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Huncote Primary School Post

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

Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June	Half – term week
Fri 2nd July	Provisional date for Yr 6 Leavers Party
Fri 2nd July	Reports out to Parents
Mon 5th July	Virtual Parents evenings – times TBC
Tues 6th July	Virtual Parents evenings – times TBC
Fri 9th July	School Closes

Term Dates 2021-2022 (next year)

Autumn Term

Wednesday 25th August to Friday 15th October 2021

Monday 25th October to Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 11th February 2022

Monday 21st February to Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term

Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May 2022

Monday 6th June to Friday 8th July 2022

Closed for May Day on Monday 2nd May 2022

Polite Reminders

Please remember that we have not changed any guidelines or arrangements for pick up and drop offs. Timings are the same and face masks are still to be worn. Please also ensure that it is just one parent/carer at drop off and pick up to minimise congestion and contacts at this time. Unfortunately, a new variant is spreading fast and once again this week we have seen a parent test positive resulting in 3 children having to isolate for 10 days from school. It has not all gone away yet....

From Mrs Cumberland...

Please see the dates on the left hand side. As mentioned in the last newsletter we will be writing reports for the children.

We have developed a new report format for the end of year reports which we hope will give you a lot of information about how your child is progressing following a second lot of mini assessments/quizzes that they will be doing at some point after half-term. We will then follow these with the opportunity for you to meet virtually if you wish to follow anything up for a parents evening. We are unable to do this face to face unfortunately so have investigated various systems that are internet based to complete this exercise. I will forward further details after half-term about the system we have chosen. You will be able to book your appointment/s online and will then at that time login in either on a computer/laptop/tablet or phone that has access to the internet. Your teacher will then have a timed session to talk to you at your appointment time, this will be between 5 & 8 minutes we think but we will confirm this after set up. The appointment will only be available at that set time so please do not be late or else your allocated slot will be gone and the screen will cut off when the time has expired. Only one appointment will be available per child so all parents/carers will be on the same appointment and the parent that books it will need to share the information with the other parent. Instructions on how to do this will follow. It also means that if one parent is at home and one is at work they can still both join.

A letter for Year 6 will follow regarding the Leavers Party which we are still hoping can go ahead. The children met outside with two fundraisers to discuss their ideas yesterday afternoon!

Overleaf you will find exciting news about the results of our interviews this week.....

Leavers / New Appointments

As I mentioned in the last newsletter Mrs Matthews wished to retire at the end of this term in July if we could find a replacement for her. Since then we have had another teacher secure a job for next year to move onto pastures new – Miss Rojahn is relocating with her boyfriend down to London and has secured a lovely new job teaching in a Primary School that she says feels like Huncote! I am sure you will join me in wishing her the best of luck and I know she will definitely be keeping in touch with us all 😊.

Miss Dow our LSA in KS1 has decided to take the next big step in her career working with children and has gained a place on a course to complete her teacher training. This is fantastic news that we are all very proud of, and it is indicative of the children and staff here at Huncote that she has worked with, making her now feel she can take that next exciting step – good luck!

This week we have been interviewing to appointment Mrs Matthews and Miss Rojahn's replacements. We had an amazing response to both adverts with lots and lots of people wanting to come and look round the school for both jobs and this also resulted in lots of applications. We interviewed 5 applicants for each job and it was a long grueling day for them.

I am very pleased to say Miss Lucie Caunt has been appointed as a class teacher to start next academic year and is very excited to be joining our school. She has taught in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 at Overdale Junior School and Woolden Hill Primary School.

I am also very pleased to say that Mrs Sally Houghton has been appointed as the Deputy Head. Mrs Houghton is at present an Assistant Head at Rushey Mead Primary School. She is an experienced teacher having taught in a variety of schools for 11 years, across a range of year groups and key stages as well as having a proven track record of driving whole school improvement. She is also a Mum to two children.

In our next newsletter I hope to include a short paragraph from each of them to introduce themselves. We are also hoping that both of them will be able to join us again in school before the end of this school year. It also means that Mrs Matthews will be leaving us on Friday July 9th.

We still have to work out and piece together our teaching team in terms of who is teaching where next year. However, we do know that the EYFS or Reception Class (Oak Class) will be taught by Miss Nutt next year. This is so that we can get started on moving forwards with inducting the new children the best we can again and make arrangements for the children starting. Before Miss Nutt came to Huncote Primary she taught EYFS for a number of years as a lead EYFS teacher and a Local Authority Moderator for EYFS in other schools in the county. She is very much looking forward to moving to EYFS again after a five years of teaching Year 1 & 2 here at Huncote. For those with children starting in EYFS next year we will be in touch very soon after the half-term to let you know any details and arrangements that need sorting.

Finally details were sent out yesterday on Class Dojo regarding how to contact school for Covid-19 reasons throughout the half-term, and also how we will contact you if needed for track and trace purposes.

Have a lovely half-term everyone, make sure you all get some rest....the children definitely need it! Enjoy what will hopefully be some sunshine looking at the weather forecast and most importantly please stay safe.

See you all on Monday 7th June.

Mrs C

