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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Hunsley Primary Newsletter

I hope that you all have had a good week – ready for a weekend with some sunshine to come? This weather has certainly been pleasing the children (and staff), with us all going outside as often as possible to get stuck into our learning! You'll have seen the photos of our Year 5s building dens and testing their problem-solving skills, and our staff have met as a team this week to consider how we can utilise our outdoor classroom and the school grounds to upscale activities which might ordinarily take place in the classroom.

We are also planning the next House Team Development Day to enable children to be outside for the morning and help develop the site in an eco-friendly way, including wild flower planting to the rear of the site and science experiments relating to the school's solar panels. You might have seen me this week out on the field, measuring up some alternative 'Daily Mile' routes which will come into play very shortly, and you will probably have spotted Ms Boyes and this half-term's Year 2 Eco Team out there too, in the sunshine, considering how we can continue to aim for a more sustainable school. More about House Team Development Day below in the Newsletter, and how you might be able to help us with the event we are calling '[Steps to Sustainability](#)'!

So, with this increase in sunshine comes a reminder about sunscreen and caps. Many PE lessons are taking place outside, for example. Reception are given their own caps and then take them up into Year 1 for as long as they can last, but beyond this year group, we ask parents and carers to provide their child with a cap or hat for sun protection. Now that I have committed this request to paper, it is undoubtedly going to rain!

Have a safe, super weekend and we all look forward to seeing the children again on Monday.

Yours faithfully,



Lucy Hudson
Head of Hunsley Primary

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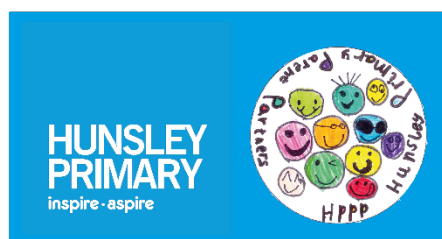
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Hunsley Primary Parent Partners (HPPP) webpage

We are pleased to announce that the Parent Partners' page on our website is now live. On this page you will find further information about the HPPP, and a feedback form about events and activities, which can be completed to provide your comments or suggestions for future events and activities to be set up by the HPPP together with school -

<https://www.hunsleyprimary.org.uk/hunsley-primary-parent-partners/>



ALL YEAR GROUPS

Parents' Progress Events

Our summer term parents' progress events will be taking place on Thursday 20 May and Monday 24 May. The appointments will be carried out via video call and letters are coming out in due course with further information on how to book. The team are really looking forward to meeting with parents and carers again and to sharing how the children have progressed since Christmas.

Building Bricks @ Hunsley Primary - Places

To assist the Building Bricks team with their planning for the next academic year, please can our parents/carers who currently use the provision contact Jackie Phillips to confirm your requirements for September.

The number of places provided each year by the Building Bricks team is limited, therefore a space in the wraparound provision is not guaranteed to be available. As this is always subject to change, we would recommend that parents contact the Building Bricks team to discuss your requirements, so that they can advise you accordingly.

Lunch Menu – Summer Term 1

As per the email this week, this half term's lunch menu has been updated. On Fridays, the main meal/vegetarian meal will be served with hot chips delivered to the classroom, instead of a roll. The menu can be viewed on our website -

<https://www.hunsleyprimary.org.uk/parent-info/useful-downloads/>

House Team Development Day – 'Steps to Sustainability' – 7 May 2021

You might recall that we have made the theme of our House Team Development Days 'Community' and we have already celebrated our diverse and unique HP families as part of our school community. This time, we are looking at the community on our doorstep and how we can work together to improve the environment where we live and learn. We are taking some 'Steps to Sustainability' and would love to have your help.

If you have any spare packets of seeds you are not intending to plant (wildflowers, vegetables or even spring bulbs, for example) we would be very happy to receive kind donations for the children to plant or pot-up and look after on the site. We have some fantastic packs of seeds already to go, which were a kind gift from HP families, and always have space to look after more!

The children will be doing all sorts of activities on the 7 May, so we have decided it would be great to be a non-uniform day too – more information about clothing to suit the activities next week!

Uniform – Planning Ahead for Autumn

As the term progresses, we know that some families will be looking to purchase uniform for their children. We also understand that there may be still be some difficulty in checking uniform sizes and purchasing uniform in the current circumstances and we understand at this current time if items in children's uniform are temporarily not quite in line with the policy.

So that you can check what the policy states about clothes, bags, jewellery and other aspects of uniform before any new kit is bought, for your convenience, please find here the link to the uniform page on our website - <https://www.hunsleyprimary.org.uk/parent-info/uniform/>

We have a really simple, gender-neutral uniform policy and have chosen to limit the number of Hunsley Primary 'branded' items required to just one: the jumper / cardigan only. All other items are plain to allow families to shop around.

Our Parent Partners do also have a really good selection of second hand uniform which they are very keen to offer to our parents; therefore, they are currently looking into the best way to run second hand uniform sales in a Covid-secure way. We will keep parents informed of any updates in relation to this.

If you have any questions about uniform, please do contact the school.

Sunny Weather – caps and sunscreen

As the warmer weather hopefully comes upon us, please can we remind our parents/carers to apply sunscreen to your child in the morning. Also, please don't forget: if your child is in Years 1-5, they will need a cap providing. Please ensure that your child's cap is labelled clearly.

Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition



The school has registered to take part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp design competition. Please follow the links below for further information:

- [Letter for Parents](#)
- [Heroes Stamp Design Competition - from Royal Mail and iChild](#)

All our children will design a stamp for use in school but we will need your permission to send off your child's designs and details. Please could we ask all parents/carers to complete this online form, by **Monday 26 April**, to confirm consent - [Fill out consent form](#)

Please note: If we do not receive consent for your child they will not be able to submit an entry in the competition.

Asthma/Inhaler register review

If your child is on the school's asthma/inhaler register, you will have received a letter from the school with regard to the register review. Thank you to the parents/carers that have returned their forms. We will process the responses and update our register accordingly.

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma or prescribed an inhaler and you have not informed the school, please do contact us.

PSHE Parent Questions

Don't forget: it is not too late to send in any questions you might have about our PSHE / RSE curriculum. The link below takes you to our feedback page – we appreciate your questions and will get back to you with answers!

Fill out form - <https://forms.gle/T8zPLzffy4ZQJefN9>

RECEPTION

Calling all spare wellies (or other items of children's footwear)!

Are you a lonely wellington boot with no sense of purpose in the world?! Did someone who once loved to wear you for splashing in muddy puddles grow a little bit too big to squeeze into you anymore? Are you consigned to the garage under an old bike? Did your matching partner disappear long ago, or are you both still hanging out together at the back of the under-stairs cupboard?

Well, worry no more about having no clear purpose in life! You can be recycled and used again for a new purpose which will give lots of pleasure to lots of people! Hunsley Primary Reception class are invited to bring in one of their own old wellington boots, shoes or other re-purposed container to help with our sustainable planting scheme.

If your child has an old, unused wellington boot to hand at home, or perhaps another old shoe of theirs which they are willing to bring to school and plant up for our 'Steps to Sustainability' project, please can we ask you to send it in – in their bag – and we will quarantine it in school, before we plant them up as part of the House Team Development Day. Each child will have their own boot, shoe or alternative pot to plant in (don't worry if you cannot provide one, though – we will find a suitable alternative!)

The deadline for sending in your child's old boot or other repurposed pot for planting in their school bag is **Tuesday 4 May**. Thank you!

ENGLAND'S CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER – THE BIG ASK

You might already know a bit about the role of the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza – her role is to 'speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.'

The Children's Commissioner is asking the nation's children – along with representatives such as footballer Marcus Rashford – to share their views about the current time and how they are feeling through The Big Ask, an online survey of children. Why not follow the link below to find out more?

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

RECEPTION CLASS 2021-2022

Welcome Packs for New Reception Children

We are looking forward to our new pupils joining the Hunsley Family in September 2021 and we have now sent our Welcome Packs by email to our parents/carers. The completed Pupil Information Data forms should be returned to the school by **Friday 7 May**. If you require a paper copy of any of the forms, please do let us know so that we can arrange this for you.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01482 330883 or by email enquiries@hunsleyprimary.org.uk

HUNSLEY PRIMARY EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

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| Monday 3 May | Bank Holiday |
| Thursday 20 May, 4.15pm – 7.15pm | Parents' Progress Event |
| Monday 24 May, 4.15pm – 7.15pm | Parents' Progress Event |
| Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June | Half Term |
| Monday 7 June | School re-opens for pupils |

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES / EVENTS / LINKS

[NHS – Five Steps to Mental Wellbeing](#)

[Digital 5-a-Day](#)



Lift the lip and check inside?

Here are some helpful tips to keep your child's teeth healthy:

- Plain milk and plain tap water are healthy for your child's teeth. Your child can drink them anytime during the day or at night time
- Reduce the amount of fruit juice, sweet and fizzy drinks your child has, as they can increase the risk of tooth damage. Give these drinks only at mealtimes and never as a snack or at bedtime.
- Use a straw when drinking any fruit juices and fizzy sweet drinks. This will reduce the time that the sugar is in contact with teeth.
- Always dilute fruit juices and cordials with lots of water to reduce the sugar content of the drink.
- Reduce the frequency of sweet, sticky and acidic food as this will increase the risk of tooth decay.
- If oral medication is required. Ask the doctor or chemist for a sugar free version, if possible. As frequent consumption of sugared medication may cause tooth damage.

Remember to look at your child's teeth every day and take them to the dentist at least once a year for a dental check up. Don't forget to help children under seven years of age, to brush their teeth twice a day especially at bedtime. Use a fluoride toothpaste with a dry toothbrush for 2 minutes. Spit out any excess toothpaste and do not let them rinse their mouth out.