



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

April 3rd, 2022

Diary Dates

April

- 14/16th St Luke's events
- 18th Bank Holiday
- 19th INSET (pupils not in)
- 20th School re-opens
- 23rd Theatre Show

May

- 2nd Bank Holiday
- 9th Y6 SATs week
- 25-27th Y4 residential
- 28th Half-term break

June

- 6th Day off for Jubilee
- 7th School re-opens
Y1 Phonics check wk
- 8th Class photos (YN, 1-5)
- 13th Y4 Times Tables wk
- 16/17th Musical Theatre
Club Performances
- 20-24th Y6 residential
- 23rd Infant Sports (am)
- 30th Junior Sports (am)

July

- 4th Y5 residential
- 11-15th Parents' Evenings
- 20th Y6 Leavers' show
- 22nd INSET (pupils not in)
- 23rd Summer Break

The Spring term seems to have flown by, and with the arrival of the longer evenings and a week of warm weather having already been enjoyed, it seemed that summer was almost upon us – but the weather clearly has different ideas for the holiday period, as it often does! We hope, however, that you are able to spend some time with your families, wherever you will be, and have a restful Easter weekend in a fortnight. The position of the Bank Holiday weekend this year, right at the end of the break, together with an INSET day, means that the children will not actually return to school until the Wednesday of that week (April 20th).

On the INSET day, all the teachers and teaching assistants will be receiving training in the school's revised phonics programme, *Little Wandle Letters & Sounds*, which will be fully implemented in the autumn term. Parental guidance to help you support your children with the programme will commence during the summer term.



We are clearly living in troubled times, both at home and abroad, and while we endeavour to protect our pupils from the anxieties that this might cause, we also highlight here the recent advice from the NHS regarding the vaccination of children aged 5-11.

Experts have advised that parents of all children aged 5 to 11 years should be offered the chance to have their child vaccinated.

Vaccination is particularly important for children who have health conditions that put them at high risk from COVID-19, as the benefits are greater.

More information for parents to make an informed choice is available at this link:

[A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years \(April 1st, 2022\)](#)

Recent school events

Despite the considerable Spring term disruption caused by Covid-19, affecting both pupil and staff attendance, planned events have been largely unaffected. Both Year 3 classes enjoyed residential visits to the Burwardsley Outdoor Education Centre at the end of March, experiencing fine weather and a range of activities based on their *Stone Age to Iron Age* history topic.



Outdoor adventures for Year 3 at the Burwardsley Centre

Year 4 have enjoyed learning the guitar this term, benefiting from the expertise of *Music for Life* tutors and participation in a concert for parents (shown at right). Y4 Hawthorn and Y3 Birch have attended Christleton High School for swimming lessons, and the week of drier weather enabled everyone to enjoy some time on the school field for break and lunchtime.



Reading Initiatives

The Reading Shed design competition was judged by members of the Book Club and School Council, with three winners chosen: Mellissa Pei (Y3), Ava Prosser Byrne (Y4) and Paraa Dasari (Y5). Mrs Inchley will be decorating the shed with their designs, aiming for an opening ceremony at the start of the summer term. Many thanks are due to the PTA for funding this resource, and to Mr McCleary for construction and fitting out.

The Junior library is fully open and being enjoyed by pupils during lunchtimes, and the Book Club are currently reading *Wonder* by RJ Palacio, following their enthusiasm for *Pony* by the same author. World Book Day focused on *The Once Upon a Time Map Book* by BG Hennessy – a display of work inspired by the book has been created in the hall, and the children and staff enjoyed dressing up to celebrate our love of reading.



Y6 pupils outside the Reading Shed

On Best Behaviour

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes for the last half term were as below - and well done to the other children whose behaviour has been exemplary, including those who received a seat at the Golden Table on Friday.

Y3 Birch: Oscar Edge-McCaffrey

Y3 Hazel: Maisie Gamble

Y4 Hawthorn: Merrilees Drake

Y4 Lime: Gabriel Render

Y5 Larch: Millie Jeffs

Y5 Rowan: Isaac Woods

Y6 Alder: Freya Saunders

Y6 Sycamore: McKenzie Burnett



Sport

This term our pupils have taken part in a netball tournament and several football fixtures (league and cup, both boys and girls teams). While our girls team has won all their local league matches, the undoubted highlight was their participation in the county finals at Crewe Alexandra's training ground. A series of excellent performances culminated in a place in the final itself. Against a very strong opponent, tiredness eventually told, but a place as county runners-up is a tremendous achievement worthy of celebration.



Girls' football team – county runners-up!

Clubs for the summer term

The sports clubs available to pupils from Y1 to Y6 will refocus for the summer term (cricket replacing football, for example), but some familiar indoor favourites are also making a return. The *House of Dance* team will be returning for a junior club, as will *Lights Camera Action*, for budding film makers and actors. A meeting has also been held to revive our *Code Club* – we hope this will restart in the near future. These indoor opportunities are in addition to our popular choir, musical theatre and book clubs.




Easter events

Easter activities were to be found throughout the school during the last week of term (see photos from Nursery, below centre and right). Rev Chris and Su from St Luke's C of E church were also welcomed into school for junior assemblies (split for Y3/4 and Y5/6) – props, pupil volunteers and a funky song made for an entertaining and informative 40 minutes, and well done to Miss Bunning, Mrs Caldecott and Mr Bell for being good sports during the dance routine!



St. Luke's has two events for families they have asked us to publicise: an Easter escape room (Thursday 14th, drop-in any time between 5-8pm and it'll take about half an hour) and 'Experience Easter', an exhibition to help parents explain the Easter story to children (Saturday 16th, drop-in any time between 10am-1pm, when the church cafe is also open).

Click the images below to access larger versions.



**The Anchorite's Cell
An Easter Escape Room**

FREEDOM

St. Luke's Church
Huntington - Vicars Cross - Boughton

Drop in and have a go at our...

EASTER ESCAPE ROOM
with challenges for all ages

Thursday 14 April, 5-8pm
(it should take you about 30 minutes, depending on your skills!)

www.stlukeschester.org.uk



Experience Easter

St. Luke's Church
Huntington - Vicars Cross - Boughton

Alongside our regular cafe we will have

EXPERIENCE EASTER (to experience the anguish and the joy of Easter) set up as a walk through exhibition for all ages

Saturday 16 April, 10am-1pm
(note - the cafe is closed on Good Friday, 15 April)

St. Luke's Cafe



St. Luke's Church
Vicars Cross, Boughton and Huntington
Chester Road, Huntington CH3 6BT
www.stlukeschester.org.uk

Easter events and services:

Maundy Thursday 14th April, 5-8pm:
drop in and have a go at our all-age Easter Escape Room

Maundy Thursday 14th April, 6pm:
Supper and communion (booking required)

Good Friday 15th April, 2pm
Around the cross - a reflective service
NB Cafe closed on Good Friday

Saturday 16th April, 10am - 1pm
Cafe open (as usual) with 'Experience Easter', a self-guided activity exploring the emotions of Easter

Easter Sunday 17th April, 10.30am
All age celebration service

Easter
New life, fresh hope

ALIVE

Cafe open:
Tues/Wed 10am-12pm
Thurs/ Fri 10am-2pm
Sat 10am-1pm

Children's Service:
Every term time Sunday 4.30-5pm
Kids tea Action songs, drama, prayer

All enquiries to Rev. Chris Blunt 01244 460058 / vicar@stlukeschester.org.uk



Continuing with the Easter theme, we have again entered The Countess of Chester Duck Race (Saturday 9th April at midday). Our charity duck design competition winner is pictured at left, together with art guru Jo Inchley, who brought the fantastic design to life.

Friends of Caldy Nature Park

The latest (Winter) edition of the Caldy Nature Park newsletter is now available via our *Eco Learning* page. Just [click HERE](#) to read their news.



Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Covid-19

Advice regarding Covid-19 and school attendance will be circulated before the end of the break, after it has been circulated to schools by the DfE.

Dog Fouling

Parents/carers who observe incidents of dog fouling in which the dog's owners do not tidy it up are encouraged to report this using the following system:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/streets-and-open-spaces/dog-animal-fouling.aspx>

Have a great Spring Break

from Mr Rose and all at Huntington Primary

