

## HUXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

20th September 2024

## DEAR PARENTS/CARERS...

## A Joyful Song

We have had a lovely week this week with lots of 'joy' felt around school. Worship through song yesterday saw the whole school up on their feet singing with smiles on their faces- it was lovely to see.

This week we started our new phonics groups (now that everyone has had their start point assessments). For those of you who are new to Read, Write, Inc- you receive a phonics 'book bag book' but also a read for pleasure book each week. The phonics books need returning each Tuesday but the read for pleasure books can be returned when you have finished them as some children take longer length books home. The phonics book is purely for practising the week's sounds. They are meant to be easy to read as the children should be hopefully recapping and reviewing the sounds they have learnt during their phonics sessions that week. We assess them on a regular basis (we do it in a way that the children are not aware of the assessment- so no pressure) therefore your child may change groups and the adults they work with several times and this is normal in order to keep the children progressing through the scheme. Your child will also have a reading record for home reading - please record any reading the child is doing in that book- this includes things like comics, graphic novels and newspapers. We love to see what the children are enjoying reading. Once a child has progressed past RWI phonics books they will take a levelled reading book home too - Oaks will collect theirs next week.

Come Learn with me- our first come learn with me session is on 25th September. This gives you the opportunity to see Huxley in action, join in with class activities and see what your children are learning. The Come Learn with me session will start at 9am and finish at 10am

This week we welcomed more new pupils and next week we welcome two more- we are now at 48 pupils- one off from being full! It oddly does not feel any busier however- the calm, nurturing feel still feels the same as it always has, just with more smiling faces to see each day!

Our Mini-Governors and a few helpers have been busy this week reviewing our menu and doing surveys for Christine in the kitchen. The children have voted on their favourite foods so far and also gave some suggestions about other foods they want to try. They offered suggestions such as Quesadilla, Burrito's and chanted that they want even more fruit! What wonderful diners they are! The children also wanted to pass on their thanks to Christine - which I thought was so lovely. I would like to pass on my thanks too for doing such a wonderful job and stepping in when we were without a cook. We are still seeking to appoint a cook so please do share this with anyone you know (otherwise I will be locking Christine in the kitchen and never letting her go!) She is so lovely with our children and has cooked some delicious dishes. Thank you Christine.

New date for the diaries- Parents Afternoon/Evening- 24th October. For new parents this is a first come, first serve booking system - please just email admin@huxleyprimary.cheshire.sch.uk with your preferred times and she will do her best to accommodate you. The parents consultation is in 10 min slots starting at 1.15pm. As always if you feel you need a longer discussion- please arrange this with the teacher for another time slot.

Have a great weekend, Many thanks, Mrs Gourley



## **DIARY DATES**

- 25th- Come Learn with Me
- 2nd October- Coffee morningattendance and curriculum updates (amended date)
- 8th October Harvest at Church TBC
- 10th October- Wear Yellow Day
- 24th October- Parents Afternoon/Evening
- 24th October- last day of term for flexi's
- 25th October last day of term full timers

CLUBS-TUESDAY- ART WITH MRS A WEDNESDAY- BOARD GAMES WITH MISS SEDDON THURSDAY- SPORTS CLUB WITH MISS REYNOLDS

Friday- don't forget we have Little Seeds playgroup on Friday mornings- all welcome!



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