



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

December 20th, 2024

Diary Dates

December

21st Christmas break

January

6th INSET (pupils not in)

7th School re-opens

29th Chinese New Year

February

6th YR/Y6 class photos

10-13th Parents' evenings

11th Safer Internet Day

15th Half-term break

24th School re-opens

25th Young Voices (choir)

28th Ramadan begins

March

3-14th Y6 Bikeability

6th World Book Day

21st Red Nose Day

26/7th Mary Poppins show

April

2-4th Y4 residential

5th Easter break

23rd School re-opens

23-25th Y3 residential

May

5th Bank Holiday

12th Y6 SATs week

23rd INSET (pupils not in)

24th Half-term break

June

2nd School re-opens

9th Y1 Phonics check wk

Y4 Times Tables wk

12th Class photos YN, 1-5

18th Nursery Sports (am)

18-20th Y6 residential

19th Infant Sports (am)

26th Junior Sports (am)

July

1st Class swaps day

7-10th Parents' Evenings

16th Y6 Leavers' show

23rd Summer Break/INSET

With a very late finish to the autumn term this year, Christmas is almost upon us, and everyone is very much in the festive mood. Our ninth Christmas performance yesterday morning, by the Nursery children, capped a wonderful series of shows, with Reception, KS1, Y3/5 and Y4/6 also entertaining family audiences as well as the children in school during dress rehearsals. It has been wonderful to see the confidence with which our pupils took to the stage.



Nursery children on stage for their show

Don't forget that we have an INSET day on Monday, January 6th, so school will re-open to pupils on Tuesday, January 7th.

Governance

A new Chair of Governors has recently been elected, parent governor Amanda Robinson. We would like to thank Louise Gibson, our former chair and former clerk of Huntington Parish Council, for her contribution to the school over several years.

The Governing Board are keen to gather your views about school communication in general, and everyone should have received a link to an anonymous online survey – it would be much appreciated if as many parents/carers as possible could complete this by January 12th.



Amanda Robinson
Chair of Governors

Children In Need



There was much excitement in November when Pudsey visited the school for this year's Children in Need appeal. Many thanks to the Enterprise team who facilitated the visit, which helped the school raise over £1,100 for this worthy cause, and saw a lovely video created by Mrs Twiss shown in assembly and posted online.



A sample of recent school activities



Gameplay in Maths Week



Odd Socks Day



KS1 at the Grosvenor Museum



Y4 tasting their Roman pottage



KS1 sewing – a friend for Nibbles



Y5 Science: separating materials

KS2 Christmas Shows



Behaviour Awards

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

Y3 Birch: Eden Ellis	Y3 Hazel: Isabella Roberts
Y4 Hawthorn: Pola Gibbins	Y4 Lime: Camellia Abdallah
Y5 Larch: Hatty Seddon	Y5 Rowan: Millie Dunne
Y6 Alder: Kayla Wong	Y6 Sycamore: Rome Evans

PTA

The PTA held a very enjoyable Quiz Night in November, which raised more than £600 for the school. This was followed in early December by the Christmas Fayre, featuring the excellent Bishops' High band *Flashback*, a games room staffed by Year 6 pupils, and of course our very own Santa's grotto.



Scenes from the PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA have committed to fund a range of school projects over the coming year, including:

- New EYFS adventure play area, for installation in February (part-funding)
- New online library system – two laptops to manage the system, and the annual subscription fee
- New book stock for our Little Wandle reading scheme

We are very grateful for the PTA's support, which adds considerable value to the children's experience.

Community

Our connection with Deewater Grange care home has strengthened further this term. The choir recently performed a programme of festive songs for the residents, which was very much appreciated (see below).



The home also developed a Remembrance art gallery, which featured work from our Year 6 pupils, as below.



SPORT

We have continued to provide opportunities for pupils to demonstrate their football skills in area tournaments, and now further afield, with a regular link with Liverpool FC via our partner school group. Ten Year 6 players enjoyed competing against five other local primaries at the academy in Kirkby in November, and came joint top on the day, leading to an invitation to compete against schools from a wider area in the New Year. Further pupils, including from younger age groups, will be invited to the academy in the Spring term.

Our Y6 boys' and girls' teams also took part in ESFA tournaments at Christleton High School, with excellent performances not quite enough to secure semi-final places this time, but great enthusiasm and teamwork on show. League matches are to follow in the Spring term.



Y6 Footballers at Liverpool FC Academy



Y6 Girls' Football Squad

Y6 Boys' Football Squad

Jack Ashton, Elliot Collier, Jack Enright, Rome Evans, Cody Grant, Niall Lahive, Zak Roberts, Finlay Shingfield, Jack Swadling, Bill Williams

Y6 Girls' Football Squad

Serena Abbinante, Lara Edge, Olivia Evans, Maisie Gamble, Isla Holgate-Stedmans, Emilia Hughes, Annie Knights, Francesca Krausgrill, Freya McHugh, Mira Tunc

Year 6 pupils also took part in a basketball competition at Ellesmere Port Sports Village, showing considerable ability and team spirit, and achieving a draw against the ultimate tournament winners in the group stage. Well done on some great performances!



Y6 Basketball Squad

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James Conway, Oscar Edge-McCaffrey, Jack Enright, Keanu Goncalves, Cody Grant, Doga Gurdas, Ben Tong, Bill Williams



*A very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
from all the staff and pupils
at Huntington Primary*



Please note that [applications for the Reception classes](#) for next September must be submitted online to CWAC by 15th January 2025.