



Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th April, 2024



Laying the foundations for a bright future

Website link: www.htpfederation.co.uk

A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Time really is flying, as we come to the end of the second week of the Summer term! We are starting to think about our upcoming birthday when the school will be 150 years old and I have been meeting with companies to discuss renovating our current trim trail adventure equipment at the back of the school ~ I will keep you posted on our plans!

We have had some lovely visitors to school this week. Hawthorn Class had a very informative budgeting session on Monday, delivered by REACH Community Projects in which they learned all about how to manage their money and the importance of saving!

All the children also enjoyed experiencing a BOCCIA session this week which is an indoor target ball sport played on a court roughly the same size as a badminton court. It tests both muscle control and accuracy. It is very inclusive and whilst it is easy to play it is much harder to master, all of the children had great fun and did very well indeed!

If your children would like to continue to develop, their skills Haverhill Leisure Centre have a BOCCIA session which runs on Tuesdays at 5pm.

Have a lovely weekend everyone ~ here's hoping for more of this sunshine!

Best regards, Mrs FitzGerald

SUMMER TERM 1 ~ SCHOOL MEALS

For pupils in Years 3 to 6 (Oak Class and Hawthorn Class) the cost of a school meal is £2.60 per day. This half-term will cost £78.00 in total, (a week of school meals is £13.00.) Children can alternate between packed lunches and school meals as preferred but school meals need to be paid for in advance. Here is the link:

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/>

This does not affect those of you whose child/ren have school meals through the government's universal free school meal' offer for children in Reception through to Year 2 or entitlement due to eligibility for Pupil Premium.

SWIMMING

Our youngest children across both schools started their swimming sessions at our heated pool on Monday and did fantastically well.

Just a reminder the children will need:

- A ONE PIECE swimming costume or pair of swimming shorts / trunks
- a towel
- a swimming hat
- Suitable footwear to walk from the classroom to the pool, (e.g. flip flops / water shoes / crocs,) otherwise they will be wearing their school shoes.

DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE

I have received some very negative feedback from local residents regarding speeding, road use and inconsiderate parking on North Street and Church Street at the start and end of the school day.

Whilst I know everyone is aware of the challenges with regards our school site and parking, and I have frequently highlighted the concerns, including the worry that one of our children could be injured or worse in a road traffic accident, the difficulties are continuing.

Negatively affected residents will be making use of West Suffolk's 'on street parking infringement' regulations through which specific vehicles can be reported for offences such as speeding, blocking access, parking in front of dropped kerbs, obstructing junctions, stopping on school yellow lines, parking on grass verges and blocking pedestrian access.

I understand this involves reporting the issue at [Report Street Parking Infringements](#) including the car registration number and a few other details, (photographic evidence is optional) and fines can be issued.

Additionally, it can also lead to Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) visiting our locality and issuing penalty charge notices (PCNs) to illegally parked vehicles.

With this in mind is vital due care and attention for our school, our neighbours and other drivers is given. Please leave a little earlier in the morning and use the parking available at the village hall or the pub and take the short walk to and from the school site.

If, like us, you have concerns regarding driving or parking around the school site you can use the link above to report the offences and/or use the following link to report your concerns: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/ro/report/>

Thank you for your help and support in this important matter.

PURPLE DAY FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK

NON-UNIFORM DAY ~ FRIDAY 3RD MAY ~ DONATION REQUESTED £1.00

As in previous years we are holding a non-uniform day in support of Cancer Research UK. This year this will be on Friday 3rd May. The children are invited to attend school in their 'normal' clothes and are asked to wear / accessorise with something purple in recognition of the work the important work this charity undertakes.

Small amounts add up! If every child in our Federation donates a £1 each to this worthy charity enough funds would be raised to pay for five special machines which spin blood samples until they separate, allowing scientists to study cancerous cells, find out more about them and target their weak spots!



NATIONAL CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT DATES

Key Stage One	YEAR 2 Reading and Maths Assessments (Y2) Teacher Assessed Writing (Y2) Teacher Assessed Science (Y2)	ADMINISTERED IN MAY (OPTIONAL)
	YEAR 1 Phonics Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 10th June
Key Stage Two	YEAR 4 Multiplication Tables Check	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 10th June
	YEAR 6 KEY STAGE TWO ASSESSMENTS Monday 13th May ~ English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS) & Spelling Tuesday 14th May ~ English Reading Paper Wednesday 15th May ~ Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning) Thursday 16th May ~ Maths Paper 3 Reasoning	ADMINISTERED Week beginning 13th May

We will be scheduling information sessions for parents as well as additional workshops / 'booster' sessions for the children in the coming weeks as necessary.

SPECIALIST MUSIC TUITION

Our specialist instrument teacher, Mr Calder, has some spaces for new pupils and is offering free taster sessions for violin, cello, clarinet and double bass this term for pupils in Years 1 to 5. If you are interested, please contact Mr Calder directly: steve.calder1974@gmail.com

STAFFING UPDATE

Many of you will know we welcomed Mrs Vicky Thomas to the Federation in late December when she joined us to work across both schools undertaking a part-time administrative role.

Mrs Thomas is leaving at the end of this week having secured a new position and, whilst we will be looking to recruit in the near future, I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Thomas for her contribution to our Federation and wish her luck in her new role.

Morning and After School Club

Just a reminder that these sessions cost £2 per session which must be paid for in advance. We still have places available within our morning and football clubs, please speak to the School Office for more information.

Morning club sessions for the term will cost £56

After-school club sessions will cost £12

Payments for these sessions can be made using the following link: [Suffolk County Council - Payments](#)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please check back regularly as additional dates added as and when activities / visits are confirmed!

SUMMER TERM 2024

Month of May ~ Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments

Wednesday 1st May ~ Shimpling Park Farm Visit ~ Hawthorn Class

Hawthorn Class, along with their sister class at Thurlow, will be visiting Shimpling Park Farm linked to their 'Sow, Grow & Farm' theme.

Monday 6th May ~ Bank Holiday (May Day)

Friday 10th May ~ Oak Class Presentation at 2.30pm

Parents, carers and 'special others' of children in Oak Class are invited to join us.

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May ~ Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments

Friday 17th May ~ Cherry Class Presentation at 2.30pm

Parents, carers and 'special others' of children in Cherry Class are invited to join us.

Monday 20th May ~ Renewable Farming Visitor ~ Hawthorn Class

Hawthorn Class, will be joined by a renewable farming expert to enhance their learning as part of their 'Sow, Grow & Farm' theme.

Friday 24th May ~ LAST DAY OF THE HALF-TERM

Summer Half-Term ~ Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June ~ ACTIVITIES WEEK ~ more details will follow

Monday 10th June May to Friday 14th June ~ Year 1 Phonics & Year 4 Multiplication Checks

Monday 10th June ~ Cambridge Botanic Gardens ~ Willow Class

Willow Class, along with their sister class at Thurlow, will be visiting the gardens linked to their 'The Scented Garden' theme.

Thursday 12th June ~ 'NO JOKE' Play at Haverhill Arts Centre ~ Hawthorn Class

Hawthorn Class, along with their sister class at Thurlow, will be visiting the Arts Centre to watch a performance of the play, 'NO JOKE'.

Friday 14 June ~ Willow Class Presentation at 2.30pm

Parents, carers and 'special others' of children in Willow Class are invited to join us.

Monday 17th June to Thursday 20th June ~ BIKEABILITY for Hawthorn Class

Wednesday 26th June ~ HUNDON SPORTS AFTERNOON

Join us from lunchtime for a picnic lunch followed by our sports afternoon

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER TERM 2024 continued...

Friday 28th June ~ Fitzwilliam Museum Visit ~ Oak Class

Oak Class, along with their sister class at Thurlow, will be visiting the museum linked to their 'Ancient Civilisations' theme.

Thursday 4th July ~ Year 6 Leaver's Trip to Pleasurewood Hills

Thursday 4th July ~ Years 3, 4 & 5 Inter-School Day

Inter-school activities with our sister school, Thurlow ~ more details to follow

(Monday 8th July to Wednesday 10th July ~ Stour Valley Transition Days for Year 6)

Monday 8th July and Tuesday 9th July ~ 'MOVE UP' DAYS for all pupils

Friday 12th July ~ Annual School Reports distributed

FRIDAY 12TH JULY ~ YEAR 6 LEAVER'S PRESENTATION at 2.30pm

Year 6 Parents, carers and 'special others' are invited to this special celebration presentation

(Wednesday 17th July to Friday 19th July ~ Unity School Transition Days for Year 6)

Friday 19th July ~ LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ~ ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

With the current economic climate and continuing rises in costs to living, we wanted to remind families about accessing free school meals.

We strongly urge you to check, especially if your circumstances have changed or change unexpectedly and remember they are not just available if you are unemployed. The process is completely confidential and pupils entitled to and claiming free school meals are not identified in any way.

You can be reassured your child has access to a healthy, nutritious and tasty meal at lunchtime and is well nourished for an afternoon of learning.

In addition, the number of pupils registered will positively impact on school funding; in these tricky financial times this will provide much needed extra financial support to the school so please check and register, whether or not your child wishes to eat a school meal regularly.

CHECK HERE: [APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS](#)

OFSTED'S 'BIG LISTEN'

This initiative was launched earlier this month by Sir Martyn Oliver, the new Ofsted chief. He is seeking feedback on their work and they are keen to hear from parents, carers and learners.

The consultation is due to end on 31st May, if you wish to participate the consultation can be access via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen>



Year 2 parents - are you ready for September?

Your child will no longer receive Universal Infant Free School Meals when they move to Year 3 unless you **apply now** and are eligible.

You will save over £435 a year and your child's school will receive extra funding to support your child with their learning.

If you have already applied and have been found to be eligible, you do not need to reapply.

To be eligible for Free School Meals you must receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 4 week run on



Applying online only takes a few minutes and is easy. Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

BOOMERANG'S PET FOODBANK

BOOK SALE

SUNDAY 28 APRIL
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