



# Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 26th January 2024



### Laying the foundations for a bright future

Website link: [www.htpfederation.co.uk](http://www.htpfederation.co.uk)

#### A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...

Well, here we are at the end of another learning-packed week at Hundon ~ this time next week we will be in February ~ I for one am amazed at how fast time is passing!

The children are thoroughly immersing themselves in their themes and enjoying their associated class texts particularly. Next week we have 'National Storytelling Week' to enjoy and the children will be experiencing lots of storytelling related activities. Don't forget the planned 'share' session in the afternoon on Friday 2nd February from 2.15pm ~ we hope lots of you can come along!

Oak Class did a great job with their Celebration Presentation; they shared lots of their early learning from their new theme 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'. We all thoroughly enjoyed and it was lovely some of you were able to come along.

Have a lovely weekend everyone ☺

Best regards, Mrs FitzGerald

#### **ADMINISTRATION TEAM UPDATE**

In recent weeks we have welcomed Mrs Vicky Thomas to our Federation Administration Team. Vicky joins us with a wealth of relevant experience having worked with West Suffolk College. Vicky is working across both our schools, supporting Mrs Lisa Mitson who has, in recent times, 'stepped up', taking on additional responsibilities and accepting promotion to our Administration Manager position as well as completing significant training to be our Federation Finance Officer. Vicky is also providing administration support at our sister school Thurlow, where Mrs Nicola Sanders is Administration Officer.

#### **SCARLET FEVER REMINDER**

As the week draws to a close I just wanted to remind everyone that we have a very small number of confirmed cases of scarlet fever within the school. As mentioned in our recent letter whilst it is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others. It is a reportable illness and we are in regular communication with our local Health Protection Team.

We are also undertaking additional 'deep' cleaning at school, reminding the children about handwashing through the day, especially after visiting the toilet and the disposing of tissues / covering their mouths when sneezing.

Please keep an eye out for early symptoms such as sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting as well as a red, pinhead rash that typically appears on the chest / tummy and gives the skin a sandpaper-like texture.

If you think you or your child have scarlet fever please seek a diagnosis from your GP urgently, not least so you can access the full course of prescribed antibiotics necessary to clear this contagious infection.

## 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](mailto:TCoulson@unitysp.co.uk) and share your views!

Contact our local MP, Matt Hancock, [matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk](mailto: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

#### **Monday 29th January to Friday 2nd February ~ National Storytelling Week**

There will be lots of storytelling learning and activities underway across the school this week. At 2:15pm in the afternoon on Friday 2nd February we will be hosting 'share' sessions and parents and carers are invited to attend. Join your child and share their learning as part of this week.

**Tuesday 6th February ~ Safer Internet Day** ~ more details to follow

#### **Friday 9th February ~ Willow Class Family Celebration Presentation at 2.45pm**

Parents of children in Willow Class only are invited.

#### **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**

## **SEVERE WEATHER**

**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.**

**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**



The advertisement features a large image of a Great Horned Owl perched on a branch, with the text "OWL DISPLAY" overlaid. Below this are three circular inset images: a Screech Owl, a Snowy Owl, and a Great Horned Owl. To the right, a green circular icon contains a white building with a chimney. The text "Get up close with owls" is followed by "Presented by Hawkeye Falconry UK. Show lasts one hour. Money raised goes to St. Peter's Church restoration Fund." A purple section at the bottom contains the text "Choose your show" and details: "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)". A dark blue footer contains contact information: "Contact us 01440 783228/ 07957196628" and "Email biddybigland@gmail.com".

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