



Huncote Primary School Post

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The Newsletter for Pupils, Parents, Governors and Friends
Issue 1 – Friday 3rd September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beg. Mon 6th Sept	Before and After Schools Clubs begin
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
Tuesday 4th January	School Opens

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 Thursday 8th July 2022

Closed for May Day on Monday 2nd May 2022

Holiday Dates Update

Our extra day's holiday due to the new bank holiday for the Queen's birthday falling in the June half-term will be Friday 8th July. School will close on Thursday 7th July at 3.10 EYFS and 3.15pm for everyone else. This is in line with our main feeder secondary Brockington. The letter from the trust confirming this has been sent in the previous post.

From Mrs Cumberlidge...

Please see some updated dates on the left-hand side.

My first newsletter of the year....and what a fab beginning to term we have had. The new EYFS children have completed a whole day in school in small groups and will be doing 3 whole days next week. I am proud to write about well all the children have settled once again and also how hard the staff have worked to get school ready and to settle the children in.

Our new staff have also settled in well and are looking forward to getting to know you as parents better. Mrs Houghton, Deputy Head in Year 1, has written a small get to know me for this newsletter, and Miss Caunt in Year 5 will do one for the next newsletter. We have also welcomed Mrs Suzy Chandler as an LSA into Year 2 to replace Miss Dow. Over the summer we had to appoint another LSA due to extra hours being assigned to children in school, so we welcome Mrs Susan Tomkins as an LSA into Year 3 at present. Miss Nutt has settled into her EYFS role and Miss Down has taken on the role of SENCo from Mrs Matthews. She has access to the senco e mail: senco@huncote.embracemat.org and is also connected to every class on class dojo so you can message her on there as well.

Thank you for your support so far regarding the continuing need to get children PCR tested if any of the varied symptoms appear, or being contacted as a close contact. We have had to update our contingency plan slightly to include some numbered stages after yet new guidance issued by the local authority. I will update this on our website over the weekend if you wish to take a look.

Please can I ask that you follow our request for only **one adult to pick up children at the end of school** as sent out earlier this week. Can I also please ask for you to be considerate and careful and wary of traffic and your own behaviour at the end of the school day. **P.T.O**

This time has gone back to being very busy and I have had reports of some very near misses of children by drivers not looking properly, by being on mobile phones, by driving on pavements and by parents not being aware they children have crossed the road whilst they are engrossed in a conversation with other parents. I am sure you will agree the last thing we want is any sort of accident to happen.

Over the holidays new guidance regarding teaching reading and phonics was released. Following this we have been reviewing our teaching of this and our reading books. Year 1 and 2 children have letter in their book bags tonight about this. We have also been reviewing the way we teach spelling and spelling lists and tests. We will update you soon regarding this for Key Stage 2 classes.

Homework letters and Knowledge organisers will be sent home today on Class Dojo for the children regarding the topic/theme the children are learning about this term. Please also keep an eye on Class Dojo on your child's class page and also the main school story page.

The clubs running at first have been sent out today and booking opened at 2pm and will be open over the weekend. Please see an earlier post.

Unfortunately, at present we are not planning on running open assemblies with parents invited into school. We are waiting to see how the cases in school go and the effect across Leicestershire. This last week we are the only local authority nationally where an increase has been seen whilst everyone else has decreased. We have certainly seen a huge increase in all the primaries across our MAT. Please remember for any symptoms please book a PCR test and also a PCR test is recommended if you are identified as a close contact. Many thanks for your ongoing support in these matters.

Get to know Mrs Houghton!

Hello! My name is Mrs Houghton and I have really enjoyed the start of my time at Huncote. For those of you that haven't seen me yet I am teaching in Year 1 and I am also the new Deputy Headteacher.

A bit about me. I am married to Mr Houghton and we have 2 daughters together. Abigail who is almost 6 and Amelia who is soon turning 2. Oh yes, we also have a cat called Chester! We live in Hinckley.

I trained to be a teacher at Manchester Metropolitan University and took a 4 year degree in Primary Education where I specialised in Early Years provision. However, since graduating I have taught from Reception to Year 4 in Bolton, Leicester City and now I am fortunate enough to be beginning a new chapter here at Huncote.

Some of my favourite things are:

colour – yellow,

flower – sunflower,

chocolate bar – Star bar,

food – pizza,

hobby – reading.



I love teaching and enjoy learning new things and learning how to do things in different ways. Every day is a learning day. 😊 Over the next few weeks I want to try and get to know you and your families so I will be outside at the beginning and the end of the school day where possible to say hello.