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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Hunsley Primary Newsletter

As we begin our final week of the Spring Term, we could not be busier at Hunsley Primary: the Year 1s are gearing up for their Inclusive Sports afternoon at St Anne's; Reception and Year 1 have an Easter Investigation to engage in, including a visit from Reverend Bielby on Monday and the Spring Walk on Tuesday; Gardening Club and Film Club are also on the cards, as well as a ParentLearn session for Year 1 families wanting to find out more about supporting spelling and handwriting.

By the time we return, we will already have begun getting to know our new Reception children who are starting in September, with Miss Hudson and the Reception Team planning their pre-school and home visits once again. During the weeks ahead, Mrs Boyes and Miss Briggs are preparing for the Phonics Screening Check which takes place in the Summer Term, as well as developing those vital learning skills ready for Year 1 to move into Year 2. Finally, I am looking forward to meeting the DfE again this week, to continue planning the internal layout of the new school building – exciting!

May I wish you all a restful holiday? Please don't forget that term finishes on Thursday this week.

Thank you!

We would like to thank our parents and families for their engagement this term. Your support makes Hunsley Primary the super place it is and we fully appreciate the power of working together with our families to ensure all our children reach their full potential. A special 'thank you' to our brilliant Parent Ambassadors and Volunteers too, who are giving up their own time on a regular basis to help and support the teaching and learning taking place in school, for example coming on school visits and listening to readers in school. Thank you also to our Sixth Formers and South Hunsley staff, who offer fantastic, inclusive opportunities to the children each week in a range of ways. We are very fortunate to have such opportunities.

Walking Bus

Our Walking Bus is proving to be popular – thank you to parents volunteering to help out with this (we are collecting names at the moment). So that we can make the Bus as efficient as possible, we will be setting off at **8.45am** each day after Easter, instead of 8.50am. If you have not yet signed up for the Bus, but would like to, please see Mrs Hitchin.

Sharing a Love of Reading

Have you got books at home which your children have read and loved but are now ready to part with? We are starting up a Book Swap Box after Easter and would love for you and your child to help us out with this initiative. The Book Swap Box contains donated books which are used but in **good condition and clean of any writing**. Children bring one book and swap it for another. This might be an old favourite which your child is keen to share and does not mind donating to the Box. Your child should bring along one book only at a time and swap it for one book only. They can keep bringing and swapping as long as they like, enjoying the books others are keen to share. If they look after the books they borrow too, then they should last for a few cycles.

Your child will find the Book Swap Box in school after Easter – they should feel free to help themselves, but they should donate one to take one. Please check that your book is clean, free of writing or names and appropriate for a reader of between 4 and 6 years of age. If you are not sure, please do just ask. We will check the book box to make sure the books are suitable too.

With reading in mind, at Hunsley Primary we are certainly biased towards thinking that a good book is one of the great joys of life! To be good Reading Role Models, we will be sharing some of our own childhood reads after Easter in our Match the Teacher to the Text quiz. For fun, see how many members of staff your child can match to the correct favourite childhood book: I wonder how many they will get!?

Reception – National Child Measurement Programme

The school nursing team will be visiting Hunsley Primary this week to measure the height and weight of the children in Reception as part of the National Child Measurement programme. Parents/Carers will receive their child's results by post within six weeks of their child being measured.

Uniform

A quick reminder for parents planning on buying new uniform over the holiday: we are no longer using indoor shoes in Year 1. On a rainy day, if your child comes to school in wellingtons, please make sure they have a pair of plain, black outdoor school shoes to change into. Your child should not be wearing boots in school, either in Year 1 or Reception.

Shirts should be a plain, white **polo-shirt** style and not a stiff collar, cotton button-down style – please make sure you are purchasing the style of shirt stated in the uniform policy (if you are not sure, please do ask). Polo shirts with fewer buttons also facilitate children getting themselves changed for PE more effectively and independently. You can buy multi-pack plain versions of these at most supermarkets (or you can purchase the school logo shirt from the office, if you prefer).

Thank you for adhering to the Uniform Policy - the full policy can be found on the school website.

Parent Learn Sessions

We are looking forward to our Year 1 Parent Learn session today at 4.00pm. This session will focus on supporting your child's spelling, with information also about handwriting in Year 1 and 2. Please do let us know if you would like to attend.

Please see below dates for our upcoming sessions:

Year 1 Supporting Maths - Monday 15 May 2017, 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Hunsley Primary Parent Parking Permit

If you have not already collected your parking permit - one per family can be signed out at the Hunsley Primary office. We ask that all parents/carers clearly display their permit on their dashboard when using the car park at drop off and collection times. If you lose your parking permit, please notify the school immediately. As always, we ask for your continued support and consideration of other families, road users, students and residents when parking your vehicle.

Multi Sports Club – Tuesday 4 April (Group B)

Please note that there will be no Multi Sports club for Group B children on Tuesday 4 April. This session will now take place on Tuesday 25 April. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. We have counted the ones we've received so far and are pleased to announce that between our families and staff we have **1535** vouchers to put towards sports and cooking equipment.

If you still have some to hand in, don't worry! We are still collecting them until the 30 June 2017 so please do bring them to the school office.

Keep the Date!

Please see below some key dates that you may wish to add to your calendar. If you would like any further information with regards to these please contact the school.

Year 1 Parent Learn Session - Spelling	Monday 3 April, 4.00pm – 5.00pm
St Anne's School – Sports Event (Year 1 Only)	Monday 3 April
Welton Church Visit (Year 1 and Reception)	Tuesday 4 April
Gardening Club – Group C	Thursday 6 April, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Year 1 Movie Night	Thursday 6 April, 3.30pm – 5.45pm
School closed for the Easter Holidays	Friday 7 April – Friday 21 April 2017
School re-opens to all pupils	Monday 24 April
Multi Sports Club – Group B	Tuesday 25 April, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Yours faithfully



Lucy Hudson
Head of Hunsley Primary