



# Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Diary Dates

Change in red

### April

18<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
21<sup>st</sup> *Wind in the Willows*  
24-26<sup>th</sup> Y5 residential

### May

1<sup>st</sup> May Bank Holiday  
8<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday for King's  
Coronation (sch closed)  
9-12<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs  
27<sup>th</sup> Half-term break

### June

5<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
Y6 residential  
12<sup>th</sup> Y1 Phonics check wk  
Y4 Times Tables wk  
20<sup>th</sup> Class photos (YN,1-5)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Infant Sports (am)  
28-30<sup>th</sup> Y4 residential

### July

4<sup>th</sup> **Junior Sports (am)**  
YR New starters eve  
5<sup>th</sup> *The Lion King* show  
6<sup>th</sup> *The Lion King* show  
11-13<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evenings  
19<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' show  
20<sup>th</sup> Pupils' last day  
21<sup>st</sup> INSET (pupils not in)

### September

4<sup>th</sup> INSET (pupils not in)  
5<sup>th</sup> **INSET (pupils not in)**  
6<sup>th</sup> **School re-opens**

We hope you all had an enjoyable break, and are now ready for much better weather (arriving right on time today) and a fun-packed term of learning, visits, sport, music and much more.

## School Term dates 2023-24

The school term/holiday calendar for 2023-24 is now available on the school website, at this link [HERE](#).

## NEU Strike Action

The NEU has announced two further dates for strike action over the next three weeks, on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The school will likely be partially open as on the previous strike days – further information will be passed on towards the end of this week (including any childcare provision for the children of critical workers, and for vulnerable pupils).

## PTA Easter Competition

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the Easter Egg design competition. There were so many good entries that choosing winners was very difficult: pictured below are the artists themselves, with their winning entries beneath.



## Behaviour Awards

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes for the last half term were as below, all receiving vouchers. Well done to all the other children who have demonstrated excellent behaviour during this period.

Y3 Birch: Aston Capewell

Y3 Hazel: Elizabeth Hennessy

Y4 Hawthorn: Noah Anderson

Y4 Lime: Ben Lightfoot

Y5 Larch: Noah Sanderson

Y5 Rowan: Michael Mundy

Y6 Alder: Evie Holgate-Stedmans

Y6 Sycamore: Sophie Fallon

## Golden Table

Congratulations to the children who received Golden Tickets for their behaviour at lunchtime over the past half-term, and were rewarded with a seat at the Golden Table on the last day of the Spring term (some shown at right).



## Sport

### Football

Our Y6 football team concluded their league fixtures with a 6-2 victory over Mickle Trafford and a 2-0 defeat of Christleton (first goal pictured, courtesy of Harry's mum). With three wins and a draw, they have a chance of a place at the Chester Champions tournament at Liverpool Academy later this term – goal difference will decide.



Our Y4 football team also won their penultimate league fixture (4-0 against Lache Primary), and a closely-fought Y6 friendly against Boughton Heath rounded off the term's fixtures (with a few more friendlies to come).

### Cross Country

The recent Chester Cross Country event at the Ellesmere Port Sport Village saw much success, with our squad finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of 16 participating schools, and individual 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals for Harriet Buckley (Y6 Girls) and Matthew Chadwick (Y6 Boys). Congratulations to the whole squad on an excellent performance:

Y4: Oscar Edge-McCaffrey, Scarlett Ellis, Isla Holgate-Stedmans, Emilia Hughes, Annie Knights, Niall Lahive, Jack Swadling, Elijah Woods

Y6: Harriet Buckley, Charlie Callaghan, Matthew Chadwick, Millie Jeffs, Charlie Maggs, Tom Pritchard, Bailey Renshaw, George Xiong



### Diary change: Junior Sports

As previously communicated via School Spider message, the Junior Sports morning has had to be moved to Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, due to a clash of the previous date with a Y6 new starter day at one of our local high schools – we sincerely hope this will be 3<sup>rd</sup> date lucky!

### Staffing

Mrs High, our School Business Manager (SBM), has been successful in gaining a senior post with Cheshire West finance, and will be leaving us at the end of this week, although she will still be intimately involved at school as a Co-opted Governor.

Mrs High is replaced by Mrs Rachel Fisher as SBM – Mrs Fisher knows the school well from her time in our office, and is ready to hit the ground running. We are also joined by Mrs Kate Linford, replacing Mrs Fisher. Mrs Linford has finance and pre-school experience, and is also involved with the PTA committee in one of our partner schools.

Mrs Becky Foster, our longstanding Edsential catering supervisor, has also departed – until a permanent appointment is made, Mrs Catriona Phillips will be providing experienced Edsential cover.

### Becky the cook's farewell assembly



Mrs Bethan Jones has now begun her maternity leave – we wish her and her family the very best. Mrs Michelle Conway, well known to the Y2 Elm children, will be providing the maternity cover from next Monday.



## Pupil Councils

**School Council** members were pleased to see the fun created by their silent disco fundraiser in the last week of term (Y6 pictured). Many thanks to Mrs High for deejaying!



## Eco Council



Our Eco Councillors ran a Fairtrade stall after school in connection with the Chester Fairtrade shop (Wesley Church Centre), raising a much-appreciated total of £95 to support Fairtrade makers, growers and artisans. We also had a visit from a giant banana from the local Co-op! Danielle and her yellow friend spoke to the children in an assembly, explaining some of the ways in which banana farmers can be helped by banding together, and by consumers choosing Fairtrade products.



## Curriculum Developments

In English, a Reading Spine was recently implemented across the school, to improve the quality of the reading stock available to take home, following extensive research by Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Devlin, and purchases using PTA and school funds (many thanks for this support, without which this initiative could not have happened).

As part of the development of our Art & Design curriculum, many classes have created 3D pieces using techniques developed by artist Darrell Wakelam. Year 1 Beech pupils not only enjoyed their project, creating 3D fossil art, but a tweet about their work has set a school record for engagement, reaching over 9,000 people!



## Winners!



Congratulations to Isabelle Chadwick (Y3 Birch) for her winning Minnie Mouse design for the Chester Duck Race (left)...

...and to the winners of the Digital Leaders' Online Safety Competition (right).



## Lunch Menu Changes

You will notice some changes to the lunch menus from this week onwards, in line with our catering supplier's standard policy. These are:

- **Deli fillings: Tuna, Cheese or Ham only** (these are the most popular choices).
- **Breads: different bread will be offered each day to all – prior selection will not be possible** (although a wrap will always be available for those few children who will eat nothing else).
- **Dessert: Fruit, Yogurt and Cookies will be available at all times** (subject to supply) – children may have both fruit and a cookie.

## Recent school events

Both Year 3 classes enjoyed residential visits to the Burwardsley Outdoor Education Centre in March, experiencing a range of activities based on their *Stone Age to Iron Age* history topic, from archery and a camp fire to the construction of clay round houses.



Year 4 have enjoyed learning a brass instrument this term, benefiting from the expertise of *Music for Life* tutors and participation in a concert for parents (shown at right).



## School uniform update

A reminder that the school's uniform policy, available online [HERE](#) (website: *Information, Policies*), will now be implemented in full and monitored, and any transgressions (e.g. wearing trainers on non-PE days) will be brought to parents/carers' attention. Remember, we have removed the requirement for any uniform to be branded (badged), although we would prefer the sweatshirt/cardigan to feature the school badge. There is no change in the uniform colours specified – please follow this guidance, and note that the school PE dress code should be followed (including that club strips are not acceptable).

Please remember that, on PE days, we would like all pupils to wear their red sweatshirt/cardigan over the top of their PE T-shirt during the school day (tracksuit tops can still be brought to school on PE days to wear for outdoor sessions in colder weather, either worn to school over the red top (for removal in class) or brought in a bag).

## Health, Safety and Wellbeing

### Parking/Drop-off

Concerned parents have contacted the school regarding dangerous driving/parking on the school site, with an injury or worse likely if these practices continue. Please, therefore:

1. **Drive around the internal roundabout before stopping in the drop-off zone – do NOT cut across the line of traffic to park facing the school building** (this is both selfish and extremely dangerous).
2. **Do NOT stop on/near the internal roundabout to let children out** - this is very dangerous for the children, and for drivers following behind who will not expect it (in addition to causing unnecessary congestion).
3. **Do NOT park in the drop-off zone** – cars should only be there for long enough to let Y3-6 children get out safely. **Cars should never be left unoccupied in the zone.**

*Kind regards,  
Mr Rose*