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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Hunsley Primary Newsletter

Welcome back to school to everyone following what I hope has been a happy and enjoyable holiday. We have been especially pleased to learn the first details of our new intake for September, with the school proving to be very popular for the incoming Reception class. The work our team does, together with you all as parents and ambassadors, to make sure every child is supported and encouraged as an individual has certainly been a key factor for our new parents, who have been keen to point out how impressed they have been with the behaviour, confidence and development of Hunsley Primary pupils. We have also been continuing to meet and liaise with the DfE regarding our new build and our final year in the current accommodation, with discussions about furniture and grounds layout really bringing home how close we are to our move. Let's look forward to an exciting term of learning – and some sunshine too, we hope.

School Trips

We are delighted to be able to offer the children the opportunity to visit Densholme Farm this term. Letters requesting parental consent were sent out before the Easter break. If you require another copy of the letter please do let Mrs Hitchin know.

Reception will visit the farm on Friday 19 May and Year 1 will visit on Thursday 25 May. Please return your completed consent forms and contribution to the school by the date stated on your letter.

Please also remember to indicate which sandwich your child would like in their packed lunch for the visit.

Walking Bus

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, commencing this week, we will be setting off at **8.45am** each day, instead of 8.50am. If you have not yet signed up for the Bus, but would like to, please see Mrs Hitchin.

Pupil Premium Grant

Claiming pupil premium funding for your children gives the school an additional £1320 a year known as the Pupil Premium Grant. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal regardless of the family income, but not all children will be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant.

To qualify for the Pupil Premium Grant you must fulfil one of the following criteria;

- Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)
- Income Support
- Child Tax Credit (but NOT receiving Working Tax Credit) – provided your annual income, assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190 (Please note: The amount is subject to change in April every year).

- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

To find out if your child is eligible the benefits team at your Local Authority can process your claim by telephone as long as you tell them your name, date of birth. National Insurance Number and the name and date of birth of each child attending school, also which school they attend.

If you have any questions about the process or the funding, please do not hesitate to contact us on enquiries@hunsleyprimary.org.uk

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 this term 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 this term 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!?

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 – Group B

The final Multi Sports club session will take place on Tuesday 25 April. This session is for children in Group B. If you are not sure which group your child is in please contact the school.

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 **2222** 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 for this half term. If you would like any further information with regards to these please contact the school.

Multi-Sports Club - Group B	Tuesday 25 April, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Gardening Club – Group D	Thursday 27 April, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 1 May
Gardening Club – Group C	Thursday 4 May, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Gardening Club – Group D	Thursday 11 May, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Class Photograph	Friday 12 May
Gardening Club – Group C	Thursday 18 May, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Reception Densholme Farm visit	Friday 19 May
Year 1 Densholme Farm Visit	Thursday 25 May
Gardening Club – Group D	Thursday 25 May, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Half Term	Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2017

Yours faithfully



Lucy Hudson
Head of Hunsley Primary