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Huncote Primary School Post

The Newsletter for Pupils, Parents, Governors and Friends
Issue 4 – Tuesday 6th November 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 8th Nov – Yr 5/6 Benchball Festival
- Monday 12th Nov – Fundraisers Mini-Film Club EYFS and Yr 1 3.15pm-4.00pm
- Yr 5/6 Boys Football Away at Thistly Meadow
- Tuesday 13th Nov – Fire Service Talks to Yr 5 and Yr 1
- Wednesday 14th Nov – Yr 5/6 Guitar Group & Singing Group are playing at Blaby Awards Night
- Friday 16th Nov – Fundraisers Film Club Yrs 2-6 6.00-8.00pm
- Friday 23rd Nov – Open Assembly 9.15am
- Yr 3/4 Girls Football Tournament at Brockington
- Saturday 24th Nov – Community Day
- Friday 30th Nov – Flu Immunisations for EYFS – Yr 6
- Saturday 1st Dec – Cross Country @ Prestwold Hall am
- Tuesday 4th Dec – Panto visiting school
- Friday 7th Dec – Fundraisers Christmas Crafts 3.15pm
- Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th Dec – EYFS and KS1 Christmas Nativity 2.00pm
- Friday 14th Dec – Fundraisers Christmas Disco 6.00-7.30pm
- Monday 17th Dec – Yrs 1&2 Christmas Trip
- Yrs 5&6 Christmas Carol Concert 6.00pm
- Tuesday 18th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day
- Yrs 3&4 Christmas Carol Concert 6.00pm
- Thursday 20th Dec – Awards Assembly 2.00pm
- Friday 21st Dec – Non-Uniform day
- Fundraisers Breakfast with Santa
- School Closes

Harvest Food Bank Donations

Thanks for the generous harvest donations to Hinckley Foodbank - we gave a total of 38.8kg of food which has a 'value' of £ 67.90.

In response to requests from some parents, we are offering a reverse advent calendar to continue our support for Hinckley Area Foodbank. From Monday 3rd December, there will be a collection box in the main entrance for donations of food to the foodbank. Suitable food items include dried pasta, rice, tinned soup/beans/spaghetti/peas/fruit, small boxes of cereal/tea bags (40 size please), instant custard or rice pudding etc. If you are unsure, please chat with Mrs Matthews who can give you more details.

From Mrs Cumberland...

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evenings the other week. Please remember that we do have an open door policy and if you have any questions or queries then do contact your child's class teacher in between. I hope you enjoyed our open assembly the other week too – once again we had a whole great variety of things that the children showed you.

The children have been very busy designing their Christmas Cards for Fundraisers and hopefully you have all ordered some fantastic designs for Christmas Cards. They have also completed a face for the school tea towel. The last date for ordering these is 15th November. Photos have come back with some gorgeous family pictures! Reminder that the last day for ordering these is 12th November.

The Fundraisers have also held two brilliant events – Halloween Crafts where we all got quite sticky...and the Halloween disco. The children looked very spooky in their costumes and a really good time was had by all. The winners of the fancy dress competition photo is overleaf.

We had a fab assembly a couple of weeks ago from the NSPCC about Speak out and Stay Safe and also about that pants are private. All the children have completed a buddy workout in school and should be collecting any sponsor money if they can. Please make sure this is in school by tomorrow.

Our sports teams and cross country runners have also been very busy – lots of photos overleaf and lots of wins!

New dates for the rest of this term up until Christmas are in the box to the left – please stick this on the fridge or noticeboard so you know what is happening.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have a child in school who is immuno suppressed (has a weakened immune system). Therefore we need to know if your child or any member of your family has chicken pox (or shingles), hand foot and mouth or any viral childhood illness so that contact can be avoided. Please report this to the office first thing in the morning so that alternative plans can be made (or as soon as the illness becomes known). Messages can be left on the answer phone before school.

Staffing News

Unfortunately, we are going to be losing two members of staff at Christmas. Mrs Johnson who teaches Year 4 has taken the hard decision to leave as she lives right round the other side of town, and the commute is becoming an issue.

Mrs Sharp who teaches Monday – Wednesday but has no class responsibility has also had to relocate and now is struggling with the travelling and juggling two small children.

We would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours!

Arrangements for after Christmas

We have been very lucky to secure Mrs Hayman to teach Year 4 on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and Mr Cooper to teach Year 4 on a Thursday. Both of these are very experienced teachers who are known to the school. Mrs Hayman taught Year 4 on a Monday when they were in EYFS and Mr Cooper has been working hard for over a year teaching extra Maths sessions to our Yr 5 & 6 children.

Before Christmas we will make sure there is some handover time for Mrs Johnson to meet with these teachers and for the children to say hello to them too. They will also be well supported by Miss Goode in the Year 3/4 planning team. We will endeavor to make the transition as smooth as possible for them all.

Mrs Sharp's day in EYFS on Monday will be covered by our very capable Nursery Nurse Catherine Wale alongside Mrs Hubbard – both of whom the children know very well. The day will be closely overseen by Mrs Matthews as she is in school on that day on her leadership time.

Fundraisers Halloween Disco Fancy Dress Winners



Singing Group

Our singing group along with Mrs Easingwood were invited to sing at St James' Church the other Sunday to celebrate 120 years along with the Bishop of Leicester. They sang very well and did us proud!



Croft Hill Christmas Pudding Chase

Saturday, 15 December 2018



Please see the following website for details:

<https://www.evententry.co.uk/croft-hill-christmas-pudding-chase>

Children in Need - Friday 16th November

The theme is 'Spotacular' once again so please can children come to school in their own clothes on that day for a £1.00 donation which we will collect and send to Children in Need.

They can wear yellow, dress up like Pudsey, wear spotty clothes, children in need sponsored clothes, make their clothes spotty by drawing/painting/attaching spots to them, spotty socks, spotty hat or even a spotty Jo-Jo Bow! They can wear the Pudsey ears or even make their face spotty with face paints.

If your child doesn't like dressing up, then they can wear non-school uniform also for a donation of £1.00.



Blaby Cross-Country Results

We have completed the four races now and have had a lot of fun running!

Three of our teams won 2nd place in the small schools competition – well done to Yr 3 Girls, Yr 5 Boys and Yr 6 Girls 😊.



Yr 5/6 Boys Football

The boys have won a competition between the small schools in the Blaby Area – the small schools Danone Cup. We had to beat our local rivals Croft and Thurlaston to win.

They have also played their first match in the knockout cup against Badgerbrook C Team and won. Well done Boys!



Yr 5/6 Hockey Tournament

We sent an A Team and a B Team to Brockington and ended up with the B Team coming 1st and the A Team coming 2nd! Well done to everyone!

