

Huxley CE Primary School Newsletter

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New Year, New Term ...

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I would have loved to open by saying it has been lovely to welcome the children back but unfortunately I haven't been able to. I know the staff have loved welcoming them back themselves and have been keeping me up to date with all the wonderful things that have been going on. I have also been delighted to see the lovely things being added to Showbie too. Well done for your home learning, we really enjoy seeing your pictures, writing and video's!

I am hoping to return on Monday as my 10 days isolation finishes today so I do look forward to meeting you all again next week.

I hear that Mrs Patel has had a lovely warm welcome and she has told me that she has had a lovely week with Acorns. She also commented on the wonderful behaviour and manners of our children; something that everyone comments on when visiting our school, so well done Acorns- I am very proud of you, as always!

Curriculum Newsletters and Events

Please find your class overviews/curriculum newsletters attached. These are also on our website along with the whole year overview maps if you're interested in looking ahead to other terms.

This term sees the start of our 'Working World' assemblies whereby our children are told about different careers and life journeys. If anyone is interested in taking part in this please do let us know!

We also start the child led worship. Each term a small group of children will lead one of the worship sessions. I will be picking a small group on my return to start us off. Our worship theme this term is Courage.

Our 'Mini Governors' were picked last term and I look forward to my first 'tea (juice) and biscuits meeting' with them this term too.

World Book Day- this is not until the 3rd March however I wanted to give you advanced warning. We will be dressing up as our favourite book characters that day but also we are doing 'The Masked Reader' hence why I wanted to give you advanced notice. Before the 3rd March, if you want to take part in it, please can you upload a video of your child reading a book or poem in disguise. It could be that you use a computer app to distort or mask the face or simply a mask from a costume you have. The child can read some or all of a short book or poem in a silly or distorted voice and we can guess who the masked reader is on World Book Day! Who knows there may also be masked teachers! If your child is younger they can use a picture book and 'read' what they see and tell us a story that way. This is just for fun so don't worry if your child does not want to take part in this.

Brass lessons

We were really excited to start our brass lessons in Oaks class this week. Next week I will share some pictures with you and a quote from one of the children. Acorns will be starting Ukulele lessons soon! Date TBC



*With God's
love we can fly*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022

4th January – INSET no children in school

5th January- return to school for Spring 1

10th January – Brass lessons start for Oaks

18th February- End of Spring 1

28th February- Spring 2 starts

3rd March- World Book Day

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



MOU's

We still have a small number of people who have not returned their MOU's.

Please could you return it asap. We have printed copies on the front desk if this is easier for you to sign those.

Spring Term Clubs

I am pleased to announce that AW sports is wanting to return to do Football Club after school. This will be held on Tuesdays (not this coming week). More information to follow.

Next week only our normally sports with Kristina is on after school on Thursday with a new club timetable being released next week, once I have been able to meet up with staff again

Wellies/outdoor shoes

Please can I remind everyone to have a pair of wellies or outdoor shoes or even spare trainers in school so we can keep being outdoors as much as possible and keep our floors clean and tidy when they come back in. This will make Andy very happy too as we have new carpet coming in the library and SMSC area to replace the water damaged floor from the flood that we had.

School places

This is just a reminder that the closing date for Reception applications is tomorrow, 15th January. Please share our school video (on our website and Facebook) on social media to help promote our little school for anyone who has not yet applied for a reception place or considering Huxley for an in year place in other year groups.

Budding artists and designers

It has struck me that we have some wonderfully skilled artists in school. Here are a couple of projects I thought you may be interested in (I wish I could enter!)

An annual art competition. Copley Prize entries are to be inspired by Lowry- not just copies of Lowry's work. Children can use their own imagination to develop a piece in the style of Lowry's artwork

[The Copley Prize | Get Creative | The Lowry](https://thelowry.com/get-creative/thecopleyprize/)
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and

This is a really exciting opportunity ...

From 2022, rockets will be launched into space from UK spaceports for the very first time. These rockets will carry small satellites into orbit that collect information that can be used to protect our planet from climate change.

Launch uk and The UK Space Agency have launched a competition for 4-11 year olds, to design a logo that could go on the first rockets ever to be launched from the UK!

[Logo Lift Off Competition | UK Space Agency](https://www.logoliftoff.org.uk/)
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Have fun! Take care

Mrs Gourley



Reflection Point/Quote- With a new year in mind...

Every day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath, smile and start again!