



Newsletter – May 2019

ANGLO SAXON DAY

Class River had an Anglo-Saxon day. Ms Davies spent hours making some fantastic costumes so everybody looked the part and once everybody was dressed appropriately the real fun began! The highlight would have to be the fantastic villages we made from clay! There were some absolutely brilliant clay animals made!!! We also got to try some Anglo Saxon food lovingly prepared by Miss Dawson!

"I really enjoyed the Anglo-Saxon food"
Iona

"I enjoyed building the village"
Sophie & Dennis

Thank you to everyone for putting in so much effort to make the day a success.



ST. FAGANS

On Wednesday 3rd April 2019, Class Stream visited St Fagans Museum in Cardiff as part of their history topic.

"We went to St Fagans and learnt how to wash Grannys bloomers and we made some peg figures. I enjoyed using the washboard to clean the bloomers."

By Olivia Hayward



Coming Up:

Tuesday 30th April & Thursday 2nd May – Parents Evenings
Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 13th May – SAT's Week
Thursday 16th May – Y6 Cooking at Newent
Tuesday 21st May – Visitor from Dene Magna to see Year 6's
Friday 24th May – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June – Back to school
Wednesday 5th June – Year 6 Leavers Service at the Cathedral
Wednesday 12th June – Girls Kwik Cricket at Newent
Thursday 13th June – Kwik Cricket Open at Westbury, Year 5 & 6
Friday 14th June – Sports Day
Monday 24th June – Dene Magna Induction Week
Thursday 27th June – Bell Boat Regatta
Friday 28th June – Manor Adventures Residential Weekend

PRE-LOVED BOOKS & UNIFORM SALE

PTFA will be selling used school uniform & children's books on Thursday 9th May. Starting at 2.45pm in front of the big blue door.

If you would like to donate any uniform or books, please drop into school on the morning of the sale (if it's dry just leave them by the big blue door). Any books not sold will be donated to charity.

SATS WEEK

SATS week is fast approaching, SATS begin on Monday 13th May and the last day of SATS is Thursday 16th May. Please can we ask that during this week we have no late arrivals in school as this can be very disruptive, we do not walk through the hall and generally respect the need for quiet when moving around the school. We want to provide our Year 6's with the right environment to keep their nerves steady and enable them to perform to their highest ability.

A little note for Year 6,

As SATs week is approaching we just wanted to wish you lots of luck and say how very proud we are of your hard work and attitude towards revision. You have been focused in class to revise the work of 7 years of learning! Thank you for applying yourselves to be the best you can be, and for tackling all elements of work eagerly and with confidence (even your least favourite topics).

As a group that enjoys a challenge, we know you may even enjoy your SATs tests!

Good Luck – you are ready!

Mrs Hulse & Miss Etheridge

A SPECIAL VISITOR

Last month we had a very special uneggspected visitor come to school.

The cheeky Easter Bunny set off the fire alarm and caused absolute mayhem. We all rushed down to the playground and lined up because we thought it was a real fire alarm then when the children started laughing we turned round to see the Easter Bunny appearing!!!

The Easter Bunny did apologise and although it is very naughty setting the fire alarm off even if it is an accident, all was forgiven when we saw the Easter Bunny had brought a Cadbury Crème Egg for all the children. Thank you for coming to see us Easter Bunny & thank you to the PTFA for helping the Easter Bunny get the Crème Eggs!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder that Tesco UES has now changed to My Clothing. Orders can be placed via 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.

PTFA RECIPE BOOK

Books have now been given out but there are lots left over so if you forgot don't worry, you've not missed your chance, there are more in the office ready to go!

Books are only £5 each, fantastic value for some brilliant easy meal ideas!

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.

Dear all,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter – it now seems to long ago!

Thank you to Rev. Lara who came into school to on Thursday and explored one of our core values, courage with the children in assembly. On Friday she also came in to speak to the children in Class Stream to give them the opportunity to ask 'Big Questions' She will be coming into every class over the term to give the children the chance to raise questions, discuss topical issues and develop curiosity and opinions.

On the topic of values; staff, children and governors have been working for a few months revisiting our values and the school mission. A parent questionnaire from last July has also fed into this. As a result we finally have a new school mission statement which we feel encompasses what we are about at Huntley and what we are trying to achieve. We have narrowed our school values down to three core values Respect, Perseverance and Courage. These underpin how the school community works and how the children flourish. We still explore the other values on a rolling programme.



The children in Year 6 have their SATs coming up on the week of the 13th May. We wish them all the best and are very proud of the positive attitude and maturity they have shown leading up to them.

We have started up some new clubs this term. Thank you for those who responded to the questionnaire that was sent out – the feedback was really useful. We are really pleased that Tara has been able fit us in for an after school dance club- this will no doubt be fun and full of energy!

Class River have started a term of music lessons. They are having a go at samba – something completely different! Thank you to the PTFA for sorting out the funding for this- it is such a great opportunity for the children.

On the subject of music lessons- our guitar teacher no longer has the capacity to deliver lessons during the school day. However I am very keen to arrange small group/individual music lessons next year and would appreciate any suggestions.

I just wanted to say big thank you to the PTFA who have been working hard behind the scenes organising grants and fundraising ideas. We will find out about the Tesco funds next week- thank you for your support. A special thank you to Ruth for producing the PTFA recipe books. Copies are still available from the office for only £5. A useful addition to the household or a unique present! The PTFA are now looking forward towards Founder's Day and if anyone has any raffle prize ideas please let me know!

Hopefully you all found the recent parent's evenings useful. Please remember that you obviously don't need to wait for these meetings if you have any queries or concerns. Myself and the other staff are always available to discuss any issues as they arise so that they can be resolved quickly. Please just pop into the office or phone school to arrange a time.

And lastly, Mrs Weekes – the school reflexologist has a couple of spaces. Please get in touch if you are interested, or she is in on Monday if you would like to speak to her in person.

Thank you for your continued support

E. Curtis

