



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

December 22nd, 2016

Diary Dates

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

8th Key Strings music

20-24th Book Fair

15-17th Y3 residential

24th Comic Relief

28-30th Parents' Evenings

31st INSET (pupils not in)

April

1st Spring break

18th School re-opens

26-28th Y4 residential

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

New School Project

Yesterday's statement from CWAC regarding the new school development has hopefully provided clarity about the project for the school community, and an opening date (September 2018) that can realistically be met. In the meantime, reflecting the size of our growing local community, the school's pupil numbers will continue to increase gradually, as part of a managed process coordinated with the Local Authority. I am confident that this can be managed successfully with minimal modifications to existing procedures (principally relating to the use of communal areas such as the dining hall and playground). At present we still have considerable capacity in some year groups, which helps to keep the existing site suitable.

During this transitional phase, and as we develop into a two form entry school, we will continue to keep you informed about the new school build and pupil numbers. The next update is likely to be a text in the next few days, alerting you when the planning application documents are available to view online.



Huntington Out of School Club

As users of the service will already know, responsibility for the on-site childcare provision has reverted to the private provider Huntington Kids Club, with its new Ofsted registration held by Jo Inchley, well-known in school for her art clubs. I know many parents and children regard the service very highly and I am pleased the new registration has now been completed for the team.

Friends of Caldley Valley success

Thanks to everyone who voted for the Friends' project in the Tesco *Bags of Help* scheme - £8,000 of funding has been secured for Caldley Nature Park! The money will be invested in the park itself, with improvements including replacing all the benches and rejuvenating the wildflower meadow near the car park.

Sport

Football

Well done to our **Y4 girls' football team**, who played brilliantly in a recent Chester District tournament at Christleton High School, finishing runners-up after scoring fifteen goals and conceding only two.

The squad members were:

Molly Bedford, Olivia Davis, Hannah Pocock, Sophie Wainwright, Jessica Ward, Tilly Wedderburn.

Our **boys' football team** also performed very well in the Chester District event, only losing to the eventual winners of the tournament in the semi-final.

The squad members were:

Adam Gibson, Luke Gibson, Daniel Goodwin, Oliver Kristiansen, Louis Lister, George Minshull, Oliver Morris Green, Ben Rees, Lewis Whitfield, Sam Williams



PTA: Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all who supported the marvellous Christmas Fair put on by the PTA. Giant inflatables, a snow machine, a marquee and a wonderful grotto created a fantastic atmosphere, and with Y5/6 helpers volunteering to run a variety of games there was a lot on offer for the visitors. Many thanks to our fantastic PTA committee and helpers for making the event so memorable.



Christmas Productions

Wiggly Nativity (Early Years classes), *The Very Hopeless Camel* (KS1) and *Happy Never After* (KS2) have continued the Huntington tradition of giving opportunities to all to perform on stage, whether acting, dancing or singing, and all the shows were very well received. DVDs of the shows will still be available after the holiday if you require copies. I would like to give a big thank you to the children for their efforts, to parents for their support (including costuming) and to the staff for their hard work in putting the shows together.



Book bloggers

Following online Book Blog recommendations from pupils, more books have come into the library recently, their purchase funded by the PTA. These have included a series of RSPCA animal rescue tales, the *Flying Fergus* series by Olympian Chris Hoy and comedy books by Pamela Butchart, author of *Attack of the Dinner Ladies*.



HEALTH & SAFETY

One-way system

A reminder about the value of the voluntary (but extremely helpful) one-way system in operation on Butterbache Road from 8:15-9:15am and 2:40 – 3:30pm. At such times it is impossible for two-way traffic on the road, due to the number of parked cars: the only way to avoid chaos, therefore, is for all cars to travel in the same direction, as indicated on the diagram alongside.

Please try to remember to follow this system – it has been in place for many years and helps everybody.



E-Safety officers

Two pupil E-Safety officers have recently been appointed, and attended training at Cheshire Police Headquarters, accompanied by Mr Rose. Our officers will be helping other pupils understand the steps they need to take to keep themselves safe online in the New Year, with competitions and information sessions to come. Congratulations to both of them for putting themselves forward for the role, and being successfully selected by their peers following presentations to Year 6.

School Clubs

Football, Netball and Athletics clubs will recommence in the first week back after the Christmas break. We will also be starting a new sports club for KS1 children, on Monday January 16th, and new French clubs for both KS1 and KS2 (see permission slips distributed for these today).

A reminder, also, that there are still places available at the STEMKids *Young Engineers* club, initially for KS2 children (Fridays, January 13th – February 17th). To reserve a place, please register your details and pay online through their website at www.stemkids.co.uk. Online booking for this club is also available now for KS1 pupils (Fridays, March 3rd – April 28th) – a flyer will follow in the first week back after the Christmas break.

*A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from Mr Rose and all the staff*

