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Huncote Primary School Post

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

Monday 19th Oct- Friday 23rd Oct	Half-Term
Friday 30th Oct	Flu Immunisations EYFS – Yr 6
Saturday 31st Oct	Cross Country at Prestwold – Yrs 3-6, please see e mail for details.
Monday 9th Nov	Year 6 Trip to the Warning Zone – more details to follow
Tuesday 10th Nov	Fire Service talks to Yr 1 & Yr 5
Thursday 17th Dec	Christmas Dinner – TBC
Friday 18th Dec	School Closes

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term

Thursday 27th August to Friday 16th October 2020

Monday 26th October to Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 22nd February to Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term

Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 7th June to Friday 9th July 2021

Closed for May Day on Monday 3rd May 2021

From Mrs Cumberland...

Our first half-term is nearly over and we are all still here! Things have gone well so far and we are all keeping our fingers crossed for this to continue after half-term. Thank you to you as parents for your help in this.

A few reminders though – you should **not** arrive before your time and the time of the gates being opened as you have a slot within which to arrive and should **not** be queueing outside the gate waiting for it to open. This has slipped especially with some of the children in Years 5 & 3 – your arrival time is from 8:50 please. We still need to keep everyone staggered, now more than ever! Also please make sure only one adult brings/collects the child to/from school with no older siblings present.

The end of the day has worked well again and we feel there is one gap that is too long so we can squash a couple of times again – we are moving EYFS to finish at 3:00pm and Years 1 & 2 to finish at 3.05-3.10, so 5 mins later in both cases. Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 times are staying the same. I have again included this new timetable for the beginning and end of the day overleaf.

The children have really enjoyed some virtual PE things we have had going on in school over the past 3 weeks. KS2 have done a virtual 5K and are now working on a virtual cricket competition. These are organised by our school sports partnership LSLSSP. Results are overleaf. There is also a KS1 competition coming up very soon.

We have had lots of entries for the virtual mini marathon – get your forms back to the office on Monday at the latest. So far the children that have handed them in have run over 200 miles between them Mrs Poole says. We also sent out an e mail regarding the cross country at Prestwold Hall if you wish to sign up. This will just be an individual's race this year, no school teams, with children and parents encouraged to attend. Miss Nutt, Mrs Poole, Miss Rojahn and myself are looking forward to seeing what you can do.

Absence in school due to Covid-19 symptoms or tests has decreased greatly since I last wrote to you which is good news. So fingers crossed it stays that way!

Parents Evenings and Mini Reports

For obvious reasons we unfortunately cannot complete face to face meetings at this present time. Next Friday you will receive an envelope with your child's mini report in, that we are sending home in advance. Along with it will be a reply letter that you must return to at least say that you have received the report. On the reply slip it will also ask you if after receiving the report you still need to speak to the teacher, and if so we are asking that you list any areas that you wish to discuss and provide a preferred telephone number. This is because we will be doing telephone appointments if you require them and as we only have 2 lines in school teachers may be at home to call you. They may also be calling you from a hidden number so please answer!

Virtual 5K Results

Well done to everyone from KS2 who took part:

Year 3 team came 6th out of 34 schools

Year 4 team came 5th out of 49 schools

Year 5 team came 6th out of 48 schools

Year 6 team came 12th out of 71 schools



Exciting news.....Class Dojo is coming!

We have been very aware that our communication with you as parents has been very limited due to the current guidelines and have found an app that we can now use to do this with you. It can also be accessed via the internet or downloaded onto your smart phone/tablet. The children in school have already or will be next week earning team points and other positive points through the app with their teacher in school called dojo points. They have each had for their whole class an individual, very cute, avatar created that they find fascinating!

The app also has the facility for us to share messages and files like this newsletter really easily with the whole school and teachers can also send home messages to their whole class or certain children. There is a class story where they can show examples of the work we have been doing in class, can load up class newsletters, spelling lists every week etc. This will replace this part of parent pay that we use, and the app is completely free for you to download. Parent Pay will still be used as our payment system. You as parents can also easily upload photos of homework and files to send back to the teacher instead of e mailing them in.

Next week we will send out an invite piece of paper with instructions of what to download and how to sign up. The children will I am sure love to show you how many points they have been earning!



It would be great if everyone is signed up by the end of half-term!

CHANGES TO BEGINNING AND END OF DAY STAGGERED STARTS

Beginning of school:

	Gate/entrance	
Time of entry	Front gate on car park	Rear gate on the park
8.45-8.50	Year 6	Year 4
8.50-8.55	Year 5	Year 3
8.55-9.00	<i>Year 2 – To enter school through the front door</i>	Year 1
8.55-9.00	EYFS	

End of school:

	Gate/entrance	
Time of exit	Front gate at car park	Rear gate on the park
3.00-3.05	EYFS– parents to wait on black tarmac outside the EYFS building – 2m social distancing	
3.05-3.10	Year 2 – <i>To exit school through the front door</i> – parents to wait outside school front entrance in car park around the path near the building – 2m social distancing	Year 1- parents to wait on the slabs at the back of the building – 2m social distancing
3.10-3.15	Year 4 – parents to wait on the playground – 2m social distancing	Year 3 – parents to wait on the slabs at the back of the building – 2m social distancing
3.15	Year 6 – parents to wait near the cloakroom door, by bike rack, on path near the bungalow – 2m social distancing	Year 5 – parents to wait on the playground – 2m social distancing

Once again we will try this but if it isn't working we reserve the right to go back to the previous system. We will challenge you and ask you to follow the system we have set up next week. Those arrangements for child minders that have already been set up can continue – just adjust the time slightly if needed.
Many thanks – Mrs C