

15 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Hunsley Primary Newsletter

I do hope that you all had time to enjoy Mother's Day yesterday – whether you are a mother, auntie, grandma, big sister, dad, grandad or another very special grown-up performing that amazing job of being a 'mum' of all kinds! At this challenging time, these events are all the more significant and meaningful. The children were thinking a lot about their own special grown-ups last week – they did really well in producing their tribute collages. I hope that you found them on Google Classroom!



This week on Friday 19 March, we have **Red Nose Day** – a different kind of day this year. You'll understand, I am sure, that we are not bringing in noses this time – not everyone can get out to buy them and it's just a little bit harder to keep noses clean, not fiddled with and not shared! Instead, the children are invited to wear something red for fun this week. They don't need to come in non-uniform, but they can if they want to, or they can just add a touch of red to their uniform as a choice (we know it is so hard to get these kinds of items at the moment and don't want to add any extra jobs to your list!). The children should bring in a favourite joke too.

The sun is shining today, almost a year since we first went into national lockdown. It has been an extraordinary and tough year for all our families and for our community. Let's hope this sunshine heralds a better one ahead.

Have a happy and healthy week.

Yours faithfully,

Lucy Hudson
Head of Hunsley Primary

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ALL YEAR GROUPS

Drop off/Collection reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers of the following requests during drop off and collection:



**HELP TO KEEP OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE**



**Please leave the school as soon as you
have dropped off or collected your
child - Thank you.**



- arrive as closely to the allotted time as possible;
- wear your masks;
- queue 2m apart;
- keep your child with you (please don't let them run or scoot up and down the path)
- and – really importantly - avoid staying to chat after you have dropped off or collected your child, leaving promptly and allowing the other parents and carers waiting for their allocated time slot to do so safely.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19 March

We are taking part in **Red Nose Day** on Friday this week. Here's a reminder of the time a cheeky monkey came to join us for Comic Relief day a few years ago!



Just like our friend above, on Friday the children are invited to come to school wearing something **red!** They don't need to come in full non-uniform, but they can if they want to as well, or they can just add a touch of red to their normal uniform such as a red t-shirt, pair of socks or even a red mask, if they wear one (we know it is so hard to get these kinds of items at the moment and don't want to add any extra jobs to your list!) The children can bring in a favourite joke too.

As we are not handling money in change at this time, we wanted to let you know that a donation can be made via one of the donating sites, such as Sainsbury's below, if you wished to support the Comic Relief charity on Friday:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/partners/sainsburys/>

Head of Hunsley Primary Appointments

The Head of Hunsley Primary Appointments give parents/carers an opportunity to book an appointment with me throughout the year, in addition to our Parents' Consultations and meetings we hold, to discuss specific matters of concern relating to your child.

I am pleased to confirm that the appointments will take place via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 24 March**.

The appointments will start at 4.30pm and in order for me to see as many people as possible, 10 minute slots will be allocated, with the last session at 6.00pm. All appointments should be booked in advance and can be arranged by contacting the school on 01482 330883 or by sending an email to enquiries@hunsleyprimary.org.uk

I hope you will find the Head of Hunsley Primary appointments useful.

End of Term Progress Reporting

We are very pleased with how the children have settled back into the school routine last week. We are now continuing with our learning programme to ensure the children are able to progress in all areas of the curriculum and to support any additional learning and catch-up activities, where needed.

As you might imagine, we are not sending home an interim report this half term due to the very recent return to school and our current activities to support the children in progressing with learning. To ensure you have up-to-date information about your child's progress and learning achievement, we are now working closely as a team to assess and moderate where each child is in their learning journey in each subject area.

We will, of course, still be contactable for any parent / carer wishing to check on how their child has settled back into the school routine and we are offering the usual Head of Hunsley appointments next week for anyone wishing to book a meeting with myself (see above for details).

Asthma/Inhaler register review

We will soon begin the process of reviewing our Asthma/Inhaler register. If your child is on the register you will be contacted directly as part of this review. Please note, If your child has an IHCP that you have recently reviewed, we will still contact you as part of this review.

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma or prescribed an inhaler and you have not notified the school, please do contact us.

Pupil Certificates

The children will once again be issued with Hunsley Primary certificates as part of our Friday Celebration assemblies which we are still carrying out via Teams. The children will place these certificates in their school tray and bring them home at the end of this term.

We are awarding new certificates based on the Hunsley Primary Values and our HP Characteristics of Learning which we use to help us assess each child's attitude to learning, how well they engage and get stuck-in each day in school and also in their homelearning on a weekend.

You'll still see the Star of the Week, which we give to children who really show those Values in a special, stand-out way – for example, for kindness, fairness, helpfulness and understanding; but you might also see a 'Learning Leader' for children who set a good example to their peers; a 'Presentation Pride' for those who try really hard and take good care to improve their presentation of work and handwriting; 'Super Steps Forward' for those hitting their own personal goals and 'Challenge

Champion' for those children who step up to a more challenging activity which might take them above and beyond what they expected!

The children were very excited about their new certificates and we hope you enjoy looking at them when they bring them home at the end of the term.

Absences from school

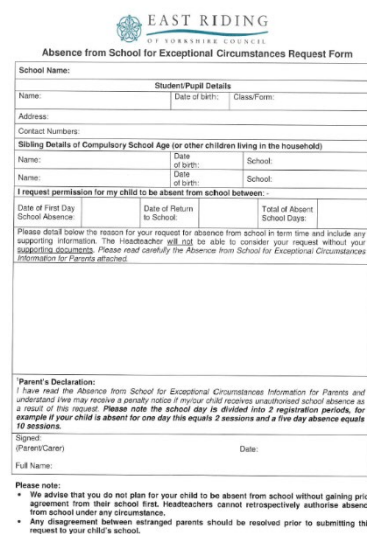
Appointments - Please ensure that you notify the school of your child's intended absence and send a copy of the appointment confirmation. This can be a photo of the letter or appointment card or a screenshot of the message if you have received confirmation by text.

Illness – Please contact the school on absence@hunsleyprimary.org.uk or leave a message on our absence line on 01482 330883. Please give the details of the illness, including symptoms.

Any other absence - if your child is absent from school and it does not come under an appointment or illness, please see our Absence in Term Time policy for further guidance - <https://www.hunsleyprimary.org.uk/parent-info/school-policies/>

An 'Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances Request Form' should be completed and submitted to the school before the absence is due to take place. Please click on the image to view the form.

If you are not sure which category your child's absence falls under, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



The form is titled 'Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances Request Form' and is issued by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. It contains sections for School Name, Student/Pupil Details (Name, Date of birth, Class/Form), Address, Contact Numbers, and Sibling Details. There is a section for 'I request permission for my child to be absent from school between...' with fields for Date of First Day, Date of Return, and Total of Absent School Days. A large text area is provided for 'Please detail below the reason for your request for absence from school in term time and include any supporting information. The Headteacher will not be able to consider your request without your supporting documents. Please read carefully the Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances Information for Parents attached.' Below this is a 'Parent's Declaration' section where the parent must sign and date, stating they have read the information and understand the consequences. A 'Please note' section at the bottom provides additional guidance.

EAST RIDING SCHOOL'S MUSIC SERVICE

Keyboard/Piano Lessons

The parents/carers of the children who have been offered a place for keyboard/piano lessons have now been sent their agreement letters and the East Riding School's Music Service online registration information. Please follow the instructions in both letters. Once you have confirmed your agreement and method of payment, we will add the payment item to your Parentmail account.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES / EVENTS / LINKS

East Riding Support Resources for Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Returning to school and coming steadily out of the lockdown measures is certainly a very welcome situation, but we understand that it is not without a certain level of anxiety or worry for some children. The Local Authority recently shared a really detailed list of links and resources for parents, carers and schools. If you would like to find out more about how best to support your child's emotional wellbeing, why not try out some of the following links:

- 1) A [resource pack](#) for children under 12 years old to help manage difficult feelings about coronavirus.
- 2) Young Minds: [Talking to your child about coronavirus](#)
- 3) Children's Commissioner: [Children's Guide to Coronavirus](#)
- 4) British Psychology Society: [Talking to children about Coronavirus](#)
- 5) Anna Freud – Mentally Healthy Schools: [10 ways for helping children struggling with change](#)
- 6) Social distancing video for early years: [While We Can't Hug](#)

- 7) Busy Bees: [Two metres apart activity](#)
- 8) [The Sleep Charity: Information and Support for Children](#)
- 9) Childline: [Feeling Lonely](#)
- 10) Childline: [Top tips for making friends](#)
- 11) Childline: [Calm Zone](#)
- 12) YoungMinds: [Hope Clouds activity](#)
- 13) The Autism Educator: [What is the coronavirus](#)
- 14) Books Beyond Words: [Resources to support people during coronavirus](#)
- 15) NSPCC: [Supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities](#)
- 16) Stars: [Social Stories](#)
- 17) Stars: [Transition Resources for Autistic Children](#)
- 18) [Preparing Autistic & SEND Children for going back to school](#)
- 19) Hull City Council: [Communicating loss with those who have additional needs.](#)
- 20) [Hand Washing Tips for People with Sensory Difficulties](#)

Teo's Tennis

A promotional poster for 'LTA Youth Start' tennis sessions. It features two young girls in orange t-shirts and grey trousers playing tennis on an outdoor court. One girl is in the foreground, swinging a racket, while the other is slightly behind her. The background shows a chain-link fence and a building. The text on the poster is as follows:

LTA YOUTH START

YOUR INTRO TO TENNIS

Six group coaching sessions for 4-11 year olds including a racket, t-shirt and more for only **£29.99** (+£5 P&P)

Starting 24th April (for 4-6 yr olds) for 6 x 1hr on Saturdays.
TEO's TENNIS @ SWANLAND LTC

Sign up now at lta.org.uk/youth/start