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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Hunsley Primary Newsletter

A busy time was had by all last week, with plenty going on across four days instead of five! The Reception Class were writing letters saying what they would like to see in their new school (writing tables, construction areas) – handy as the company providing us with our new furniture came in to visit whilst the children were deciding, so they have put in their orders! The Gardening Club enjoyed working on outdoor planting with Teaching Assistant, Mr Kendall, and with Lauren from Year 9, both of whom are volunteering with us as part of our partnership with South Hunsley. The children were able to try out the new Reading Retreat for outdoor reading and they all enjoyed developing their football skills up on the 3G, giving the Y9 girls' PE students a run for their money too. This week, we look forward to our next visit from Mrs Gill Broughton, our Department for Education Adviser, as well as a range of other visits and activities which you can read about below.

Parent View survey

We have placed in your child's book bag a Parent view survey, please could you complete and return it to school at your earliest convenience? Thank you as always for your valued feedback. It is wonderful to hear such positive and constructive comments. Please do arrange a time to speak with me in person if you would like to discuss your child's progress in school – it is not necessary to wait until formal consultation events. We always welcome face-to-face contact as your first port of call, as we know this is something our parents appreciate and value, to make sure all of our children are happy, engaged and making great progress!

Book Swap Box

You will find the Book Swap Box in the main foyer of school, ready for your child to borrow a book and swap it for another reader, if you have one to donate. We love the idea of children sharing books and enjoying each other's favourite reads, so please feel free to browse and to borrow! I have popped in some of my own favourites too!

Summer Term Uniform – Sun hats and sun cream

When the spring weather warms up a little more (hopefully soon), the children may wish to come to school wearing shorts / skirts instead of their trousers / pinafores. Socks are still light grey ankle or knee socks – no white socks please, except for PE. As we progress towards summer, we will as usual provide Reception children with a sun hat for outdoor play (each child has their own numbered hat), although you are very welcome to pop your child's own hat in their book bag. Please make sure that this hat has a name in.

Please can we ask that, if needed, sun cream is applied to your child before school? It should be appropriate cream to last for a full day: for example, waterproof. We are, of course, mindful of keeping children well-hydrated and offer them plenty of shade in school. Water bottles can be refilled in school and your children are free and encouraged to do this throughout the day.

Library Storytelling Workshop

We are very pleased to welcome back into school our 'resident' storyteller, Mr Paddy Hall. He is a man of many interests – Trustee for The Education Alliance; Local Governor for Hunsley Primary; experienced educationalist, school inspector and craftsman – as well as an authority on chickens! He is also one of the voices of Thought for the Day on BBC Radio Humberside. The children know that when Mr Hall wears his storytelling hat, they are to listen carefully and when the hat comes off, they can ask all of the questions they have been pondering about the story. We will be taking all the children up to South Hunsley Library for this session on Thursday afternoon.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Please find a very useful link to a short video by Ruth Miskin, Linguist, below. This link will help parents to understand what the Phonics Screening Check is all about. There are other videos on her website about the importance of using 'pure' sounds – which means we say 't' not 'tuh' (we sometimes have to relearn how we were taught to do it!) At the back of this Newsletter, you will also find a quick guide adapted from the Twinkl website. Please ask Mrs Boyes if you want any further help with reading support at home. We want all our children to achieve their full potential in reading this year and beyond and your help as parents, grandparents and wider family members (well done big brothers and sisters) is invaluable. Thank you, as ever, for your support.

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/parent-tutorial-phonics-screening-check/>

Old £5 notes

As you will be aware as of Friday 5 May the old style £5 notes are no longer legal tender. The school will therefore not be able to accept these from parents/carers.

For more information please visit <https://www.thenewfiver.co.uk/>

School Trips – Densholme Farm

Thank you for returning your consent forms and contributions for the Densholme farm visits. If your child is in Reception and you have not yet returned your consent please ensure it is sent into school by Tuesday 9 May.

The deadline for returning Year 1 consent forms is this Friday (12 May). If you require another copy of the letter please do let us know.

Parent Learn – Year 1

We are looking forward to our next Year 1 Parent Learn session – Supporting Maths on **Monday 15 May, 4.00pm -5.00pm**. Please let us know if you intend to come along – this session is to offer advice on supporting your child with Mathematics. Please can parents ensure that their children (including younger children) are supervised at the session? There will be refreshments available.

Hunsley Primary Sports Event – Tuesday 27 June

We have arranged our Sports Event for Tuesday 27 June, 10.00am – 12 noon. We are really looking forward to this event and hope that you will be able to join us to support the children. There will be more details shared with families closer to the day. Please let Mrs Hitchin know if you would like to attend. We are more than happy for family members to join us, however please take into consideration that parking may be limited on this day.

If you are a Parent Ambassador and interested in supporting us at this event please do let us know.

Reception Class 2017

We have been very excited about finding out who our new pupils are for September 2017 and have already begun the transition process. If you have a younger child that is due to attend in September and have not already completed and returned the Pupil Information Data Form, please can you ensure that it is returned to school this week?

Please see below for some key transition dates:

Pupil Information Data Forms returned to school	Friday 5 May
Hunsley Primary Staff carrying out pre-school and home visits	June/July 2017
Parent induction and uniform evening	Tuesday 13 June 4.30pm
Induction afternoon for new Reception pupils	Tuesday 11 July 1.00pm – 2.30pm
School open for Reception children born between 1 April and 31 August 2013, all Year 1 and Year 2 pupils	Tuesday 5 September
School open to all remaining Reception pupils	Wednesday 6 September

Toys, Sunglasses, Jewellery and Hair Accessories

A quick reminder to make sure that your child does not bring in toys, sunglasses, jewellery or non-uniform hair accessories. We ask the children to leave these at home, as they tend to be a distraction or become lost in the classroom, always leading to disappointment!

We do welcome your child bringing in things they have made at home to share, such as pictures or creative pieces, or awards and certificates they have won, as these are great to celebrate your child's achievement in the classroom with the group. We had some fantastic sharing of dance and sports awards last week – well done to everyone.

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.

Tigers Trust – Year 1 Sports Session	Monday 8 May, 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Gardening Club – Group D	Thursday 11 May, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Year 1 Parent Learn Session - Maths	Monday 15 May, 4.00pm – 5.00pm
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

A Guide for Parents

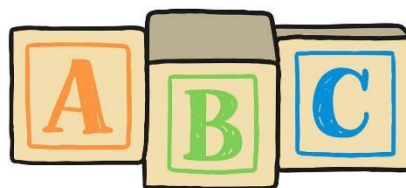
Year One

Phonics Screening Check

What is Phonics?

Children begin to learn phonics (sounds) in Early Years both Nursery and Reception. Once children begin learning sounds, these sounds are used to read and spell words. Children can then see the purpose of learning sounds.

For this reason, the first initial sounds that are taught are 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n'. These can immediately be blended for reading to make simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant) e.g. sat, pin. Children then develop segmenting for writing skills; breaking the word into sounds to spell it out. **They use pure sounds for blending: 'mmmm' not 'muh'; 'nnnnn' not 'nuh'; 'sssss' not 'suh' and so on (vital to get this right with children).**



What is the Phonics Screening Check?

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before.

Head teachers should decide whether it is appropriate for each of their pupils to take the phonics screening check. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

What Happens During the Test?

The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one to one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

Pseudo Words (Nonsense words)

The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the pseudo word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have. Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.

Reporting to Parents

By the end of the summer term all schools must report their child's results to parents. They will also confirm if the child has met the standard threshold. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.

How Are The Results Used?

Results from the check will be used by schools to analyse their own performance and for Ofsted to use in inspections.

“Read as much as possible to and with your child.”

How Can I Help My Child At Home?

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a 'good guess'.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each letter, e.g. /c/ in cat, or the letter group, e.g. /ng in sing. Next move your finger under the whole word as you say it.
- **Use pure sounds – 't' not 'tuh'; 'sssss' not 'suh'**
This is so important – or children will not be able to blend successfully.