete. The winners will receive either an Electric Dough kit (4-7year olds) or an Airhog Supernova (8-11year olds)! Good luck!*

**Children who bring their certificate or medal to show their class teacher next week will receive the 20 Star Points promised for completing this excellent and enjoyable summer activity.**

### Book Bloggers

Many thanks to the PTA for continuing to fund the children's online book recommendations – so far this term we have already bought *Awful Auntie* by David Walliams, *Indie Kidd: How to be Good (ish)* by Karen McCombie and *100 Facts: Animal Life*. The recommendations blog is on the *School Library* page (*Children* drop-down menu) – log-in is needed to read or contribute to the blog.



### The Book People

A great initiative to boost our book stock further is being run by The Book People, the online bargain book seller. Simply select the school from the list when purchasing books online, and the company will donate £1 to the school for every £10 spent.



### Huntington Fete and Caldy Nature Park Countryside Day

The Huntington Fete takes place on the Jubilee Field on Saturday afternoon (12:30-4:30pm). Many thanks to our PTA members who will have a fundraising stall there; please visit them and say hello!

Then on Sunday (2-4pm) the Friends of Caldy Nature Park have organised a Countryside Day, to be held on Long Meadow. Upcoming events in the nature park are publicised in the Friends' newsletters, the latest of which can always be found on our Eco Learning page (under the *Children* menu).



Best wishes from Mr Rose

## GENERAL REMINDERS

### **SCHOOL START AND END TIMES**

The school day begins at 08:50, with the site open and supervised from 08:30 – **children should not arrive before this time.** We would expect all children in Year 2 and younger to be accompanied by an adult on the playground until the classrooms open.

The school day ends at the following times:

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>2:50pm</b>
<b>Reception, Y1, Y2:</b>	<b>3:05pm</b>
<b>Y3-Y6:</b>	<b>3:15pm</b>

Children can only be collected at the end of the day by designated adults – please inform the office if there is to be a change to arrangements. To enable after-school clubs to operate without disruption, we would appreciate a **prompt exit from the school site** at the end of the day.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A **red school sweatshirt** is standard for all pupils: uniform purchases should be made online via *myschoolstyle.com*.

**Sensible black shoes** should be worn – trainers and other leisure footwear are not appropriate, especially if brightly coloured.

**Boys:** grey trousers, white polo shirt and school sweatshirt.

**Girls:** grey skirt/pinafore (or dark grey trousers), white blouse or polo shirt, and school sweatshirt.  
In the summer girls may wear a checked summer dress (red).

Assistance with the cost of uniform is available for those pupils receiving free school meals (following an application to do so) or the Pupil Premium.

### **P.E. KIT**

Pupils should wear the following kit for PE (except Nursery children):

**Boys:** white T-shirt, dark shorts and pumps/trainers.

**Girls:** white T-shirt, dark shorts (or dark leotard) and pumps/trainers.

A dark tracksuit is useful in colder weather.

**Football club kits are not appropriate.**

### **Coats and bags**

Parents are requested to provide their children with a suitable winter coat so that they may enjoy outdoor play in comfort – these should be practical rather than fashion items.

Overly large school bags should be avoided if possible, since cloakroom space is limited.

Children in Reception and the Infants (YR, 1 & 2) are specifically requested to only bring a school book bag to class, and possibly a lunch bag if they are not taking advantage of the free school meals available for these year groups – no other bags/items are needed (PE bags can be kept in school, with occasional excursions home for washing).

### **Hair accessories**

Hair accessories should be discreet and not apt to cause a distraction in class (the wearing of novelty hairbands or overly large bows, for example, is discouraged).

### **Labelling uniforms and belongings**

Please make sure that ALL clothing, and belongings such as lunch boxes, water bottles and pencil cases are CLEARLY labelled with your child's name.

The lost property trolley box is kept beside the infant entrance door – but without labelling, property left here is unlikely to find its way home (especially items of school uniform).

### **Jewellery and make up**

The wearing of jewellery is actively discouraged for safety reasons. Children who have pierced ears may wear studs, but these must be removed for games and P.E. sessions, or covered if this is not possible. Parents are asked to supply appropriate tape (e.g. Micropore) for this purpose, to avoid school First Aid stocks being diminished.

The use of nail varnish and other make-up products is not appropriate for primary age pupils and will be actively discouraged.

### **MOBILE PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Children should not bring electronic devices, including mobile phones, onto the school premises at any time. Older pupils given permission to walk home alone may, however, bring a mobile phone for the journey, but this must be given to the class teacher for safe-keeping during the school day.

### **SNACK & WATER**

Infant children receive free fruit at break times.

Break time snack can be purchased by junior children (Y3-6) – payment is online via *School Money*.

Toast: 25p

Juice: 35p

Milk: 25p

**All children should bring a water bottle** (labelled with name) to school, which can be refilled during the day from the water coolers. Bottles are kept in the classrooms for ready access during lessons.

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Children can stay for a hot meal or bring a packed lunch. School dinners are freshly prepared on the premises and are of very good quality: menus are available online.

School dinners cost £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). All payment is online via *School Money*.

Infant children (from Reception to Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal, and are encouraged to take advantage of this government-funded initiative. Older children may be eligible for free school meals (if their parents are in receipt of Income Support/Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance): please see the office staff for details and an application form.

Sandwiches should be brought in a plastic box clearly marked with your child's name. We encourage healthy eating throughout the school, and would therefore encourage you to provide the same in packed lunches. Please do not include glass bottles or cans of fizzy drink. Pre-peeled fruit (e.g. Satsuma) would also be appreciated for children who cannot manage the task themselves.

### **JOURNEY TO SCHOOL**

We encourage all children to walk or cycle to school to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

#### **Drop-Off Zone**

The drop-off zone has functioned very effectively so far this term, even on a morning of terrible weather, when difficulties are often experienced. **THANK YOU** - we really appreciate your support with this.

- Morning Peak Period (8:30 – 09:00): **no parking**, quick stop and drop-off only (hence the name!).
- Other times – some parking available, priority to Blue Badge holders.
- Please take care opening car doors and manoeuvring here.

#### **Parking**

- Morning: no parking on site from 08:30 (other than for Blue Badge holders by prior arrangement).
- Afternoon: some parking available in Drop-Off Zone only (priority for Blue Badge holders), or elsewhere by prior arrangement with the headteacher (for individual circumstances).

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Please remember that requests for *Leave of Absence* must be made using the appropriate form, available online (*Parents page, Forms*) and from the school office, and must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the start of the period requested. Such requests will be authorised only in 'exceptional circumstances', as defined by the government, and parents may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice for an unauthorised absence of 5 school days or more.

These regulations only apply once a child has reached statutory school age (5 years old), but we would still appreciate completion of the relevant form by Nursery parents and parents of Reception children who are still only 4, to assist the office staff.

Further information is available online from CWAC (via the website link *Taking children on holiday during term time: Parents page, Forms*).

### **MEDICINES**

For staff to administer any medicine in school, a *Request for the School to give Medication* form MUST be completed. These can be obtained from the office, but are also available online to enable prior completion (*Parents page, Forms*).