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Huncote Primary School Post

The Newsletter for Pupils, Parents, Governors and Friends
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 8 th February	Valentine Disco 6:00-7:30pm
Monday 11 th February	Yr 5/6 Boys Football - home
Tuesday 12 th February	Fitness in Schools Fundraising Day
Friday 15 th February	Open Assembly
Mon 18 th - Fri 22 nd February	Half Term
Tuesday 26 th February	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm
Wednesday 27 th February	Parents Evening 3:30-7:00pm
Saturday 2 nd March	Fundraisers Huncote Bake Off
Monday 4 th March	Yr 5/6 Boys & Girls Football – home
Monday 11 th March	Yr 5/6 Girls Football – home
Monday 18 th March	Yr 3/4 Trip
Tuesday 19 th March	Class/Group Photos
Friday 22 nd March	Open Assembly
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th March	Year 5/6 Residential
Saturday 30 th March	Fundraisers Chocolate Bingo
Wednesday 3 rd April	Brockington Choral Concert pm and evening
Friday 5 th April	Disco 6:00-7:30pm
Monday 8 th April	Easter Crafts
Thursday 11 th April	TBC Awards Assembly 2:00pm
Friday 12 th April	Non-Uniform Day Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

From Mrs Cumberlandidge...

Well amazingly we only have one week to go until half-term already! School has once again been very busy. It was lovely to see so many parents here for the Condoover meeting for Yr 5/6, and also the SATs meeting for Yr 6 parents. If you missed them the powerpoint is on the home page of the website for Condoover and Mr Murphy will be putting the SATs one on the Year 6 page.

The teachers going to Condoover are Mr Murphy, Mrs Easingwood, Miss Goode, Miss Dow, Mrs Clarke and myself. Year 3 will be taught by Mr Cooper for the majority of that week and Mrs Hayman will have Year 4 all week.

Some extra dates have been added into the calendar box on the left hand side.

Before Christmas the school had a visit from a Local Authority assigned School Effectiveness Partner. She came to view the school and discuss the work we have done since Ofsted in May, look round the school and look at our tests so far and predictions for data for 2019 especially at Year 6. She loved the school and I have included some direct quotes from her report below:

'The curriculum is broad and provides opportunities for pupils to study topics around a country. As a result this provides rich experiences, skills and knowledge to develop children's understanding of culture and traditions.'

'There are high expectations from leaders to support pupil's behaviour for learning. The environment has been carefully considered given the open plan layout. Pupil conduct observed during the visit was exemplary.'

'HT and leadership team following Ofsted have reflected critically, and have implemented a rapid improvement plan which identifies clear areas for improvement, timescales and impact. As a result internal data provided by the school would indicate current Y6 are already achieving at a higher % than last year's cohort.'

The Governors were really pleased with the report and I'm sure you will agree with me that this is really good news for the school!

POLITE REMINDER

Once you reach the school gates children should be getting off their bikes and scooters and pushing them to the bike rack or scooter rack. The playground and paths are far too busy to ride them. Please ensure your child does this.

LOROS FINS – Fitness in Schools

All children on Tuesday will need their PE kit in school to be able to do the sponsored event. Please return just the form, no money as yet, so that Bryan can sign to say they have completed the event.

Money can then be collected and sent in afterwards.

Thanks

Fundraisers Pamper Evening

Would you like to promote your business at the School Fundraisers next Pamper Evening? This will be held on Friday 10th May 2019 in the Community Centre. We ask that you pay a £10 fee and donate a raffle prize. In return you have a table to advertise and demonstrate your business, be it Pamper Products, Treatments or Gifts etc. Please contact Heidi Hollingbery (07969 848294) or Trez Mann-Harris (07742 659867) for a booking form. Book before the end of term to ensure your place!

Sporting Events

Football

This week we once again played Badgerbrook at Football. The boys team beat Badgerbrook B 3-0 with Jack, Ryan and Mark scoring the goals. The girls team beat Badgerbrook C 1-0 in the last minute with Beth grabbing a well deserved goal! The girls have also played Badgerbrook C at home and won 5-0, but they lost 2-0 to Badgerbrook A in the cup. Well done all 😊



Benchball

Year 3/4 went to Brockington in two teams to compete in a Benchball tournament and came 3rd and 4th out of 8 teams. Well done to everyone 😊



Embrace Multi-Academy Trust News

Everything is progressing nicely in the conversion process for Huncote Community Primary School Academy Trust to join the Embrace MAT. We are hoping to form from April 1st 2019.

The CEO of the MAT has been appointed; it is Chris Southall the former principal at Brockington College. Brockington have therefore appointed a new principal called Sadie Batstone. Chris met and spoke to staff on our January teacher day and the Head teachers of the Primary Schools were also involved in the interview process for the new principal at Brockington. The MAT are also in the process of appointing a CFO who will be in charge of the financial side of the MAT operations.

The Governing Body of Huncote will continue to be the local governing body after MAT formation. One decision that we have made as a Governing body is to take this opportunity to simplify the official school name. At conversion we can no longer be called an Academy Trust as we won't be a single academy trust and actually when the school did convert in 2012 they were officially no longer a local authority community school. So going forward from conversion we will be known as simply Huncote Primary School. Much less of a mouthful!

School uniform labelling will change if you buy any new supplies from our supplier BUT we do not expect you to do this just because of the name change; only when the children have grown out of their present uniform!



Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term

Thursday 29th August to Friday 11th October 2019

Monday 21st October to Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January to Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May 2020

Monday 1st June to Friday 10th July 2020

Closed for May Day on Monday 4th May 2020

Governor News

We have had a change of Chair of Governors – David Walker has reached the end of his term as Chair and has passed the role over to Jacqui Stretton who has been vice-chair. Dave has now become vice-chair to support Jacqui at the beginning of the transition period.

I would like to thank Dave publicly for all the support he has given the school in the Chair role and for his ongoing work as vice-chair.

School Car Park

Please remember that the school car park is for staff and visitor parking. It is not a drive in drive out route for dropping children at school.