



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

March 30th, 2021

Diary Dates

April

1st INSET (pupils not in)
2nd Good Friday
3rd Spring Break
12th Ramadan begins
19th School re-opens
19-30th Parents' evenings
20th Y4 Lime Swimming

May

3rd Bank Holiday
12th Individual photos
29th Half-term break

June

7th School re-opens
Environment Week
9th Class photos
14-18th Y6 residential
15th Y5 Maya expert

July

21st INSET (pupils not in)
22nd Summer break

The Way Forward

This week marked the next step in the cautious easing of national restrictions that will, we all hope, lead to the return to normality. However, there have been false starts before, and in order to secure long-lasting gains we must all play our part in keeping step with the guidance as it changes – we are very much not out of the woods yet. School will continue to follow the latest DfE advice, which is unchanged for the period immediately after the Spring Break, and the current safety measures will therefore remain in place (staggered start/end to the school day, children separated in year-group bubbles, facial coverings worn by all visitors to the site, and so forth). We will continue to keep the situation and guidance under review, and will inform you of any changes. Our latest risk assessment is [available online](#).

Over the holiday period, and beyond, please continue to ensure that your children are following the national guidance – as the vaccination programme progresses there should be less chance of serious illness, but conversely as restrictions are eased there is a greater chance of disruption to education, which we all wish to avoid (since we will still need to close bubbles if cases occur, under current guidance, and these are more likely out of lockdown).

Spring Break contact-tracing: **PLEASE READ**

Schools have again been asked to assist with pupil/staff contact-tracing over the start of the Spring Break, since the contact tracing period extends back 2 days before a person develops symptoms. In practice, this means that your child could still be asked to self-isolate if we receive news of a child developing symptoms at any time up to midnight on Friday, April 2nd, who then goes on to test positive.

Please note the following very carefully:

- **Until midnight on Friday, April 2nd** If your child develops Coronavirus symptoms (or tests positive with an LFD test), please inform the school as soon as you can, using the head's email address (head@huntington.cheshire.sch.uk) and book a full test (PCR) immediately. Please then **let us know the result of the test**, using the same email address.
- We may need to contact year groups and ask them to self-isolate for 10 days in the event of a positive test. If no reports of children with symptoms are received by midnight on Friday, and all testing already initiated has been completed, we will send out a text on Saturday informing you of that (so that everyone can relax).
- **After midnight on Friday, April 2nd** Do not contact the school if your child develops Coronavirus symptoms (or tests positive with an LFD test) but book a PCR test as normal and follow any instructions from Test & Trace that you may receive.
- **From Sunday, April 18th:** please follow the normal guidance – do not attend school if your child or anyone in your household or support bubble has symptoms of Coronavirus (or tests positive with an LFD test) and let us know of this as soon as possible (over weekends/evenings via the head's email address).

Obviously we hope not to need to contact anyone regarding self-isolation, but if this is necessary we trust that families will continue to follow the guidance as you have been doing.

Remote Learning survey

As part of our ongoing self-evaluation, we would like to gather your views on the implementation of remote learning this academic year, for both the spring term lockdown and any individual periods of self-isolation. A link to the very short Google survey can be found below – we would really appreciate everyone spending just a minute to complete this: click [HERE](#).

School Clubs

School clubs will begin again as follows after the Spring Break:

Week 1 (April 19): Multiskills - Y3 Hazel (Mon); Football - Y4 (Tues), Y6 (Thurs), Y5 (Fri); Netball – Y5 (Thurs)
Week 2 (April 26): Multiskills - Y2 Elm (Mon), Y1 Maple (Tues)

(the Multiskills clubs will be for those children who previously expressed an interest)

Curriculum Support for Parents

Things have changed since you were at school! CWAC are running online courses to inform parents about current teaching methods in Maths and English (EYFS & KS1). If you are interested, find out more by clicking the relevant link below, and to book a place contact the school office and let them know which course you're interested in and your contact details (name, email address, phone number) **by Thursday, April 22nd**.

Click for [Maths](#)

Click for [English](#) (Nursery to Year 2)

World Book Day

We hope to hold the traditional dressing-up day to celebrate books and book characters later in the year, but the spoon book character competition was a great alternative. Well done to all who took part: some of the winning entries are pictured below.



Outdoor Learning

Current advice to prioritise outdoor learning where possible has been welcomed by pupils and facilitated by the development of our Forest Schools area over the last year or so. All kinds of curriculum activities have found a welcome home there, from Geography to Art, and we look forward to continuing to develop the area and utilising it throughout the seasons.



Outstanding Behaviour

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes are as below - and well done to the other children whose behaviour has been exemplary.

Y3 Birch: Elizabeth Marsh
Y4 Hawthorn: Aarav Nair
Y5 Larch: Nathaniel Amolegbe
Y6 Alder: Amy Roberts

Y3 Hazel: Drew Benson
Y4 Lime: Matthew Chadwick
Y5 Rowan: Emilia Hill
Y6 Sycamore: Amelia Buckley

Music for Life

Year 4 will recommence whole-class instrumental tuition after Easter – individual lessons are available from the same company; see [HERE](#) for details (book by March 31st for the summer term).

Free School Meal Provision

Parents whose children receive benefits-related free school meals will receive a voucher for the Easter holiday period via the Wonde platform, CWAC having allocated the Winter Fund budget to individual schools on this occasion. Please contact the school if you do not receive the voucher (£35 per child).

Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Cycle safety

While we encourage healthy journeys to school, including cycling, this needs to be safe – please therefore note that all pupils cycling to school should:

- Wear a cycle helmet
- Be under the close supervision of an adult (unless in Year 5/6)
- Dismount to cross the pedestrian crossings
- Walk their bike on the school site at all times (dismounting at the external gates on entry; not getting onto their bike until off-site when leaving – and if leaving via the large white gate, not getting on until on the other side of the pedestrian crossing, to avoid the temptation to ride across it)



Best wishes for Easter
Mr Rose