



## Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Diary Dates

#### November

4<sup>th</sup> PTA Fireworks  
 7<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
 9<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting 3:30pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> Individual photos  
 11<sup>th</sup> Girls' football tourn.t  
 14<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying week  
 17<sup>th</sup> Google Expeditions  
 18<sup>th</sup> Children in Need  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Y4 Roman visit  
 25<sup>th</sup> Boys' football tourn.t  
 29/30<sup>th</sup> Y1-6 Parents' Evenings

#### December

2<sup>nd</sup> Non-uniform (tombola)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Fair  
 5<sup>th</sup> Y4 Brass concert  
 8<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Girls' football tourn.t  
 13/14<sup>th</sup> Reception/Nursery Xmas shows (09:45)  
 14/15<sup>th</sup> Year 1/2 Xmas shows (13:45)  
 20/21<sup>st</sup> Junior Xmas shows (18:30) & also 13:30, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>  
 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET (pupils not in)  
 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas break

#### January

9<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

#### February

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

#### March

2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day  
 8<sup>th</sup> Key Strings music  
 20-24<sup>th</sup> Book Fair  
 15-17<sup>th</sup> Y3 residential (note change of date)  
 24<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief  
 28-30<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evenings  
 31<sup>st</sup> INSET (pupils not in)

#### April

1<sup>st</sup> Spring break  
 18<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
 26-28<sup>th</sup> Y4 residential

#### May

1<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday  
 8-12<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs tests  
 27<sup>th</sup> Half-term break

#### June

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

#### July

4<sup>th</sup> Y6 transition day  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Summer break

### Time for a break

It seems hard to believe that we are already at the half-term break, with the clocks about to go back (this weekend), but there has certainly been a lot going on in school since the summer. The school website class pages have lots more photos and information about events that have taken place, which have included:

### Chester Zoo Safari Ranger visit to Reception, Year 3 & Year 4



### WW2 evacuation experience to Stockport Air Raid shelters, Year 5 & 6



### School and Eco Council Elections

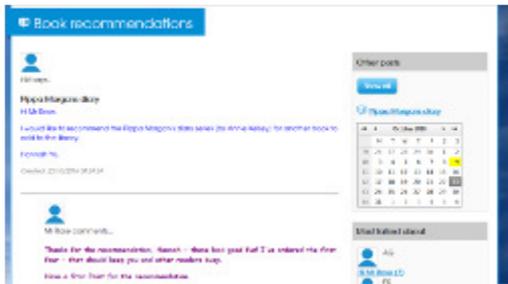


### Maths consultant twilight session for teachers on the Singapore bar model



## PTA funding for the library

Many thanks to the PTA for agreeing to continue funding the children's online book recommendations – so far this term we have bought books from the *Glory Gardens* series of cricket tales and the *Pippa Morgan's Diary* series. The recommendations blog is on the *School Library* page (*Children* drop-down menu) – no log-in needed to read it, just to contribute.



Look out for the  
Lego Star Wars  
books arriving in  
the library soon!

## OFFICE NOTES

### Individual Photos

Individual and family photos will be taken on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – if you wish only to have individual photos taken, and not an additional photo with siblings together, please inform the school office.

### Absence Line

Please remember to inform the school office of any absence by 9:30 on the first morning, and on all subsequent mornings of any absence, for Safeguarding reasons. If no message has been left to confirm absence, and a child has not arrived at school, the office staff will contact their parents soon after 9:30 to ascertain their whereabouts.

### Head lice

As a preventative measure, long hair should be tied back – please check regularly and treat as necessary, informing the office where cases are confirmed.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Diwali parade

Chester's Diwali parade has become an annual event for the city, and takes place tomorrow, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from midday, starting at the Town Hall. The parade will end at The Unity Centre, where there will be opportunities to take part in Indian art and craft like Henna hand art, Diya candle making and Rangoli pattern making, and to eat Indian snacks. It promises to be a great way to start the half-term break



### Friends of Caldley Valley

Having been postponed from earlier in the term, voting will commence at Tesco stores in and around Chester on October 31<sup>st</sup> for the Tesco *Bags of Help* initiative. Projects put forward by The Friends of Caldley Valley have been shortlisted for the award of funds, so please vote for them if you visit Tesco!

Their projects are:

- £8K project - to replace the benches and reinstate the wildflower meadow
- £10K project - to provide an additional picnic bench and improve drainage in the Children's Play Area
- £12K project - to rebuild the Otter Holt, build an eel pass and dredge silt from the pools

### Information events for parents of children with special educational needs and/or a disability

- 9<sup>th</sup> November: *Transfer to high school event for parent carers of Year 5 children*  
Ellesmere Port Civic Hall, 10 – 2:30
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November: *Understanding an Education, Health and Care Plan*  
Tarvin Community Centre, 10 – 1:30

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### Cycling

Following their Y5 *Let's Bike* course in the summer term, pupils now in Year 6 followed the *Bikeability* training programme this half-term, with instructors from *Cycle Experience* very impressed with the attitude and skill of the group. Every child in the class achieved the Level 2 award, which is a great achievement –very well done!



### Cycle Safety

Although we encourage older pupils to use their cycles for the journey to school, please note the following:

- All children cycling to school must wear a cycle helmet – any pupil seen breaking this rule after one warning will not be allowed to bring their cycle onto the school site.
- With the amount of cars using the roads in the vicinity of the school, we understand (but cannot condone) why some children ride their bicycles on the pavement. However, if pupils do not wish to ride on the road on Butterbache Road itself, we strongly advise they dismount and walk their cycle for this part of the journey – riding on the pavement, in an area where car doors are being opened and cars are mounting the pavement to park, is going to result in a serious accident (one near-miss has already been observed).
- All children (and adults) should walk their cycle or scooter while on the school site – this includes at the end of the day on the school playground, and when exiting the site via the footpath around Year 5.

### Car Parking

Not only have photos of poor parking outside the school featured in a recent Chester Chronicle article, but I have been contacted several times recently by residents increasingly upset by the parking situation on Butterbache Road at the start and end of the school day. Particular concern has been raised, yet again, about parking at the junction of Butterbache Road and Meadow Lane, forcing residents to exit Meadow Lane on the wrong side of the road, and about parents parking illegally over driveways and responding rudely when this is pointed out. As parents will be aware, the PCSO has been contacted and has been monitoring the situation, but I would urge everyone to please park considerately, for the health and safety of all, regardless of whether there is a police presence visible. We understand that rising pupil numbers are impacting on what was already a difficult situation, but in these circumstances everyone needs to try their hardest to minimise the risk and disruption, by considering either alternatives to the car or parking further away from the school (e.g. Chester Road, Jubilee Field car park) and walking the last part of the journey. Please do what you can to assist – thank you.

### Online Safety

Governor Mrs Hudson, an education IT professional, has commenced a series of online safety workshops with KS2 pupils this week, and the school has also registered to take part in Cheshire Police's E-Safety Training Programme, with pupil officers to be appointed after half-term. Please remember that there are useful links online (*Parents, Keeping Safe*) if you are looking for advice about any aspect of online safety.

### School Volunteers

We rely on parental support in many ways, and welcome volunteer helpers into school and to assist with educational visits, which could not occur without the support of additional adults. I need to emphasise, however, that volunteers are not to take photos or make other recordings while assisting with school events, either on or off site, and certainly not to distribute any such recordings via social media.

### Halloween and Firework Safety

PCSO Tom Norton came to speak to both infants and juniors this week to pass on safety messages concerning the festivities over the half-term break – the children all listened well, and we hope that everyone enjoys a safe holiday.



## SPORT

### Football

A mixed bag of results so far this season, with a league defeat against Guilden Sutton followed up by a 6-5 victory over Mill View and an early cup exit at Mickle Trafford. We have also fielded a B team in all of our fixtures so far, maximising the children's opportunities to play for their school.

The girls' team had a great start to the year, with an impressive 4-0 cup win at St Oswald's, a Beth Hynds hat-trick and a goal from Olivia Davis sending them into the next round.

Many thanks to our parent helpers for transport and support – away fixtures (and therefore participation in inter-school leagues) could not take place without your help.

### Tag Rugby success

The first major competitive tournaments of the sporting year have taken place over the last fortnight, with Tag Rugby squads from Year 4 and Year 6 competing against other schools on the pitches of Chester Rugby club. The children in both year groups played with great enthusiasm and enjoyment, supporting each other well while cheered on by our parent helpers. Both events were a great success, and in finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 6 competition, the A team registered Huntington's highest-ever placement in the competition – a brilliant end to a very exciting afternoon.

#### **Y4 squad:**

Sol Curran, Olivia Davis, Bella Delaney Davies, Mason Hughes, Liam Malone, Hannah Pocock, Harrison Pugh, Alex Russell, Izabele Valentine

Max Cole, Jack Downs, Oscar Edwards, Jules Hudson, Michael Hughes, Mun-Phye Lean, Max Weston, Thomas Wressell

#### **Y6 squad:**

Adam Gibson, Luke Gibson, Daniel Goodwin, Beth Hynds, Oliver Kristiansen, Megan Lister, Oliver Morris Green, Lucy White

Imogen Charlton, Amelie Crossen, Attila Doman, Lexie Malthouse, George Minshull, Elena Notario-Jones, Ben Rees, Sophie Townsend

### The year 6 squads

Lots more photos available online (*Latest News page*)



Do enjoy the holiday, and Halloween...and don't forget the **PTA Fireworks evening** next Friday.  
Mr Rose