



Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



Laying the foundations for a bright future

Website link: www.htpfederation.co.uk

A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Wow! Another super week!! We really enjoyed our Christingle Service at All Saints on Thursday, the children did a great job and it was lovely that so many of you were able to join us.

There are a mere 24 days to Christmas now! We have the Reception and Key Stage One Nativity 'Prickly Hay' next week to look forward to and then our Christmas Lunch combined with Christmas Jumper Day a highlight, before finishing with a flourish and our 'Carols on the Playground' followed by 'Well Dressed Wednesday'! Please check the diary dates in this newsletter for times and details.

As you will be aware, we unfortunately remain without an active PTA for the school to fundraise and organise additional events. So the children do not miss out, staff have kindly agreed to give up their free time to facilitate a Christmas Disco. (Ticket costs will cover the outlay for the drinks, crisps, sweets and glow sticks.) Additionally, the costs of the Key Stage 2 children's Christmas Lunch and crackers will be covered from Federation Funds, as, unlike other settings, including our sister school, we do not have a PTA to fundraise and pay for such 'additional extras'.

The weather has turned colder so it is very important that our children have their warm coats and, dare I say it, there has been the mention of the 's' word and so a reminder about our severe weather planning.....

We recognise it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and our pupils can continue to learn. We will make every effort to prepare for severe weather and endeavour to remain open. School closure will be considered should safe access become a concern and/or the provision afforded the children be compromised due to the number of staff able to attend school safely. We will share information on this, as early as possible, on Class Dojo, ParentMail and Facebook as well as via the local authority's school closure page and local radio.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Warmest regards, Mrs FitzGerald

SEVERE WEATHER

Every effort will be made to keep the school open in severe weather. The school would only close if it is no longer safe for staff and pupils to travel to school and be on site.

We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Therefore, we will make every effort to prepare for severe weather.

Information about school closure will be posted:

- Class Dojo
- ParentMail
- Via the Suffolk County Council website: <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk>
- Facebook
- Local radio

URGENT: START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

It has been brought to our attention that we have a **number of children** being **dropped off outside the school** and **left unsupervised** first thing in the morning. This is before the start of the school day. Please note children **remain the responsibility of their parent/carer until** they are 'handed over' to their Class Teacher at **8.45am** when **the school day begins** and **not before**.

Children must not be left without a supervising adult. Parents/carers are responsible for anything that goes wrong in their absence. It is an offence to leave a child alone if it places them at risk.

As a school, we recognise and sympathise with the often-complex pressures faced by families in balancing work and childcare. It is why we offer childcare provision first thing in the mornings from 8am for the nominal cost of £2.00 per session within our Morning Sports Club run by qualified staff from Prestige Sports. We urge parents/carers to make use of this facility and book sessions to support childcare needs with Mrs Mitson in our School Office.

Additionally, we also recognise the challenges of parking around our school site so we politely ask parents to consider their child's safety and welfare ~ arrive a few minutes early, park a little further away and walk your child into school. Stay with them and set them up to have the best day!

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

We continue to be very concerned at further reports received regarding the behaviour of a small number of children, likely to be under 10, in and around the village, unsupervised.

We have received further worrying reports of children with vapes as well as behaving inappropriately at the park and village shop. This is in addition to the recently highlighted concerns about young girls and boys, cycling and scootering unsafely on the roads and pavements, putting themselves, pedestrians and drivers at risk.

We are compelled to share this with you; we are very concerned about this, not least the safety of these children as well as the possible trouble they could find themselves in with the police for anti-social behaviour or worse.

Please read this guide if you have a child who stays home alone or goes out alone:

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM 2023

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED...

Friday 8th December ~ 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

SPRING TERM 2024

Wednesday 3rd January ~ PD DAY

Thursday 4th January ~ FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM FOR THE CHILDREN

A festive poster for a Christmas Craft Fair. The background is dark blue with various Christmas-themed illustrations: cinnamon sticks, a green and white plaid mug, a red cup with white marshmallows, a red and white striped candy, a blue snowflake, and green holly leaves. The text is in white and light blue.

**Christmas
Craft Fair**

Hundon Village Hall
Sunday 3rd December
11am - 3pm

*Local crafts, produce & gifts
Refreshments available*

Hosted by
*
Lancee Event Hire

info@lanceeeventhire.co.uk

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Main

Traditional Roast Turkey Breast, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Sausage, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables & Rich Gravy

or

Quorn Fillet, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables & Rich Gravy

To finish

Chocolate Ice Cream Yule Log

Date:

Wednesday 13th December



DISCO

Thursday 14th December

4:00pm-5:15pm in the school hall

£3 per pupil

Includes: drinks, crisps, sweets and glow sticks



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Family Action West Suffolk Neurodevelopment Support Service

Do you have a
neurodivergent child?

NEW Parent and Carer Drop In

- Meet other parents' and carers
- Chat to our friendly Family Support Workers

First Wednesday of the month, 10:30am - 12:00pm
First Drop In: Wed 3rd Jan 2024

No need to book
Free tea and coffee available



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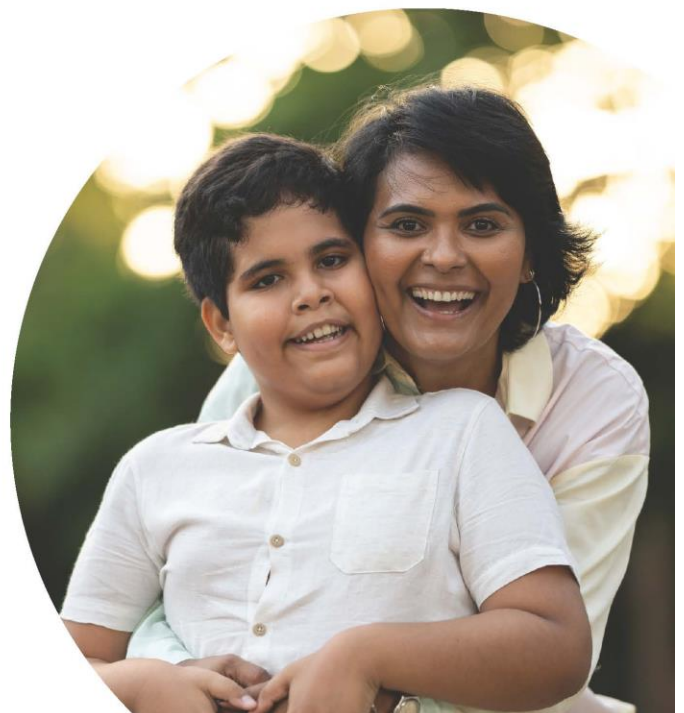
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HUNDON AND THURLOW PRIMARY FEDERATION

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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

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 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.



Festive Fun Run – Sunday, 10 December

Grab your tinsel and jolliest attire and participate in the St Nio's Festive Fun Run on Sunday, 10 December, at Culford School.

Run, jog or walk 2.5k or 5k and make a difference to the lives of those in need while enjoying a fun and festive atmosphere with family and friends.

You'll receive a Santa hat and bespoke medal, and a chance to enjoy the Christmas village, with hot drinks and festive treats available to buy.

Visit our website to sign up, or email events@stnh.org.uk with any enquiries.




At St Nicholas Hospice Care, we rely on the community to raise vital funds to continue caring for patients and their families.

£10 could help pay for a nutritious meal for a patient on our ward.

£25 could help purchase art therapy materials for children receiving specialist bereavement support.

£50 could help people to receive Hospice care at home by ensuring our Community Nurses have a full tank of petrol.



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