



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

September 12th, 2016

Diary Dates

September

16th PTA obstacle course
23rd PTA Coffee morning
28th Y5/6 WW2 visit
29th PTA AGM

October

7th Harvest assembly
11/12th Reception/Nursery
Parents' Evenings
18th Open Morning
29th Half-term break

November

4th PTA Fireworks
7th School re-opens
10th Individual photos
18th Children in Need
21st Anti-Bullying week
29/30th Y1-6 Parents'
Evenings

December

13/14th Reception/Nursery
Xmas shows (09:45)
14/15th Year 1/2
Xmas shows (13:45)
20/21st Junior Xmas
shows (18:30)
& also 13:30, Dec 21st
23rd INSET (pupils not in)
24th Christmas break

January

9th School re-opens

February

7th Internet Safety Day
8th YR/Y6 class photos
18th Half-term break
27th School re-opens
Fair Trade Fortnight

March

2nd World Book Day
20-24th Book Fair
22-24th Y3 residential
24th Comic Relief
28-30th Parents' Evenings
31st INSET (pupils not in)

April

1st Spring break
18th School re-opens

May

1st Bank Holiday
8-12th Y6 SATs tests
27th Half-term break

June

5th School re-opens
8th Junior Sports day (pm)
12th Y1 phonics week
15th Class photos
19-23rd Y5/6 Residential
27th Infant Sports Day

July

4th Y6 transition day
22nd Summer break

Welcome back

Welcome back to another school year, with events already coming thick and fast. The junior members of the school council will be enjoying a visit to London and the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs White and Ms Stephenson, with the aim, following feedback from the councillors in class, to inform and enthuse all our pupils about the forthcoming school council elections. Most school clubs also begin this week, and with a *Mad Science* assembly today and the PTA obstacle race on Friday, the school year is well and truly under way once more.

New Build Project

The local authority has released the following statement regarding the new build project, which remains a priority development for CWAC Education.

'The new build, relocated Huntington Primary School is progressing through the design development phase. This has taken longer than initially anticipated due to the significant site constraints which have only been brought to light through the site feasibility process and which have meant additional work being required before a planning application can be submitted. A planning application is being developed for submission this Autumn in consultation with the school.

As part of the planning application process there will be a local consultation event where local residents will be able to view the application plans and speak to Council Officers.'

We will pass on further information as it becomes available.

Class and staff changes

In Reception (Oak) we welcome back Mrs Devlin, who will be in class Mon-Thurs, and we welcome to the school Mrs Wilson (Thurs-Fri).

An additional Year 2 class has now been established. Cedar and Elm, our Year 2 classes, are taught respectively by Ms Stephenson and Mrs Crompton, with teaching assistant support from Mrs Harrison-Smith and Mrs Cadman.

In Year 4, Mrs White (Mon-Wed) has been joined by Mrs Kirkness (Wed-Fri).

In Year 5 we welcome Mr Cunnington.

School Diary Dates 2016-17

In addition to the regular list opposite, you will already have received a separate sheet listing the major diary dates for the school year 2016-17: we trust that this will help you plan ahead. Remember also that the website has an online calendar which is constantly updated as new events are scheduled - and that you do not need to log in to view this, or indeed most of the site.

Clubs

The following clubs commence this week: please use the separate permission sheets, previously distributed, to express an interest in your child joining any of these:

Monday: **Football** (Y4-6, 3:15-4:30)

Tuesday: **Netball** (Y5/6, 3:15-4:15) (**Code Club**, Y5/6, 3:15-4:15, begins Sep 20th)

Wednesday: **Table Tennis** (Y4-6, 3:15-4:15), **Lights Camera Action** (Y3-6, 3:15-4:15)

Thursday: **Indoor Athletics** (Y5/6, 3:15-4:30), **Choir** (Y3-6, 3:15-4:00)

Friday: **Street Dance** (Y1/2, 3:15-4:00)

Mad Science: starts Friday October 7th

French: to be advised

Dinner Menus

To assist the catering staff, when completing the weekly dinner menus please circle a selection of filling for sandwich/roll or jacket potato (until the menu form has been adjusted to make this requirement more obvious). Dinner menus are available to view online, on the *Parents* page. Thank you.

Leave of Absence requests

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*).

General Reminders

School start and end times

School begins at 08:50, with the site open and supervised from 08:30 – **children should not arrive unaccompanied before this time**. Children from Reception to Year 2 finish at 3:05pm, and Y3-Y6 finish at 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.

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.

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*).

PE Kit

Except in the Nursery, children should wear the following kit for PE:

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.**



Save the Family

Keeping Families Together

Are you looking for something to do while the kids are at school?

Want to update a CV or meet new people?

Can you spare an hour or two a week?

Save the Family is looking for volunteers for their residential centre for homeless families at their site in Cotton Edmunds, near Chester. Join a dedicated team of friendly and helpful staff and volunteers and contribute massively to their work. **From the office to the outdoors there are a wide range of positions and skill levels available including Play Assistant, Craft Room Assistant, Family Mentor, Database Coordinator, Events and Community Champion, Grants Researcher and more.** It's a perfect way to spend a few of hours, refresh a CV, meet new people and use your skills while helping others in need.

For more information about volunteering at Save the Family call 01244 409100, email Jocelyn.horton@savethefamily.org.uk or visit us at www.savethefamily.org.uk or follow them on Twitter and Facebook @SaveTheFamilyUK.