



# Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

May 4th, 2021

## Diary Dates

**May**  
 7<sup>th</sup> Stroke Assoc.n fund raiser (own clothes)  
 29<sup>th</sup> Half-term break

**June**  
 7<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
 Environment Week  
 9<sup>th</sup> Class photos  
 14-18<sup>th</sup> Y6 residential  
 15<sup>th</sup> Y5 Maya expert  
 28<sup>th</sup> Individual photos

**July**  
 21<sup>st</sup> INSET (pupils not in)  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Summer break

### The road to freedom

I would like to start by thanking everyone for their continued efforts to follow both the national and school-site safety measures – it really does feel that a corner has been turned, and that with continued vigilance life may return to something approaching normality in the near future, at least in the UK. Our thoughts are of course with all those still struggling against Covid, both here and around the world, and especially in India at present, a country with which Britain has strong historic ties and much affinity.

This being said, it seems likely that DfE advice will continue to recommend the use of bubbles and staggered starts for the remainder of the summer term, and therefore the earliest we can expect a return to normal arrangements in school is likely to be September. It has already been announced locally that the school sport calendar

remains cancelled for the rest of this academic year, so sadly there will be no district sports or any other form of inter-school competition this term, with virtual competitions planned instead. Similarly, all our residential visits except the Year 6 Conway Centre experience have now been cancelled, with a final decision on the latter to be made imminently, following receipt of guidance from the Welsh government.

However, we have begun to dip our toes in the water of normality, with Y4 Lime enjoying weekly visits to Christleton pool for their swimming lessons, postponed since last summer, and our after-school sports clubs having recommenced. When it is safe to do so, we will embrace the chance to return to a full school life.

### Stroke Association Fundraiser: **Wear Purple** on Friday, May 7th

This coming Friday we are holding a fundraising event in aid of the Stroke Association. Support for this extremely worthy cause was suggested by Year 6 pupil Eliana Leyden - many thanks to her for expressing her passion for this idea. In May the association usually runs an awareness month, and encourages supporters to wear purple. This year the organisation is focusing attention on the effect of Covid on medical research and fundraising, and so support is even more appreciated than usual.

Children are therefore invited to show support for the cause by wearing purple this coming Friday, an own clothes day, in return for a donation to the association. A *School Money* payment link (*Stroke Awareness – Make May Purple*) will be sent to everyone prior to the day, but the donation is of course voluntary, and the amount (set initially at £2) can be changed up or down. We hope you will feel able, in these difficult times for everyone, to donate to this cause.



### National Success

Many congratulations to Y6 pupil Indigo Konstant-Hambling, who has been chosen as a finalist in the *Poetry by Heart* competition. She has been invited to the national showcase event at Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London, and we wish her further success there to add to her already significant achievement.



### Reading Books

Please can everyone remember that reading books should be brought back into school on a Friday, so they can be quarantined over the weekend - books can then be changed on a Monday.

### Lunches

A polite reminder that lunch menus are sent out electronically on Tuesday – **please complete by Thursday** to enable efficient ordering by the catering team for the following week.

Please also note that the cost of school lunches will increase to £2.40 from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

# Health, Safety and Wellbeing

## Road safety

Several vehicles have recently been spotted dropping children off on or near the school's mini roundabout, by the internal gates. This is both hazardous and causes congestion for others trying to access the drop-off zone - please do not stop here, even briefly. Thank you.

## Covid Testing

A reminder from CWAC about accessing a Covid test:

**Individual has one of the three COVID-19 symptoms – a high temperature, or a new and continuous cough, or a loss or change in sense of taste and/or smell**

Book a PCR test via the national booking portal <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or calling 119, and selecting that you have COVID-19 symptoms when prompted.

**Individual has shortness of breath, muscle or body aches, fatigue, sore throat, headache, nasal congestion or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea or vomiting**

Book a PCR test via the national booking portal [https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test-or-by-calling-119), then select you do not have symptoms, and then select the option 'my local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms' when prompted. Individuals are not required to self-isolate unless the test is positive; this advice is precautionary advice not national guidance.

Happy Star Wars Day!

*Mr Rose*