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Huncote Primary School Post

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

Fri 9th July	School Closes
Wednesday 25th August	School opens
Tuesday 14th September	Individual Photos
Mon 18th Oct – Fri 22nd Oct	Half-term
Tues 7th Dec	Visiting Panto in school
Fri 10th Dec	Flu Immunisations
Fri 17th Dec	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

Holiday Dates Update

Holiday dates for 2022-2023 have been consulted upon and will be released in late Sept/Oct.

An extra day's holiday will be fixed at the beginning of next year in term time due to the new bank holiday for the Queen's birthday falling in the June half-term. We will let you know as soon as this has been agreed and aim to give you as much notice as possible.

From Mrs Cumberland...

Please see the dates on the left hand side.

My final newsletter of the year....and yet again what a year but we have made it to the end all in one piece. I am proud to write about how hard all the children have worked yet again and also how hard the staff have worked. We often use the term 'Team Huncote' but this year, above any other in the 8 years I have been here, we have needed this team spirit more than ever.

I hope you found your school reports informative and the few that booked parents evenings had your questions answered. The video linked programme worked really well and will be something with the online booking that we will be looking at using again throughout next year.

The Year 6 Leaver's party was a great success and I think we will use the format again in future years. Thank you so much to the parent fundraisers, the photographer, the parent staff and other staff who attended – less than usual but the children had a fabulous time! We have also embarrassed them with their EYFS/Year 1 photos and some of their EYFS pieces of writing.

Thank you from all the staff for your very kind generosity with presents and cards showing your appreciation. There has been many a tear... and Mrs Matthews is still in a state of shock.

Our Leavers in school have been overwhelmed with gifts and the staff had a socially distanced afternoon tea last night to say our farewells. There are some photos on an earlier dojo post.

I have also posted details of how to contact me regarding any positive cases that may occur at the beginning of the holidays. Please see the post prior to the one with this newsletter in.

Next year – what we know so far!

The staff have discussed the positives that have come from arrangements this year, although there were many negatives too. We have decided the following slight changes to how we would like to run the school day:

1. Start time and entrance to school – the school gates will open at 8:45 and close at 8:55 so children will have 10 mins to enter the school playground and go to their cloakroom door. After 8:55 they will be late for register and children will have to enter school via the main entrance at the office. Once again we are asking parents to leave/encourage their child to walk from the school gate independently which they have all done brilliantly this year. New EYFS parents will be able to enter to begin with at the beginning of term. If we can naturally spread ourselves out over this time period as well then this will also continue to help with traffic congestion around the school. We will encourage Year 5 & 6 to walk to and from school independently if they can and in small groups again if needed. The gate that you enter school can be of your choice or the closest one to your walking route. If you need to tell the teacher anything then please send them a message before leaving to come to school on class dojo.
2. PE kit on PE days for Years 1-6 (not EYFS) – this has been a great success as we have had less bags and mess in the cloakroom, no changing time and more PE time for the children to be active! We also have a lot less uniform being lost and PE kit as well for that matter. Teachers will send a message on class dojo to tell you your PE days at the beginning of term.
3. Playtime and Lunchtime – bubbles will not exist and children should be able to play together again across the age groups.
4. End of the day – EYFS children will finish at 3:10 and all the other children at 3:15. Year 2 will go back to coming out round the back of the building. Year 1 & 2 parents are to wait on the slabs at the back, Year 3&4 parents are to wait on the top part of the playground and round near the side of the building. Year 5 & 6 we would once again encourage to walk home in small groups if at all possible. This has made the Year 5 & 6 children much more independent this year.
5. Years 3-6 can once again bring in their own colouring pencils in a small enough case to fit in their trays.

We will I am sure receive further guidance nearer the time and I will write to you again to confirm the above. If we do enter a contingency management plan due to an outbreak at any point within school or the local community, we will have to return maybe to staggered starts and bubbles. I think time will tell on that one!

Thank you once again for all your support in the arrangements we put in place – I think we can safely say they have worked and we have done brilliantly!

Good Luck Year 6 in whatever you do and wherever you go!

Don't forget us and keep in touch x

Have a great summer holidays everyone, make sure you all get some rest and have some fun....the children definitely need it! Enjoy what will hopefully be some sunshine and most importantly please stay safe.



See you all on Wednesday 25th August

Mrs C