



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

September 14th, 2018

Diary Dates

September
18th PTA AGM

October
5th Harvest donations
12th PTA Coffee morning
16/17th Parents' Evenings
19th *Wear it Wild* day
22nd Individual photos
26th INSET (pupils not in)
27th Half-term break

November
5/6th INSET (pupils not in)
7th Children start at
new school
12th Anti-Bullying week
16th Children in Need

December
11/12th YR Xmas shows
12/13th Y1/2 Xmas shows
14th Nursery Carols
20th Junior Xmas Carols
22nd Christmas break

January
7th INSET (pupils not in)
8th School re-opens
9th YR/Y6 class photos

February
6th Internet Safety Day
6-8th Y3 Hazel residential
11th Book Fair week
Young Voices
13-15th Y3 Birch residential
16th Half-term break
25th School re-opens
26th *Key Strings* show

March
4th Book Week
5/6th Parents' Evenings
7th World Book Day
15th Comic Relief
30th Spring Break

April
15th School re-opens
19th School closed: BH
22nd School closed: BH
25th *Pinocchio* show

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

June
3rd School re-opens
10th Y1 phonics week
13th Class photos (N,1-5)
17-21st Y5/6 residential
27th Infant Sports morning
28th Junior Sports morning

July
2nd Class swaps day

Welcome back...to the future!

The excitement is now palpable around school as we gear up for a momentous term, our last at Butterbache Road and our first on Aldford Road, at the new site. Governors, teachers and Parish Councillors who visited the new build over the summer break were all impressed with the scale and quality of what has been achieved by CWAC and KIER construction, and our pupils are now looking forward to their new home, having seen a presentation of recent photos during Monday's assembly. The school staff spent some considerable time over the holiday filling several skips with the accumulated result of many decades of hoarding by teachers (*You never know when we might use this again*), and we are now decluttered, footloose and ready to move on. It really is happening!



Computer Room



Junior Classroom



Early Years canopy

£35k Donation from the MBNA General Foundation

I am delighted to inform you that the school has been awarded £35,000 from the MBNA General Foundation, a charity that collects donations from a group of companies (comprising of MBNA Limited and other external organisations) and distributes these to schools, charities and other community groups. This extremely generous donation will be used to provide outdoor adventure play facilities at our new school, the provision of which lay outside the scope of the project.

We are also very grateful to the school's PTA, who have also pledged funds towards these facilities, and to our builders KIER, who have created extensive, superior foundations for these areas at no charge.

Thank you all!

Class and staff changes

An additional Year 4 class has now been established, and the tree-name convention propagated throughout the school, as per the table opposite. New teachers joining us are Miss Bunning (Y3 Birch) and Miss Carpenter (Y5 Rowan). Hardly new to the school, but taking on a different role, is Mrs Inchley, now teaching the afternoon sessions in our 30-hour provision Nursery class (soon to acquire a tree name too – discussions are ongoing!). We are also pleased to welcome back both Mrs Jones (Y2 Elm) and Mrs Pelham (Y1 Beech) from maternity leave.

In addition, Mrs Caldecott (Year 3 Hazel) will be commencing her maternity leave as of today, and Mrs Kirkness will therefore be joined by Miss Davies as of this coming Monday.

Y6 Alder	Mr Cunnington
Y5 Rowan	Miss Carpenter
Y4 Lime	Mrs Nicholson/Mr Jones
Y4 Hawthorn	Mrs Osholaja/Mr Jones
Y3 Birch	Miss Bunning
Y3 Hazel	Miss Davies/Mrs Kirkness
Y2 Cedar	Mrs Crompton
Y2 Elm	Miss Bate/Mrs Jones
Y1 Maple	Mrs Ward
Y1 Beech	Mrs Pelham/Mrs Wilson
YR Oak	Mrs Devlin/Mrs Wilson
YR Willow	Miss Hooks
Nursery	Mrs Roberts/Mrs Inchley

School Diary Dates 2018-19

In addition to the regular list overleaf, you will already have received a separate sheet listing the major diary dates for the school year 2018-19: we trust that this will help you plan ahead. 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 commenced this week, and have proved extremely popular (to the extent that the Y3/4 Outdoor Games club has had to be expanded to two separate nights). We have taken the decision this year, with increased PE & Sport Premium funding available, to subsidise in full the cost of the sports clubs offered by external staff (Mr Martin Jones and staff from CEPD).

Monday	Football (Y4-6, 3:15-4:30) KS1 Multi-Skills (Y1/2, 3:15-4:00)
Tuesday	Outdoor Games (Y3/4, 3:15-4:30)
Thursday	Indoor Athletics (Y5/6, 3:15-4:30) Choir (Y3-6, 3:15-4:00) Code Club (Y4/5, 3:15-4:15)
Friday	Street Dance (Y1/2, 3:15-4:00) Outdoor Games (Y3/4, 3:15-4:30)

We hope to further expand the range of clubs offered as the term progresses.

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), but you may collect them early if you wish (since the scheduled activity will not be taking place).

Summer Reading Challenge

Many congratulations to all the children who completed the CWAC Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, earning certificates, medals and 20 Star Points each. What an excellent way to spend the summer!



Countryside Day and Fun Dog Show

An exciting upcoming date for your diary is the Countryside Day and Fun Dog Show, to be held on Long Meadow in the Nature Park on Sunday, September 23rd (2-4pm). This event is organised by the Friends of Caldly Nature Park, and their latest newsletter can always be found on our Eco Learning page (under the Children menu).



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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 unaccompanied before this time.**

The school day ends at the following times:

Nursery: 2:50pm

Reception, Y1, Y2: 3:05pm

Y3-Y6: 3:15pm

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

Breaktime snack is available as follows – please send the exact money into school if at all possible, as this greatly assists the complex operation of providing snack during the short time available.

Toast: 25p

Juice: 30p

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). We prefer dinner money to be paid for online, via *School Money*, but payments by cheque can still be made.

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.

ROAD SAFETY CODE

Butterbache Road is rather narrow and this can cause congestion at peak times, especially if cars are parked without regard for others. As a consequence we ask parents to participate in a road safety code which has three principles:

1. **A voluntary one way system.** During peak hours (i.e. between 8.20am and 9.15am and between 2.45pm and 3.45pm) we ask everyone to enter Butterbache Road from the waterworks/Saighton end and continue round towards the exit by St Luke's church.
2. We ask parents **not to park within the school car park**, but to **use the 'Dropping Off Zone' within it** as the name implies – children can be dropped off safely onto the pavement here from 8:30 onwards, with staff to welcome them at the gates and monitoring the playground. Parents should stop only long enough to let their children enter the school grounds, and not leave their vehicle in the zone.
3. We ask you to drive and park with consideration:
 - for your children
 - for other people's children
 - for other parents and residents

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*).