



# Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 10th November 2023



### Laying the foundations for a bright future

Website link: [www.htpfederation.co.uk](http://www.htpfederation.co.uk)

#### A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

What an eventful time it has been! We really hope everyone enjoyed some family time over half term, which does seem a very long time ago now!

Firstly, thank you for your food donations for REACH, the Haverhill Food Bank, and our chosen charity with our celebration of Harvest in mind. It was lovely to see so many of you at our service at our local church, All Saints. Please have a read of their letter received in response to our donations included at the end of this newsletter.

This week has been rather full with our parliamentary learning, as well as a focus on Remembrance, all in addition to our usual exciting bespoke curriculum provision. We enjoyed meeting our new School Council in our Celebration Presentation today!

Thank you to those of you able to make our re-scheduled Parent Forum session earlier this week, it was lovely to hear what is working well and have some suggestions for improvements which we will follow-up in the coming weeks and months. Look out for the next date for this group; we will meet again in the spring term.

Please be sure to check the 'Forthcoming Events' list as we have made a few additions, including re-scheduled Class Presentations and school trips.

We are so pleased lots of you were able to make our Parent Consultation sessions this week, as always it is lovely to see you!

We are very much looking forward to our Open Morning next week and welcoming prospective parents, if you know anyone who may be looking for a school place for their child for next September, remember to mention us! Included in this newsletter is information about the deadlines for applying for a place ~ please share!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Warm regards, Mrs FitzGerald

#### ~ SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN ~

We wanted to draw your attention to worries highlighted to us recently by a small number of concerned members of our local community, related to young children, likely to be under 10, in and around the village, unsupervised.

We have received troubling reports of children behaving inappropriately at the park and village shop and perhaps more concerning young girls and boys, cycling and scootering unsafely on the roads and pavements, putting themselves, pedestrians and drivers at risk.

We felt compelled to share this with you, not least with the changing of the clocks and the resulting darker nights in mind, as we would hate for any of our children to be involved in a road traffic accident, find themselves in trouble with the police for anti-social behaviour or worse.

Here is a link to a very helpful guide produced by the NSPCC with advice and tips for parents and carers with regards children staying home alone or going out alone:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/3271/home-or-out-alone-guide.pdf>

## PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE

We are sending this message to remind parents and carers of the importance of driving and parking safely around the school site. It is vital due care and attention for our school, our neighbours and other drivers is given.

We know it is very challenging to park around the school site but none of us want a child attending our setting to be a road traffic accident statistic. Please ensure when parking there are gaps left to ensure passing cars can in fact pass and ensure the front of school is accessible ~ this is with the emergency services in mind.

Please remember you can park at the village hall and the Rose and Crown and take the short walks from either location to and from the school site.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

### ~ Colder Weather ~

As we find ourselves in autumn the weather has finally started to change and turned chilly (and wet!!) Please can you ensure your child has a suitable coat with them as well as their jumpers / cardigans and their sensible shoes?

### ~ OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS ~

The applications for primary school places has now opened and we have 15 places available for September 2024.

We would very much appreciate your support in encouraging families to consider our school as the school for their child. Please encourage any parents you know to come along to our open morning next week, or, contact Mrs Mitson in our school office to make an appointment to visit at a convenient time. Please feel free to share our open morning flyer too!

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## Laying the foundations for a bright future

The Parable of the Wise and the Foolish Man  
(Matthew, Chapter 7, verses 24 to 27 and the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 6, verses 46 to 49)



There is a caring and loving ethos which runs throughout the school.

All staff are highly vigilant and care for pupils very well. There is a strong culture of safeguarding and a high regard for ensuring pupils' well-being.

Adults want pupils to do well. Pupils enjoy the interesting themes and activities that teachers plan to help them learn. They work well together and show resilience when working on challenging activities. They show highly positive attitudes to their learning at all times.



Behaviour and attitudes: "**Outstanding**"  
Personal development: "**Outstanding**"

Pupils learn the skills and knowledge they need to keep themselves safe. They say they feel safe. Parents are also confident that the school keeps their children safe.

Leaders place a strong emphasis on developing pupils' personal development and well-being. The federation's philosophy is: 'laying the foundations for a bright future'. There is a clear vision for children to become the 'best that they can be'.

## OPEN MORNING

# Thursday 16th November 2023, 9.15am until 12pm

Come and visit us, meet our pupils, staff and governors and find out what makes Hundon an inspiring learning community. We look forward to meeting you, Mrs Sharon FitzGerald, Headteacher

## REMINDER: SICKNESS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is that time of year again when various infections and viruses associated with the time of year start to make their presence felt and pupils are, on occasion too unwell to attend school.

When deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself:

- Is your child well enough to carry out the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home & consult your GP as appropriate.
- Does your child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.
- Would you take a day off work if you had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.

### Common Conditions

Most illnesses can be classified as one of a few minor health conditions. Whether or not you send your child to school will depend on how severe you judge the illness to be. This guidance can help you to make that judgement. If you are concerned about your child's health, consult a health professional.

### Cough & Cold

A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness accompanies the cold, the child should stay off school & return to school 24 hours **after** they are feeling better. If your child has a more severe & long-lasting cough, consult your GP, who can provide guidance on whether the child should stay off school.

### Raised temperature

If your child has a raised temperature, they should not attend school. They can return 24 hours **after** they are feeling better.

### Rash

Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses such as chickenpox & measles. Children with these conditions should not attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP before sending them to school.

### Headache

A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or accompanied by other symptoms such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school & consult your GP.

### Vomiting & Diarrhoea

Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours **after** their symptoms disappear. Most cases of vomiting or diarrhoea get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.

### Sore throat

A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. If it's accompanied by a raised temperature, the child should stay at home.

**If your child is sick or has diarrhoea at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.**

Thank you for your understanding with this.

Further guidance about whether your child should attend school can be found on the NHS website [Is My Child Too Ill For School](#) and [Should I Keep My Child Off School Guidance](#) as well as the [UK Health Security website](#)

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Others will follow but I know lots of you will want to get these onto the calendar as soon as possible. The team and I are continuing to add to our schedule with special days, visitors and trips, including some additional 'share' opportunities ~ we will keep you posted!

### **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

**Monday 13th November ~ World Kindness Day,**  
coinciding with anti-bullying week and concluding with...

**Friday 17th November ~ Children in Need Day**

For the donation of £1 the children are welcome to attend school in non-uniform

**Friday 17th November ~ Hawthorn Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm**

Parents of children in Hawthorn Class only are invited. (This is a re-scheduled date following our closures due to storms and severe flooding.)

**Thursday 23rd November ~ Oak Class Visit to West Stow**

Our trip to the Anglo-Saxon village to enhance the children's learning for their 'Invasion' theme, re-scheduled following the stormy weather and associated flooding.

**Friday 24th November ~ Cherry Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm**

Parents of children in Cherry Class only are invited.

**Thursday 30th November ~ CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at our church, All Saints, Hundon at 2.15pm with monetary donations collected at the church in support of The Children's Society**

**Monday 4th December ~ Willow Class Visit to the Wonder Dome**

To enhance their 'Moon Zoom' theme the children are visiting a mobile planetarium to experience an immersive day of space-themed activities.

**Wednesday 6th December ~ AM & PM Performances of our Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity**

Performances will be 9.30am and 2pm with donations welcomed (at the end) in support of our hall hiring and music performance license costs

**Friday 8th November ~ Willow Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm**

Parents of children in Cherry Class only are invited. (This is a re-scheduled date following our closures due to storms and severe flooding.)

**Wednesday 13th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day & our Christmas Lunch Day at school**

**Thursday 14th December ~ 4pm until 5.15pm ~ Christmas Disco**

We are hosting a Christmas Disco for the children, tickets will cost £3, more details will follow

**Monday 18th December ~ Carols on the Playground from 2.30pm**

Join us on the playground (weather permitting) for carols, old and new!

**Wednesday 20th December ~ 'WELL DRESSED WEDNESDAY'**

**End of term parties & party clothes!**

**Wednesday 20th December ~ LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM**

# HUNDON AND THURLOW PRIMARY FEDERATION

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## **Hundon Community Primary School**



**Parents and Carers of 3 and 4 year old children, have you applied for a full-time school place for your child?**

If you have a child born between **1st September 2019** and **31st August 2020** you must apply for a place by midnight on Monday **15th January 2024**.

Applications should be made online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions)

**Choosing the right primary school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will have to make. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about our school and what learning is like as part of a village community, in light of Reception admissions for September 2024 or otherwise, please visit our school website:**

**<https://www.htpfederation.co.uk/index.php/hundon>**

**Explore our website, visit our class pages and contact our School Office via email at [admin@hundonschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@hundonschool.co.uk) or by telephone on 01440 786217 so we can contact you with further details as soon as we can.**

*NB: You must make an application for a full-time place even if your child is already attending a nursery class in an infant or primary school or a Children's Centre next to a school site. Please note that a place for your child at your catchment school is not guaranteed.*

Dear Hundon Community Primary School

A huge thank you for your support during Harvest time! We're so grateful for your donation of 74.1kg of food WOW!! This will provide much-needed relief to those facing hardship.

Your donation helps countless people and families, like Janet, who came to us asking for help to fill in forms following the end of her relationship.

She had always lived on the breadline so had no savings, and had no idea how to control household finances as her partner had always done it. Immediately unable to pay her rent, utility bills, or any basic essentials for her children, your donations meant that we could provide her with food and toiletries until her benefit application was approved, as well as an electricity voucher so she could still cook meals for the family. We then help her with repayment plans to deal with the debts she had suddenly accrued, and held her hand when she was overwhelmed with the worry.

So many people like Janet aren't taught the skills to make good financial decisions, so the support we receive is also helping us to deliver budgeting lessons to both adults and children, so that they can go forward with the knowledge they need to thrive without falling into hardship.

If you would like to read more about our prevention work, or personal stories about how the people and services offered at REACH have helped clients through their difficult situations, please visit [www.reachhaverhill.org.uk](http://www.reachhaverhill.org.uk).

Thank you again for your support. Your generosity is a beacon of hope for those in difficult circumstances, and we're deeply thankful for your gift.

Yours sincerely,



Henry Wilson MBE  
Chief Executive  
REACH Community Projects