



With God's love we can fly



HUXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

1st March 2024

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS...

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. As always, the children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please remember if your child does not feel comfortable dressing up, they don't need to. They can come in their own clothes or uniform- whatever makes them feel comfortable.

As with previous years, please send in any Masked Reader or Extreme Reader entries to school. These are always such a fun way to share their love of reading.

For anyone new to the school-

Masked reader- this is where the children film themselves reading a short excerpt of a book using either a computer generated mask/filter or they can wear a mask or cover up, to hide their identity. They can use funny voices too to help disguise the masked reader. The little ones can 'read' a picture book or retell a well known story they have heard.

Extreme Reader- this is where the children take a picture of themselves reading in an unusual 'extreme' place!

As an extra event this year- to tie in with our Come Read with me Sessions- we are inviting the parents to come in to school from 9-10am, if you are available. We will be having a lovely 'share a book session' with parents in class from 9-9.30 and then you are invited to come to the hall with Mrs Fearnley (as reading lead) and myself for a parent reading workshop from 9.30-10am. Please feel free to attend part or all of the 9-10am session and we will send out any materials shared following the session.

ART GALLERY

A huge thank you to all who attended the art gallery. A great turn out! It was a real success! We will definitely be doing another one in the future. The children particularly liked the cheese and 'wine' (juice) as they walked around the gallery! They very much looked the part!

Some exceptional pieces of art- well done to all who took part!

A TOAST!

We are going to trial toast as snack for the rest of this term. If it is successful and popular after the four weeks, we will continue to provide this moving forwards. To make things simpler for you we will charge £1 for a weeks worth of toast (therefore if your child attends an extra day they will still get toast) It will be a slice of toast with butter each day. The children will continue to have their fruit bowls in class and will also be offered fruit at breaktimes.

Children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium will be offered toast free of charge.

Payment for toast will be via School Money and will start next week until the end of term.

DIARY DATES

- 07.03.24 World Book day
- 13.03.24 Coffee morning
- 14.03.24 Special day for Science Week
- 28.03.24 Parent Consultation Afternoon/Evening
- 28.03.24 School closes for Easter
- 15.04.24 Return to school for Summer term



**MRS
RACHEL
GOURLEY**

HEADTEACHER



COME DINE WITH ME!

We are doing a 'Come Dine with me' session the first week after Easter. I am just awaiting confirmation from our catering company but will send details as soon as I have this. This will be an opportunity for you to see what our lunches are like, see what your child eats and taste some of our delicious food on offer.

PARENTS CONSULTATION AFTERNOON/EVENING

Our Spring Term parent consultations will take place on 28th March. Appointments will start from 1.30pm. Appointments are first come, first serve so please contact Miss Lloyd to book these in. Please remember appointments are 10 minutes so should you need longer than this, please book in another appointment separate from the parent consultation day.

CLUBS...

Tuesday- Star'book's club with Mrs Fearnley- a reading club with hot chocolate!

Wednesday- Whizz, wow, bang! Science Club with Mrs Chilton - please note that this will start 13th March due to a staff training event on 6th

Wednesday- Guitar clubs will continue

Thursday- PE club

I may be asking if any Year 6 children want to attend a confidence booster session with me in maths but will contact Year 6 parents separately with regards to this across the term.

DINNER PRICES

Just giving some advance notice that school dinner prices are to increase to £2.89 from next term. This will be reflected on your school money account after Easter.

HELLO AND AVTIO (BYE IN GREEK APPARENTLY)

I am pleased to announce that Miss Pavia is joining us until the end of the year as our HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) She is currently supporting Acorns class in the morning and Years 3/4 in the afternoons. We are so happy to have her onboard. She has already settled in to the 'Huxley way' so well and the children (and staff) love having her here.

However it is also with great sadness that I am writing to inform you that Mrs Chilton will be retiring at the end of this academic year. She was hoping to retire earlier than this but Huxley 'sucked' her in and she couldn't leave! Mrs Chilton loves Huxley and didn't want to leave without knowing that the school was 'safe' and that the future of Huxley was secure. She, as we all are, is extremely happy to see Huxley join CDAT and knows that the trust is fully supportive of our unique approach - so it is now that she feels she can retire to a much warmer climate! As we know Mrs Chilton is not keen on the cold temperatures of the British climate and she is really hoping to spend many more months at her home in Greece! She has already sent me dates that she is available to cover any supply days or events that we may need her at and I am sure she would love to be a future judge or guest visitor at Huxley's Got Talent! So it is definitely not the last we will see of her. This has been a very hard decision for her and it is with heavy heart that she leaves us but we all wish her the very best and thank her for all she has done whilst being at Huxley. She still has plenty of time with us before leaving at the end of this year but we wanted to inform you all. We will keep you up to date with recruitment and ensure that there is a clear, planned, transition for the children.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND- TAKE CARE