



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

June 8th, 2024

Diary Dates

Addition Change

June

- 10th Y1 Phonics check wk
Y5 Computing visit
- 11th Y6 Rounders (Bishops')
- 13th Class photos (not YR/6)
- 14th Infant Sports (am)
- 16th Active Travel Festival
- 17-21st Y6 residential
District Athletics
- 19th Nursery Sports (am)
Y4 Football (Blacon)
- 25th Class swap morning
Y6 High school visits
- 26th Y5 Maya archaeologist
- 27th Junior Sports (am)
- 28th PTA Summer Fair
(& non-uniform day)

July

- 3rd YR New Starters Eve
Y6 Tri-Golf
- 8-11th Parents' Evenings
(Year 6 on 15/16th)
- 23rd Y6 Leavers' show
- 24th Summer Break

As we enter the home straight of the academic year, we look back over a very busy half-term just gone, and towards the even busier one just begun. We will be welcoming back to school once more a practising Maya archaeologist to speak to Year 5, multiple sports events have been arranged for inter-school competition over the next month or two, plus our own sports days, and various transition activities are well underway to prepare for the pupils' move up to the next school year, or to high school for Year 6. There is also our Summer Fair in a couple of weeks' time, and the return of Chester's Active Travel Festival on Father's Day (June 16th), which the organiser spoke to our pupils about in yesterday's assembly. And that's just the tip of the iceberg - the last half-term is always full of activity, and this one is no exception.

Term/holiday dates for next year were distributed to all over the half-term break, but if you missed that message then the dates are available by clicking [HERE](#).

Staffing update

Mrs Jones has now returned from maternity leave to Elm class, and Miss Carter has become Mrs Gait, having married over the half-term break.

Long Distance Runners and Walkers

Three members of staff, Miss Hickman, Mrs Robinson and Ms Smith, recently completed the Chester half-marathon, following in the footsteps of the many pupils who completed the mini-marathon in the autumn term – well done to all.

Also putting his feet to excellent use was Year 6 pupil Elliot Yeoman-Armer, who completed a charity walk all the way from Huntington to Anfield, the home of his beloved Liverpool FC. He had wonderful support from the LFC Foundation, and has raised almost £1500 for a cause close to his heart, helping support Adoption UK to find other children their forever homes. Elliot has a *JustGiving* page if you'd like to find out more about his epic walk and fundraising, and perhaps help him add to it:

(<https://www.justgiving.com/page/elliott-yeoman-amer-1697898968199>).



Ms Smith, Miss Hickman and Mrs Robinson



Elliot Yeoman-Armer, at Anfield and on the road



Musical Theatre Club: Shrek the Musical

Miss Bunning's Musical Theatre Club staged a swampy production of *Shrek the Musical* just before the half term break. The dress rehearsal was enjoyed by junior pupils, before the two evening performances showcased some superb acting, singing and dancing. Many congratulations to all involved, including Miss Avery, who assisted throughout, and Mrs McKay, who created the amazing stage setting and masks.



Theatre at school: The Selfish Giant

Two performances of Oscar Wilde's *The Selfish Giant* were enjoyed by children from KS1 and KS2 in April, with some lucky pupils joining the cast. Innovative use of puppets and stage scenery at different scales made for a very creative interpretation of the tale, alongside great singing and acting (including from our children).



Year 6 SATs

Year 6 pupils coped well with the rigours of SATs week, supported with a communal breakfast in the hall each morning, and rewarded with an ice cream at the end of the week. Well done Year 6!

We were also delighted to receive a lovely email from a Y6 parent, commenting on how well the school managed what could otherwise be a stressful time, instead turning it into a positive, confidence-building experience. Many thanks to Mr Cunnington and Miss Avery for their sterling efforts once more.



SATs breakfasts in the hall...



...and ice cream at the end of the week

Year 6 Persuasive Writing

Jack Allwood, owner of local company Moo'trition, judged persuasive letters written by Year 6 pupils, and took part in a Q&A session about his life at Huntington Hall Farm, how he started his milkshake business, and the creation of the various flavours. The children were interested to learn about farm life and the benefits of milk, and all received a reusable bottle for their next visit to Moo'trition.



Year 5 Robinwood Residential

Both Year 5 classes enjoyed a super residential visit to the Robinwood centre near Wrexham before half-term. The children enjoyed a wide range of adventurous and problem-solving activities in a packed three-day programme.



Behaviour

Awards

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes for the last half term are as below - and well done to the other children whose behaviour has been exemplary:

Y3 Birch: Violet Garner

Y3 Hazel: Bryony White

Y4 Hawthorn: Lola McMillan

Y4 Lime: Leo Flowerday

Y5 Larch: Benjamin Tong

Y5 Rowan: Phoebe Lodge

Y6 Alder: Elissa Sayer

Y6 Sycamore: Noah Sanderson

Behaviour Principles

The Governing Board are responsible for setting out the behaviour principles for the school, which underpin the school's behaviour policy. The principles have recently been revisited, and are published [HERE](#) for consultation with parents and staff – please address any comments on this document to the governors' clerk, at clerk@huntington.cheshire.sch.uk.

PTA

Our PTA have been working hard to prepare for the Summer Fair on June 28th. There will be lots of stalls and fun on offer from 3:30pm, and that Friday will be a non-uniform day for pupils, in exchange for a gift for the tombola, please.

Details were circulated last week about the bunting design competition arranged for the event, and a template sent home. Children can complete up to three designs on a page and they will be laminated and displayed on the day. There is a £1 charge to take part, and a draw will take place from the entrants from each year group, with a prize of 10 tokens to use at the summer fair.

Raffle tickets are also on sale via School Spider. All support for the school and our hard-working PTA is very much appreciated.



Early Years Outdoor Area

With the benefit of funding from the PTA, and informed by research into child development, our Early Years outdoor area has been revamped to incorporate more problem-solving activity – a sample shown below.



SPORT

Football

There was further football success for the school last half term, with our Year 4 team winning their local league and thereby progressing to the Chester Champions finals in the summer term. Our girls team also performed very well once more, finishing joint second in their league, and will also likely qualify for the end of year finals.

Exciting opportunities have also been taken this term to be one of the first Chester schools to participate in friendly tournaments at Liverpool Academy. So far, our Year 6 team has played there twice (winning on both occasions) and our Year 4 team also enjoyed a successful afternoon there this week, meeting former Liverpool pro Stephen Wright and relishing the facilities on offer.



Y6/5 Girls' team at Christleton High



Y6 team with the European Cup!



Y6 and Y4 teams with Stephen Wright

Tennis

Phil from Play Point Sports delivered a taster tennis session for Year 1-4 children at the end of April, a really enjoyable morning that encouraged many to attend a further session at Hoole Tennis club. We also received lovely feedback from Phil, who visits hundreds of schools a year around the country and said Huntington was one of the most welcoming he's been to and everything was fantastically well organised – thanks Phil!



HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

Chester Active Travel Festival

Chester's second Active Travel Festival will take place on **Sunday, June 16th** at Chester Townhall Square, from 10:00 -16:00 - a great day out for Father's Day!

The festival will offer lots of fun, information and entertainment for all the family – for more details

- visit the website at <https://atfest.uk/>
- read the flyer (click [HERE](#))
- look at the Chester Green Weekend brochure and map (click [HERE](#))



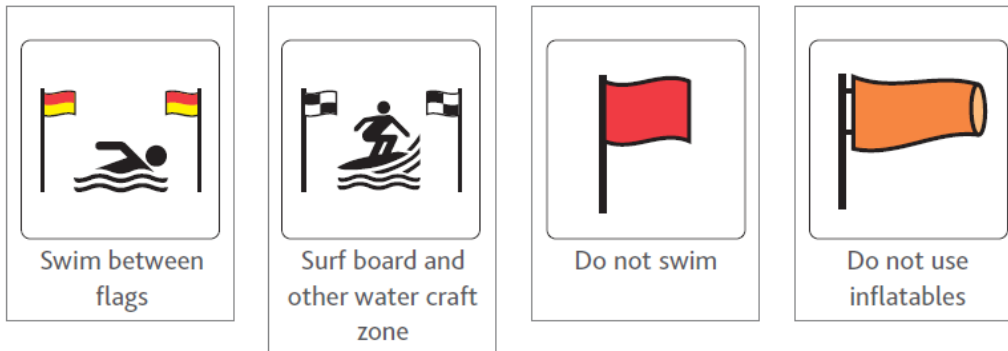
Pedestrian Crossing Safety

After a report to the school this week of a near-miss on the pedestrian crossing near the Co-op, can I please ask all parents to remind their children of the crucial importance of following the indicators on the crossings (and definitely not to cross when the red man is visible). Vehicles are probably the most significant and widespread danger the children will encounter at this stage of their lives, and road safety is therefore crucial.

Water Safety Assembly

Lifeguards from the RNLI visited school to improve the children's understanding of beach safety, and their knowledge of the various warning flags in use on our beaches (see below). The assembly was a lot of fun, while putting across the crucial safety messages needed.

Warning flags in use in the UK



The importance of knowing what to do if caught in a rip current was also demonstrated (the headteacher was rescued successfully!) - click [HERE](#) for more detailed information about this crucial beach safety knowledge.

*Kind regards,
Mr Rose*

