



Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th February, 2024



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A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

What a busy time we have had at school. It was lovely that lots of you were able to make our 'share' session last week linked to National Storytelling Week, it always makes such a difference to the children having you there! This week we have also been busy with 'Safer Internet Day', learning more about how we can keep ourselves safe online.

As I write this I cannot quite believe that the half-term break is almost upon us! The last few weeks have flown by and I have a feeling the second half of the spring will do the same.

I hear Willow Class did a fantastic job this afternoon in their Celebration Presentation, sharing lots of their learning from their new theme 'Land Ahoy!'; it was lovely so many of you could make it!

A huge congratulations go to Fleur from Thurlow, who was the winner of the governor's telescope competition ~ the entries were all amazing, I am very relieved I did not have to decide on the winning entry! Everyone who entered did a superb job and will receive 10 dojo points each for entering.

We also need to say congratulations to our lovely Mrs Tipper, who has very recently been awarded her QTS ~ that is Qualified Teacher Status. This follows a very intense year of training and studying as well as undertaking teaching responsibilities in Otters Class at Thurlow as our first Teacher Apprentice. Well done Mrs Tipper!

Happy weekend everyone 😊

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 our school site but **none of us want a child attending our setting to be a road traffic accident statistic! This week we have received worrying reports of near misses!** This includes a report of two young children who had left the school site with an authorised older sibling and ran across the road, causing a car to break urgently to avoid hitting them! Additionally, the parking on several occasions this week would have prevented emergency services accessing our site and this is not acceptable.

We do have agreements with the village hall as well as The Rose and Crown to use their parking so please use these facilities and take the short walk to and from the school site.

We are seeking support from Suffolk Constabulary as well as Suffolk Highways regarding this matter, in the meantime please, please have due care and attention when dropping off and collecting your child/ren.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

SEVERE WEATHER

As is always the case, every effort will be made to keep the school open in severe weather. The school would only close if it is not safe for staff and pupils to travel to / from school and/or be on site.

There was much concern this morning with the heavy rain overnight and localised flooding in our locality. Please be assured we will continue to monitor the weather, river levels and flood alerts in our locality and be in touch if we need to make any decisions linked to safety and risk factors as soon as we can.

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 and share information as soon as possible.

Information about school closure will be posted:

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

A little note from our Chair of Governors

I am very pleased to let you all know that the winner of the Governors' Telescope Competition was Fleur Bennett, a Year 3 pupil at Thurlow. Huge congratulations to Fleur! The governors were really impressed with the effort she had put into her letter and the fact that she showed a real interest in astronomy and wants to share the telescope with her family. She included lots of reasons for wanting the telescope but also some humour: "I really would like to see if the face on the moon is real or if it is made out of cheese like Wallace and Gromit say!"

It was extremely difficult to choose just one letter as all of the entries were brilliant! Well done and thank you to everyone who entered the competition. The governors learnt new things about our galaxy and the universe just by reading the letters such as "there are more stars in the universe than grains of sand"!

*Val Phillips
Chair of Governors*

UNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP TWO-WEEK HALF TERM

Unity are again asking parents and staff about their opinions on the half-term break in 2024 and future years.

We remain unconvinced that a shorter lunch and/or break-time and an extra 5 minutes onto the school day across an academic year equates to a week's worth of learning.

We have shared our views and concerns with **Tim Coulson, Unity's Chief Executive**, highlighting the **negative impact on pupils, families and staff**. **We do not believe the benefits of the 'pilot' outweigh the children's loss of learning.** We have also raised the matter with our local MP, Matt Hancock.

We know Unity's plan is going to **adversely affect many of you financially, practically and logistically.**

Please contact the Chief Executive of Unity Schools Partnership, Tim Coulson, TCoulson@unitysp.co.uk and share your views!

Contact our local MP, Matt Hancock, matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk and tell him!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Other dates will follow but I know lots of you will want to get these onto the calendar as soon as possible. The team and I will be adding to our schedule of special days, visitors and trips, including some additional 'share' opportunities ~ keep checking this list!

SPRING TERM 2024

Friday 16th February ~ Cherry Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm

Parents of children in Cherry Class only are invited.

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY ~ END OF HALF-TERM

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 19th February ~ Friday 23rd February

Monday 26th February to Friday 1st March ~ UNICEF Fairtrade Week ~ more details to follow

Thursday 7th March ~ World Book Day ~ more details to follow

Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March ~ British Science Week ~ more details to follow

Tuesday 19th March ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Cherry Class & Willow Class

Wednesday 20th March ~ PARENT CONSULTATIONS for Oak Class & Hawthorn Class

Find out how your child is doing in class with their academic targets.

Thursday 21st March ~ World Poetry Day ~ more details to follow

Thursday 28th March ~ LAST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM



OWL DISPLAY



Get up close with owls
Presented by Hawkeye Falconry UK.
Show lasts one hour.
Money raised goes to St. Peter's Church restoration Fund.



Choose your show
Date: 2 March 2024
Venue: St. Peter's Church
Little Thurlow CB9 7JQ
Display times: 10.30am and 12pm
Ticket price: Adults: £10
Children : £5 (12years & under)

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