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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Hunsley Primary Newsletter

Welcome to the week. I hope that everyone enjoyed their weekends. We are excited this week to look forward to a Find-Out Friday, all about Chess! We are welcoming our chess expert who will talk to the children about how he became interested in the game and will take groups in workshops as an introduction to the club we will be running. It's a reminder to us of the many ways in which children are all individuals, needing and enjoying different pastimes and hobbies.

Perhaps you have a hobby or pastime which the children might be interested in learning about? If so, please let us know, as we would like to invite in our parents to share their favourite pastimes, hobbies or activities with the children.

A particular 'well done' to Year 2 for last week's SATs – it's always a very busy week and as we round up the assessments this week, it must be said that Year 2 have worked beautifully (as usual!) all week and shown some super attitudes to learning.

As you'll know, the school photographer was in school last week to take our fantastic group shots – always a great sight to see. I wanted to pass on to parents and carers the lovely feedback she gave us: she wanted to share that the children's conduct was 'outstanding' and that she had been very impressed with them all – great to be able to share this feedback with you.

Just a reminder that, as ever, if you have any questions, ideas or feedback that you want to share with us, for example about your child's transition in summer to their next class, I will always welcome a conversation and can happily arrange a meeting to discuss questions that arise – no matter how small they might seem. It's all part of making sure the children have what they need!

I look forward to seeing you all this week at the Parents' Progress events.

RECEPTION CLASS 2019-20

Preschool visits

We have now begun contacting the preschools to make arrangements for a member of our Reception team to visit the children who are due to join us in September. We are looking forward to seeing them all.

If your child does not attend preschool or you think that they would benefit from a home visit please do contact the school to express your interest and we will look to arrange one for you.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Chicken Pox

Please be aware that we have had a suspected case of chicken pox reported to the school. Further information regarding chicken pox can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Find Out Friday – Chess

We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Mattos to the school this Friday to speak with the children about the game of Chess. The children will be able to participate in some games and learn the rules that apply. Perhaps we have some future super chess champions in the school – we can't wait to find out!

If you have a chess board and pieces at home which you are not using, and you are happy to donate it to school for our forthcoming activities, we would welcome the offer! Please bring in any spares to the Main Reception and they will be gratefully received.

Teo's Tennis

We are delighted to welcome Teo Arkut, a tennis instructor, and organiser of 'Teo's Tennis' to the school during next half term to deliver tennis coaching sessions to the children in Year 1,2 and 3 as part of our PE curriculum. We will also have a smaller taster session for Reception.

Teo is also involved in the 'Tennis for Kids' courses that are being run at Swanland Lawn Tennis Club. If you think your child would be interested in the external tennis sessions, please see the 'External Activities/Dates/Links' information below.

Choir Performance – End of Summer Term

We have been asked whether we are offering a choir performance for parents, as well as the one we have coming up for grandparents in the Community Centre, and the answer is 'yes'! Watch this space for details of the next in-school performance the choir will be holding at the end of the summer term.

Playground and Field Fencing

Whilst we await the installation of a permanent fencing solution so that works can commence on the field without disturbing the children, we are pleased to say that the new temporary fencing is now in place and the children can once again access the larger playground at the back of the school. Thank you for your continued support during our review of the grassed areas – please make sure that your younger children are supervised if they play on the playground whilst you wait to collect and drop off. We will continue to update you as we move forward.

Parent Partners Meetings

Parents who are part of the Parent Partners group meetings will receive a list of proposed meetings dates and times this week for the year ahead. This group has been established so that parents can be involved in supporting the school to set up extra-curricular activities and wider opportunities for the children, both social and educational. We really value parent support to enable these activities to take place, such as our recent Open Event.



We have aimed to make these proposed meeting dates regular and accessible for those who are part of the group, taking into account the feedback you have given us. Please note that where we have looked to vary the meeting times and days of the week to make the sessions as accessible as possible for those who wish to attend, dates will be finalised around the 'best fit' for the majority of members of the group. Minutes will be shared with absent group members thereafter.

Thank you again for your support of this group – if anyone who is not yet in the group wishes to take part, please do let us know.

School Lunches

Next half term's school menus are now available to view on our [website](#). We have also included a copy with this Newsletter for your convenience.

Parents' Progress Events

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the school this week for our Parents' Progress Events. If you still need to make an appointment please do contact the school and we will check to see what is available.

School Photos

We were pleased to welcome Tempest photography to the school on Thursday 16 May to take our Year group photos. The children looked lovely and did us all proud. The photo proofs should come into the school after the half term break. We will send them home with your child once we have received them.

School Choir

Letters were sent home recently for the school choir performance at the Petuaria centre in Brough. If you have not returned your consent form, please do send it to the school office no later than the end of the school day today.

Hunsley Primary Sports Event – Tuesday 25 June

We have *provisionally* arranged our Sports Event for the morning of Tuesday 25 June. We are really looking forward to this event and hope that you will be able to join us, as usual, to support the children. Further details will be shared with parents once arrangements have been confirmed.

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

Term Dates 2019-20

Please find attached to this Newsletter email a copy of the 2019-20 term dates for your convenience. These can also be viewed on our [website](#).

YEAR 1 and 2

Recorder Ensemble

We run our recorder ensemble on a Thursday lunchtime – this is led by Mrs Hudson. Please can children make sure that they always have their recorder with them in school, as we will occasionally adjust the club day where other curriculum activities may demand it, e.g. where school educational visits might clash.

The children should continue to practise their pieces and their finger positions each week at home. They each have a finger chart and pieces of music we are learning in the club.

If anyone new to recorder is interested in joining the club, then the practice is a key part of being involved – a real must-have, if the children are going to be ready each time we meet as an ensemble.

Being involved in a music club, such as our choir or recorder ensemble, or our new Music Service guitar ensemble, is such a good way to enjoy music socially and helps children with teamwork skills too.

YEAR 1

Year 1 Phonics Screening Preparation

As you know, your Year 1 child will be undertaking the Phonics Screening Check this summer term. The check is administered in school but it is a national test which all Year 1 children take, the results of which are reported to the DfE and Ofsted.

The children will be asked to read a set of decodable words in the Check, some of which are real and others 'pseudo' (nonsense words); this then checks each child's application of their phonic knowledge and whether they can blend with confidence and understanding. Each child will read the 40 words to a member of staff individually and we will record how they do. We will let you know how many words your child was able to read before the end of the summer term, once we are beyond the assessment window; all results and materials need to remain confidential until then.

We would welcome and encourage parental support in practising phonics application at home, to reinforce and embed what we are doing daily in school. We will communicate any additional individual support needed directly with you as appropriate.

Please follow these simple guidelines, to help your child reach their full reading potential this year and beyond:

- Practise spellings every day, this helps your child practise reading and writing the phonic sounds they are currently learning.
- Use the attached sounds mat to create your own nonsense words (such as vop, shomp, clousp). Ask your child to help you read the words.
- Continue reading of a variety of books. Encourage your child to apply their phonics when decoding words and blending these sounds back together.
- Play word games with your child (Junior Scrabble, Boggle, word searches, crosswords and hangman).
- Play games online which reinforces phonemes (such as www.phonicsplay.com (focus on Phase 5 games)

Please don't use any previous tests to help your child practise as we use them to help the children prepare for the test and for our own internal assessments.

If you should have any questions about the Check or how best to support your child's developing reading skills, please ask at any time and we will be very happy to help.

As ever, thank you for continuing to work in close partnership with the team.

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.

School Activities/Dates

Parents' Progress Events	Tuesday 21 May and Wednesday 22 May
May Half Term	Monday 27 – Friday 31 May 2019
School re-opens	Monday 3 June
Hunsley Primary Sports Event	Tuesday 25 June, AM (May be subject to change – details will be confirmed once arrangements have been made)

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, including SEND

To view information about these groups please visit the following webpages:
<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-parent-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/>

National Support Groups

To view **national support organisations**, please visit
<http://www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/care-and-support/national-organisations/>

Google E-Safety Advice

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

Parent INFO

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a collaboration between [Parent Zone](#) and [NCA-CEOP](#), providing support and guidance for parents from [leading experts and organisations](#).

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/parents-and-carers-presentations/>

Tennis for kids – KS1

Swanland Tennis Club

Swanland Tennis Club are running 3 Tennis for Kids courses at Swanland Lawn Tennis Club.

Each child gets a tennis racket plus 3 tennis balls, personalised

T-shirt with their name on and 6 hours of tennis coaching for £29.99 including postage and delivery.

3 x TFK Courses for **4-7 year olds**.

6 x 1hr sessions.

Starting dates

Sun 12 May 1pm

Wed 15 May 5pm

Sat 18 May 3pm.

Please note, parents will be involved on court.

For more information and to book please follow this link and use post code HU14 3NE

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids>

Yours faithfully



Lucy Hudson

Head of Hunsley Primary

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