

Huxley CE Primary School Newsletter



*With God's
love we can fly*

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Positive Ponies...

Dear Parents,

What an amazing week we have had. I can't actually believe how much has happened in a week. We had the Positive Ponies session which obviously rubbed off on the school as we have had such a positive week!

On Monday you will have received the correspondence from myself and Gail Webb (Chair of IEB) about the future of the school. I am sure that you are all in agreement that this extremely exciting news. We are still in the very early stages of this development and as mentioned within the letter this does still need to be taken to the advisory board but I am extremely pleased all the same. Huxley is a very special and unique place and it is always wonderful when others see that in us too. Which brings me nicely to the wonderful comments we have had online this week.

We have had some amazing comments from parents with regards to reports and we have also had messages from other schools and companies that have worked with us about our approach. Here's just one comment from one of the ladies who helped with the Ponies session this week.



 Shepherd's Rest Holistic Therapies
Yesterday at 06:57 · 🌐

Just spent the last two days with The Positive Ponies from [Hens for Hire Ltd](#) and what a fabulous two days it was too. 🥰

Day one was in a preschool in Derby and day two in a 'Flexi Schooling' setting in Cheshire.

Flexi-Schooling is an arrangement between the parent/guardian and a school, whereby children are registered at the school in the usual way but only attend for part of the week. The main days in school tend to be focused on Tuesday to Thursday with students being home educated on the other two days. Thinking back to all the young folk whom I have worked with over the years and how this would have been so good for them in primary education. This school was incredible, so inspirational, a credit to the head teacher and her team. At a time when mental health is at an all time high how education is delivered could do with being more flexible overall to meet the needs of our young folk. No easy task I know given the demands and shortage of funding but adaptations and thinking outside the box are possible as seen yesterday. 🥰🌱

[#flexischooling](#)
[#adaptingtochange](#)
[#EducationForAll](#)
[#empoweringchildren](#)

She absolutely loved working with our children and loved our whole ethos. The Positive Ponies Wellebing session was so good. The children learned how to handle, groom and walk ponies. They also got to meet some more unusual hens who came to visit too.

DIARY DATES 2023

18th July- Year 6 to go to St Peters for a leavers service

19th July –LEAVERS assembly- all welcome! 1.30pm

20th- Last day of summer term for flexi's

21st July- Last day of summer term for full time pupils 2pm finish

*These may later change, or new dates may be added-see messages or emails for updates.

On Thursday we also had Cheshire Dance in with us running a Ukrainian Dance Workshop with our Oaks in the morning and Acorns in the Afternoon. The children loved it and got so much from it. Olena is from the Mykolaiv region in the South of Ukraine. She has been dancing for over 15 years and has performed over the world. She came to the UK 9 months ago and is passionate about sharing her culture, traditions and movement from her county. She met me at the end of the day and said how wonderful our children had been and how impressed she was in the school. She also said the same to Miss Jen as she left!

Tuesday saw our reports go out. I cannot believe that another academic year that has passed by. The reports were amazing. It was such a joy to read through them all and see what achievements the children have made. The progress across school is exceptional. Tuesday also saw our SATs results which were amazing. As a school we gained 75% expected in both Reading and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (the national average for these was 73% and 72%) and 62.5% in our writing and maths. What blew me away was the level of children gaining higher standard in Reading- 50% higher standard. This was the paper that hit the news for how hard it was and how stressful some children found it! I could not be prouder of all of our children, no matter what results they got, the way they handled them and completed them with such tenacity was amazing! And for this I am super proud.

Next week, will be an emotional one. Our Year 6's will sadly be flying the Huxley Nest. We would love to welcome you all to their leavers assembly on Wednesday at 1.30pm. Please can you let Miss Lloyd know if you intend to come just so we have enough chairs and refreshments available. The Year 6's have been working hard on their leavers video – my office is covered in wig hair and props!

School photos- please see the link from Tempest for ordering photographs. The photo was as fun as always, the hens added to it in true Huxley style, one being very calm and the other flapping around for the picture! It is a great whole school photo.

Please note as previously mentioned earlier in the year, dinners have gone up slightly in price for next year. This will be reflected on your school money account soon. The new menu's have been released and will be on our website.

Uniform- please can you see Miss Lloyd if you need uniform or order on line so that yu have it ready for September.

Next week- the children can bring in toys/board games (no electronic games) for toy morning on Thursday. In the afternoon they have team games with Dan. Friday- a reminder that we finish at 2pm

We look forward to seeing you this week for the 'final countdown'!

Many thanks

Mrs Gourley

