

Huxley CE Primary School Newsletter

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Through You, I can do anything- nothing is impossible...

Dear Parents

A wonderful week this week. It has left me feeling inspired, truly thankful and extremely happy. We started the week with our parents meeting with Gail Webb our chair of IEB, Chris Penn (Director of Education for the Diocese of Chester) and Christine Ridley Thomas (Senior Manager- School Intervention Co-ordination CWAC). You should have received an email outlining the main points from the meeting earlier this week.

We then had our Parents Evening last night that was really successful, thank you for your attendance.

During this week I started the first of our school training sessions to become a Trauma Informed School. This is something I know a lot of you know I am incredibly passionate about. The session outlined the importance of building those relationships with children where they feel listened to, valued and respected but more importantly understood. The power of connection is so important when building the foundations to learning moving forwards. I hope to share with you some of the research and discussion around this in one of our coffee mornings soon- watch this space! There is a really powerful (and quite moving) TED talk that illustrates the importance of being a child's 'everyday HERO!' You may like to watch it (please note this is for parents only not the children)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3xoZXS5yc>

Yesterday we also had a very special visitor in school, Bart Gee. Bart was born with a physical disability called Arthrogryposis. Doctors said he would never walk, may never have the strength to be able to sit up and would have what he quoted 'a bleak outlook to life'. Bart demonstrated how sheer determination, courage and resilience can help people overcome any barrier! He showed a video of his amazing achievements and also played the piano for us. It was fantastic. He was such an inspiration and reinforced the message that if you set your sights high, anything is possible! With God's love we can fly! Thank you Bart for coming to speak to our children. A video of his amazing achievements has been shared on our Facebook page.

Next Wednesday is another of our coffee mornings. This time it is open to our community- many of whom have never seen inside the school building (or at least not for many years!) For safeguarding purposes all visitors have had to register and will have to sign in before entering the hall, so please do not worry about the doors being open to all- as they are not- I just thought it would be nice for people from our local community to see what Huxley CE Primary is like but also get the opportunity to speak to you, our parents, too! As usual **all** parents/ carers welcome to come for coffee/tea.

*With God's
love we can fly*

DIARY DATES 2022

1st November- Flu vaccinations

1st November- Parent meeting- with IEB, Diocese, CWAC

3rd November-Parents Evening

9th November- coffee morning

29th November –School photos

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

QUOTE/REFLECTION POINT...

**“Being challenged in life is inevitable,
being defeated is optional.” – Roger Crawford**

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Gourley



Homophones Practice: They're, There and Their

Complete these sentences using the correct homophone. The first three have been done for you.

1. "Look at the beautiful rainbow over there!" gasped Lydia.
2. The one with the white fence is their house.
3. Do you think they're hiding?
4. Put the book over there on the shelf.
5. Their bus was running late.
6. The cold wind made their teeth chatter.
7. Could they be in there?
8. Blue sweets are the best; they're my favourites.
9. Ava and Lucas put their hands up at the same time.
10. Are you sure they're not real?
11. The new teacher got their books in a muddle.
12. I went there last summer too!
13. Is there a doctor anywhere near?



Homophones: two, too, to

These three words are often misspelled or used incorrectly. Here are some examples of **two**, **too** and **to**:

I am going to the cinema.
It is **too** wet to play outside!
Can I come along **too**, please?
There were **two** fish in the bowl.



Complete the sentences using the correct homophone.

1. There were two cookies left in the tin.
2. I usually go to my gran's house at the weekend.
3. I didn't need my coat today as it was too hot.
4. I can paint well but I am good at drawing too.
5. I like going to the park with my friends.
6. Can we take two presents to the party?
7. I am full because I ate too much!
8. I have two cats and one dog.



1. Use the column method to work out the additions.

a) $\begin{array}{r} 23,000 \\ + 12,400 \\ \hline \end{array}$ b) $\begin{array}{r} 1,000 \\ + 1,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$

2. Complete the additions.

a) $735 + 265 = 1,000$

b) $1,038 + 6,962 = 10,000$

c) $8,238 + 872 = 10,000$

3. Mr Hall has written these additions on the board.

Dexter's workings: $\begin{array}{r} 32486 \\ + 12475 \\ \hline \end{array}$

Eva's workings: $\begin{array}{r} 17654 \\ + 9350 \\ \hline \end{array}$

Explain the mistakes that Dexter and Eva have made.