

Huxley CE Primary School Newsletter

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It's all go...

Dear Parents

What a busy week we have had in school this week, lots of activity and busyness!

The children have adapted to our rolling plan of curriculum really well and I met with last term's remaining Mini Governors for their last meeting (before handing over to new ones next week) to ask them how the start of the year has gone for them and it was a really positive meeting -especially from our year 3's who have moved up from Acorns - this really pleased me. They also suggested some ideas for future development including some special Huxley High Five Badge ideas and some ideas for our corridor space near the hall. Meeting my mini-governors really is one of the favourite parts of my job and fills me with so much joy and pride to see how confident our children have become but also how happy they are to be in our lovely little school.

We had another very positive 'review' from one of our year 6 children- if you haven't yet read it please have a look at our Facebook page to see a review written not only in English but Spanish and Polish too! Please follow our Facebook page for regular updates and pictures.

Last Sunday I posted an Open Day video on our Facebook page (and other surrounding local group pages) Please feel free to share this video widely. Every day is an open day at Huxley but I have saved a date to show prospective Reception 2023 parents around on 11th October- please encourage people to book a visit via our school office.

Coffee mornings- there are two coffee mornings coming up – the first is a coffee morning/attendance workshop run by Miss Lloyd and myself to share with you some information about the new guidance on attendance. The second is our Harvest Celebrations. The children will be singing a few songs, reading out some prayers and poems and then you will have chance to have a coffee and a chat afterwards with the other parents and some staff members. Please see the diary dates box for the dates and times of these.

Parents Evening will take place the first week back after half term. As per usual the parents evening slots will start from 1pm onwards. More information about allocated slots etc is to follow nearer the time.

Thanks for those of you who made it to the Showbie session. I have included along with this newsletter a Showbie guide as well- just to cover any questions you may have- if you have any other issues please do let me know. I cannot believe the flurry of activity we have had on there this week- my emails have not stopped 'pinging' –it has been wonderful to see all of the activities you have been completing at home. I am going to include a 'Showbie Spotlight' in our newsletters every now and then (see next page for this weeks)

*With God's
love we can fly*

DIARY DATES

2022

6th October- Geography Field Trip –
Years 1 and 2 only

11th October – Open day (for
prospective Reception 2023 parents)

12th October- Attendance Workshop
Coffee Morning 9-9.45

19th Harvest Celebration Coffee
Morning 9-10.15

20th October- Half Term Starts (for all
children)

21st INSET (NO CHILDREN IN
SCHOOL)

4th November-Parents Evening- starts
at 1.15pm- booking information to
follow as usual

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

REMINDER- If your child is
absent or late you must let the
office know via the absence
email or the option on our
phone line



September Week 4 - We did Mrs. Chilton's suggestion of classifying the seeds we collected on a previous week's nature walk. Sorry, I've only just realised we didn't add a title! It's Types of Seed Dispersal. I loved this and we had great discussions about the different ways that seeds are dispersed.



Did you know...?

Free School meals

Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
- Universal Credit (Provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

If you think you are eligible please complete an online application at:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals - this is the quickest and easiest way to apply. Alternatively, you may telephone the Free School Meals helpline - 0300 123 8123.

This week I have posted the Art lessons that the children have been doing on Friday's (R-Y6) and also a link to the coding that they have been doing on the Mondays (Y3-6), Reception- Year 2 are looking at Internet Safety. These are in your subject folders on Showbie. There is a screenshot of the art work that is being done but below are some examples of the gorgeous sketchpads the full timers are adding their work in to. If your child does attempt any of the art activities on Showbie please do share these with us and we can print them off and put them in their sketch pads in school too as they really are a lovely showcase of their work. In the summer I made a sketchpad for every child- see the pictures below of how they are looking for our full timers- they're great aren't they!

In Showbie I have added another folder which is just for the timetables and overviews so you can see what lessons the full time children are doing on Monday and Fridays on a rotation. We have been uploading these lessons too so you see what we have been up to should you wish to tie in any of your home learning activities.

Finally, also included in the email alongside this newsletter is a communications flowchart. I am sure that you can appreciate that as headteacher I receive an awful lot of emails each day and sometimes these will arrive when I am in meetings or with children. These emails can sometimes be answered by other members of staff more effectively and quickly- especially if it is to do with classroom or admin matters so hopefully this flow chart will help direct you to the best person to deal with any queries or concerns. I am always out on the playground at the start and end of the day too and **my door is always open**, I am just trying to tighten up on some day to day running of the school to help us work more efficiently as a team.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Gourley

Reflection Point/Quote

All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.

~Pablo Picasso





