



Huncote Primary School Post

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The Newsletter for Pupils, Parents, Governors and Friends
Issue 2 – Friday 8th October

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 11th Oct	Yr 5/6 Girls Football Tournament Brockington
Weds 12th Oct	Vipers Cross Country Yrs 3-6 Yr 5/6 Quicksticks Tournament Brockington
Mon 18th Oct – Fri 22nd Oct	Half-term
Tues 26th Oct	Vipers Cross Country Yrs 3-6
Thurs 28th Oct	Yrs 5/6 Boys Football Tournament Brockington
Tues/Wed/Thurs 2nd / 3rd / 4th Nov	Virtual Parents Evenings
Tues 7th Dec	Visiting Panto in school
Fri 10th Dec	Flu Immunisations
Fri 17th Dec	School Closes
Weds 5th January	School Opens

From Mrs Cumberlidge...

We are nearing the end of the first term, with only one week to go. The children have been working very hard and we have been able to resume assemblies together since our public outbreak was downgraded. It was lovely to see everyone the other week and this morning enjoying sharing assembly. The new ambassadors were presenting today and did a fab job! Our sporting ambassadors also attended their training day at Countesthorpe College this week and had a really good week – thank you to the parents for taking them. We have our first lot of tournaments this week – girls Yr 5/6 football on Monday after school and Yr 5/6 Quicksticks (Hockey) on Wednesday after school. Last Saturday some of our runners attended the cross country at Prestwold Hall and did fabulously well. We are still awaiting the official results but the photos are available to view on this link:

<https://funtorun.co.uk/lxc/>

We have our first Blaby Cross Country race next week on Wednesday at Vipers Rugby ground. It is going to be a busy week.

Christmas Cards

Over the next week and the week after half-term the children will be making a Christmas card front cover design in class that the fundraisers help to organize being made into Christmas Cards. If the children say what they have been doing we haven't gone mad....it's just it needs doing so they can get them printed. For those new to the school these are lovely to send to family and friends at Christmas so if you haven't bought your cards yet they should be back to us to order by the beginning of November.

Class Dojo

The children have been very busy this half-term collecting their class dojo points which you can see on the class dojo app. We will now be putting any strikes the children receive on the app as well so that parents are aware – a comment by the teacher will be put as to P.T.O

Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term

Wednesday 25th August to Friday 15th October 2021

Monday 25th October to Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term

Wednesday 5th 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

From Mrs Cumberlidge contd.....

why they have received the strike. One strike can be for a minor incident like talking when the teacher is talking – and very often they have already received a warning about this. If the children receive 3 strikes in one day this can be for 3 minor things or it can be that jump straight to strike 3 for physical violence against another child (e.g. punching – which happens very rarely). 3 strikes results in them missing their break- time or part of their lunch-time to think about what it is they have done. For the vast majority of these this happens on the same day and a red slip is also sent home for parents to sign and return. The slate is then wiped clean ready for the next day. We will no longer be having our cloud system in the classrooms.

Covid-19 Update

Once again 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 or within the household of a positive case. Please remember that any positive in the household is a close contact and a PCR test is recommended with a negative result before the close contacts come back into school.

We have had 3 cases in children in the last 10 days or so but all of them had not been in school for the previous 48hrs to symptoms or test so no close contacts were created in school. We have also had a number of cases in parents and a lot of cases in older siblings at various secondary schools.

Having spoken to the governors this week we have taken the decision that we still cannot open up school for open assemblies etc at present as cases in the community are high, and across Leicestershire and Blaby as well. Fundraisers are also wary of school discos all together where parents are usually allowed to stay for the little ones at the moment so unfortunately, we won't be doing our Halloween disco. We are hoping that we can do something Christmas related – singing, nativity etc....but we are going to have to wait and see how things go and may have to change the format it takes this year. Many secondary schools have had high numbers of absence due to Covid and have had to re-instate face masks and even close some days for certain year groups due to a lack of teachers because of Covid. We do not want to get that stage and our main aim is to protect our children and staff so that they are here and classes are being taught by their class teacher.

Phonetic Reading Books

The younger children will be bringing home very soon our new phonetic reading books. For those classes an information power point/pdf has been created by Mrs Houghton that will also be sent out to parents. Please can I just reiterate that water bottles are NOT put in book bags with any reading book as they do tend to leak. We know that it is easier to carry but any damage to any book that we have to replace will now carry a £5.00 charge, this also applies if the book is lost. EYFS have started to bring home our exciting new wordless books and the same applies to these.

Term Dates

Leicestershire have decided and agreed their holiday dates following the consultation. You can view a number of years ahead by clicking on the following link. I will also put on the website the next year's dates very shortly. Please be aware that schools will need to set their Inset days within these dates provided but it gives you an idea. Once this has been done as a MAT I will communicate them to you.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/school-term-dates>

Parents Evenings

Next week on Friday we will send out a mini update for your child from the class teacher. This will look at what targets they have been working on from their last report in the summer, if any new targets need to be set and how they have settled in and are getting one. It is only very short and will be elaborated upon in parents evening. These will be conducted once again online and will take place in the second week back after half term.

EYFS and Year 1 evenings will be Tuesday 2nd November 3:30-5.30 and Wednesday 3rd November 3.30-7.00
Years 2,3,4,5& 6 evenings will be Wednesday 3rd November 3.30-7.00 and Thursday 4th November 3.30-5.30
Booking information for these will be sent out the week after half-term. Each appointment will be 8 mins long by video call.