



# Huntley C of E Primary School

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## Newsletter – Mar 2019

### WELCOME BACK MRS HULSE

This term we welcome back Mrs Hulse who has been on maternity leave.

Mrs Hulse will be teaching our Year 6 Class on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

Welcome back Mrs Hulse!!!!!!

### PLAYGROUND USE AFTER SCHOOL

It's lovely to see so many children enjoying the playground after school and we are very happy for this to continue however there are a few issues arising we would like to address:

Children are using the muddy kitchen area, this is simply not allowed and following the discovery of playtime equipment hidden behind the muddy kitchen along with a selection of sweet wrappers we ask that any playtime equipment is not used and snacks are not taken into the playground.

We also need to just make sure that once school is finished at 3.15pm the children who are not in clubs are not re-entering the building, it is disruptive and actually very dangerous as staff are not aware who is in the building.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### SPORTS

**GYM COMPETITION:** Welldone to all the children who very bravely competed in the gym competition at Dene Magna on 26<sup>th</sup> March. You did fantastically! And thank you also to all the parents who came along to support the children & helped get them there & back 😊

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder that Tesco UES has now changed to My Clothing. Orders can be placed via [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com). Prices have all remained the same; the only thing that has changed is the name.

School receive a 5% donation of all sales and your items are delivered directly to your door.

### CLUBS

Apologies for the mistakes on the clubs letter, I think I have caused quite a bit of confusion so just to clarify, clubs this term are:

**MONDAY:** Cricket Y2-4

**TUESDAY:** Cricket Y5 & 6

**WEDNESDAY:** Board Games Y1-3  
Netball y5 & 6

**THURSDAY:** Boys Football Y5 & 6

**FRIDAY:** Homework Y2-6

This information can also be found on the school website.

**Please note that cricket & boys football run to 3.15pm and collection is from the school field but board games, netball & homework club finish at 4pm and collection is from the normal door.**

### WORLD BOOK DAY

7/3/2019

As we have only recently dressed up in costumes for school we are taking a different approach to World Book Day this year. On Friday each child will come home with a badge. The children can decorate the badge based on their favourite book. Throughout the day children will discuss their favourite books and other books they have read.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please remember to check the school website for any information you might need. The website is updated regularly with information about clubs, important dates, term dates, menus and newsletters are all published on the website. Also each class has their own page where you can see what they have been up to and what they are looking at each term. The website should always be the first point of reference.

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### Coming Up:

(Some dates you may wish to note in your diaries)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Boys KO cup at Coney Hill

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Stream & River trip to Westons

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Nature Quiz/ Science & Engineering day at Tibberton

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Photo's, classes & leavers and whole school

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Class Stream viola concert 2.45pm

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Class River trip to We The Curious

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET DAY/HALF-TERM

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – BACK TO SCHOOL

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Girls Kwik Cricket at Newent

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Kwik Cricket Open at Westbury, Year 5 & 6

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day

### 100% ATTENDANCE

We just wanted to acknowledge the children who have managed 100% attendance since September. We know it's not always easy so welldone!!!!

Stanley, Hamish, Matt C, Harriet, Amelie, Esmay, Olivia F, Jess, Phoebe G, Jasper, Angus, Aoife, Seren N, Alexis, Leo, Dennis, Sophie C, Grace, Joshua, Austin, Brooklyn, Amelia N and Ruby.

### BAG 2 SCHOOL

Some of you may remember a previous collection arranged by PTFA. The idea is to simply fill the bag with any unwanted items of clothing/ shoes (they need to be in good condition & there are certain things they don't take), drop it off on 19<sup>th</sup> March by 9am and when the bags are collected and weighed PTFA are presented with a cheque for your unwanted goods.

If you have had a bag come home with your child that you do not need please return it as some people would like more bags & there were not quite enough to go around.

We know it is easier to drop the bags off as soon as you've filled them but we do need to ask that the bags are not dropped off prior to the collection date. We simply do not have the space to safely store them. Last time we ended up with quite a pile of bags in the main entrance which is a regularly used thoroughfare and a fire exit so presents quite a hazard.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Dear all,

I hope you all had a lovely half term.

We have just reviewed and updated our **Attendance Policy**. Can I please ask that you have a look through it, to ensure that everyone is clear a/bout issues such as taking holidays in school time and how we monitor attendance and lateness. If you have any comments, please let me know- any feedback is appreciated. It is on the website in the policies section, or I am happy to print copies out if needed.

On the topic of attendance, we have decided to review how we celebrate 100% attendance throughout the school year. We appreciate that illness is unavoidable and for example, attendance in Class Stream has been low this term, due the chicken pox outbreak! I monitor attendance on a half termly basis and we have decided to award certificates at the end of each half term for 100% attendance to make it more attainable and a shorter term target. For each award the children gain, their name will be put into a prize draw, which will be drawn on Founder's day. So the more awards the better chance of winning!

You may have heard in the news about the new Relationships Education which will become compulsory in primary schools from 2020. There is a lot of hype around it at the moment, but I can assure there is nothing in the guidance that is not just good practice and is taking place in most primary schools already. Last year a colleague and I wrote an RSE scheme of work for the county with the Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning team. This has been used across the county in a large number of schools including our own, so the changes will not really affect our curriculum. There is however more of a teaching focus around positive mental health and we are currently reviewing our provision to ensure we meet the criteria fully. Please get in touch if you have any questions and I will be running parent meetings in the near future to seek views.

Just a date for your diaries. On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March there will be a Mothering Sunday service in the church at 11:00. It will be family service but the children will be able to experience a baptism and the adults taking Eucharist. The children have been invited to sing during the service and we are going to learn a couple of special Mother's day songs. I appreciate that it is a special day for many of us but it would be great to see some of the children there taking part. I will send a letter out shortly to get an idea of the number of children who can come along.

And last, but by no means least - a massive thank you to the PTFA for organising the work in the playground over the holiday! The new ramp and fencing looks amazing. Some of the old play equipment was removed and also a delivery of topsoil was made to the wildlife garden. Therefore the 'dig to Australia' can continue!! Many thanks. Please look out for updates from the PTFA on the white board outside school.

Thank you for your continued support.

E Curtis