

Our Ref: HP452

24 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Hunsley Primary Newsletter**

**Thank you to all who attended our ‘Superhero Super-Senses’ Open Event on Saturday. It was brilliant to meet new families and to get to know the children who might be joining us in September next year – we have always found this to be of benefit in helping children get off to a flying start. As always, we love to see our existing pupils coming back at the weekend too. That’s a vote of confidence!**

**All that remains is for me to say I hope you enjoy the week ahead – personally, I’m looking forward to another Musical Skills workshop, for one thing.**

**All Year Groups**

**Absence requests during Term Time**

**All schools judge the effectiveness of pupils’ outcomes in terms of the link to whole school attendance and all aspects of school absence contribute towards this overall attendance score, including holidays taken in term time. This is why it is so important that absence in term time is limited as much as possible to give all children their best chance of accessing the full school curriculum.**

Please can all parents note, that the school does not authorise requests for absence in term time, with the exception of the circumstances detailed within our ‘Absence in Term Time Policy’ – this can be viewed on our website <https://www.hunsleyprimary.org.uk/parent-info/school-policies/>.

As part of the policy, all parents/carers who wish to remove their child from school for anything other than appointments **must** complete an Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances Request form. This enables the school to acknowledge and record that the absence has been requested as per the policy. This applies for full days or part days missed.

We would ask all parents to ensure that their child attends school regularly and would like to draw your attention to the following information:

**Spotlight on Attendance**

Hunsley Primary is very pleased to work closely in partnership with parents to help ensure that every child has the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Regular attendance in school is vital for each child to engage fully in learning and achieve very well.

The attendance of individual pupils and ‘whole school’ attendance is measured using a percentage score which we monitor weekly. A percentage of 95% or above is the benchmark for good school attendance, however **we always aim for children to be as close to 100% as possible.**

**Understanding your child’s school attendance rate**

Once a child has missed 10 school days (2 weeks) during a school year, they will not be able to achieve above a 95% school attendance rate for that year. Below is a table that you can use as a rough guide when considering the impact of your child’s yearly school attendance rate.

Attendance Rate	95%	90% - persistent absence	85%
Equivalent number of school weeks missed	2 Weeks	4 Weeks	6 Weeks

**As you can see from the table, a pupil with an 85% school attendance rate for the year will have missed nearly a whole school term.** This level of school absence would affect their ability to do well and achieve at school.

### Guidance for Parents – Medical Appointments and Illness

The NHS helpfully gives very useful advice about making the right choices with regard to medical appointments and children's illness, when parents are wondering whether or not to keep their child off school. For convenience we have attached this information to this newsletter and it can also be viewed on our website or by following this link <http://www.hunsleyprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Parent-Information-Leaflet-2017.pdf>

### Parents' Progress Events

Our first set of Parents' Progress Events will take place on Tuesday 23 October and Thursday 25 October. The purpose of these events is to provide an opportunity for you to discuss with your child's teacher how your child is progressing at Hunsley Primary. Letters will be sent out soon detailing how to make an appointment.

### Parent Learn Sessions

We are delighted to be able to offer our parents the opportunity to attend Parent Learn sessions at the school. Our Parent Learn sessions are designed to give parents straightforward ideas, information and resources for supporting their child's learning at home.

Please see below the dates of our Parent Learn sessions for this academic year. Additional dates may be arranged throughout the year.

Date/Time	Year
Tuesday 25 September, 4.00pm – 4.45pm	Year 2
Tuesday 2 October, 4.00pm – 4.45pm	Year 3
Monday 14 January, 4.00pm – 4.45pm	Year 1
Wednesday 16 January, 4.00pm – 4.45pm	Year 3
Monday 28 January, 4.00pm – 4.45pm	Year 2
Tuesday 29 January, 4.00pm – 4.45pm	Reception

If you intend to attend any of the sessions, please let Mrs Hitchin know on [enquiries@hunsleyprimary.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hunsleyprimary.org.uk)

Thank you to our Reception and Year 1 Parents for attending last week's Parent Learn sessions. We hope you found it useful. You can find our resources on the school website too.

### Book Bags – [Reception, Year 1 and Year 2](#)

We have received some complimentary book bags in the new design (Grey with a black border). If you would like one of these bags for your child please do collect one from the school office.

### Real Aid Christmas Shoeboxes

The charity Real Aid are collecting shoeboxes this year for Romania and Moldova and they will also be distributing boxes to vulnerable low income families within the East Riding. Each year, the children of Hunsley Primary have very kindly made up their shoeboxes and enjoyed helping children around the world wake up to a happy Christmas morning! This year, we will again be receiving the pre-wrapped boxes from Real Aid, ready for parents and children to pack with small gifts – the deadline for returning the boxes to school is the 5 November, 2018.

We are pleased to confirm that wrapped shoe boxes can be collected from the school from Tuesday 9 October.

### External Activities/Dates/Links

There are a number of parent/carer support groups and useful links available and we would like to draw your attention to some of these in our newsletter.

Local Support Groups	To view information about these groups please visit the following webpages: <a href="http://www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/care-and-support/support-for-parents-carers-and-young-people/look-ahead/">http://www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/care-and-support/support-for-parents-carers-and-young-people/look-ahead/</a> <a href="http://www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/care-and-support/support-for-parent-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/">http://www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/care-and-support/support-for-parent-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/</a>
National Support Groups	To view <b>national support organisations</b> , please visit <a href="http://www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/care-and-support/national-organisations/">http://www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/care-and-support/national-organisations/</a>
CEOP and Parent Zone	<a href="#">Digital Families 2018: The future for Young People Online</a> conference – <b>10 October 2018</b>

Google E-Safety Advice

For advice on helping your child to be safe, confident explorers of the online world please visit [Be Internet Awesome](#)

### Year 3

#### **Kidslingo French Club**

Don't forget that the Year 3 French sessions run after school on Wednesdays. If your child would like to attend, please contact school for further details.

### Year 2

#### **Parent Learn Session**

We are looking forward to our Year 2 Parent Learn Session on Tuesday 25 September at 4.00pm – 4.45pm. Please can parents ensure that their children (including younger children) are supervised throughout the session?

If you would like to attend this session, please do let Mrs Hitchin know. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Reception

#### **Music Workshops with Mrs Webster**

Thank you for registering your child's interest in the after-school musical Skills Workshop run by Mrs Webster. Please can you ensure that consent forms are returned by Tuesday 25 September if you wish your child to attend?

The session will take place on Thursday 27 September, 3.30pm – 4.15pm. We have provisionally booked a follow up session on Thursday 4 October should there be a high demand for places. We will confirm the date of the session by the end of day tomorrow.

#### **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 regard to these, please contact the school.

### School Activities/Dates

Year 2 Parent Learn session	Tuesday 25 September, 4.00pm - 4.45pm
Reception Musical Skills Workshop	Thursday 27 September, 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Year 3 Parent Learn session	Tuesday 2 October, 4.00pm – 4.45pm
Real Aid Christmas Shoe Boxes	
• Wrapped Shoe Boxes can be collected by parents	• Tuesday 9 October
• Filled shoe boxes to be returned to school	• Monday 5 November
Autumn Parents' Progress Event 1	Tuesday 23 October, 4.15pm – 7.15pm
Autumn Parents' Progress Event 2	Thursday 25 October, 4.15pm – 7.15pm

Yours faithfully



Lucy Hudson  
**Head of Hunsley Primary**

# real aid

changing children's lives



## **Christmas Gift Box Appeal 2018**

Real Aid, once again with our partner in Holland, will be sending Christmas Gift Boxes to children in Romania and Moldova. We will also be distributing boxes to vulnerable low income families in the East Riding.

### **Suggested items to include:-**

A colouring book & crayons, notebook/exercise book, pens & pencils, chalk, skipping rope or ball, soap & facecloth, toothbrush & paste, comb, small first aid kit or plasters, new underwear & socks, hats & gloves, stocking fillers, puzzles or small toy (no batteries). You may like to send a card – please write in print & keep it simple so it can be understood but **do not** include your address.

### **Instructions:-**

Please pack neatly into a shoe box, mark 'Girl' or 'Boy' together with intended age. The box can be wrapped in decorative paper : please ensure that the lid is wrapped separately and not sealed. **Deadline is the 5<sup>th</sup> November** - this will give time to transport, clear customs and have delivered to the children the week before Christmas.

### **Remember: To comply with customs regulations please do not pack:-**

Chocolate, sweets or any food items, war related toys, anything sharp or breakable.

**A donation of £2, taped underneath the lid of the box, would be extremely welcome to help towards the ever increasing transport costs.**

### **THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN**

**Unit 4-8**

**Riverside Works**

**Hull Bridge Road**

**Tickton**

**HU17 9RT**

T: 01482 880660 E: [admin@realaid.org.uk](mailto:admin@realaid.org.uk) W: [www.realaid.org.uk](http://www.realaid.org.uk)

Registered Charity No. 1089316