



# Hundon Community Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 15th December 2023

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### **A little note from Mrs FitzGerald...**

Another busy week here at Hundon! We really enjoyed our delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday prepared by our amazing 'Cook in Charge' Cassie who, yet again, single-handedly prepared the lunch for all our children! A big thank you goes to Cassie as well as all the staff who helped 'behind the scenes' make sure everything went smoothly ~ thank you everyone!

Another thank you goes to school staff, who organised and gave up their free time to provide a disco for the children after their day in school yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed!!

The Christmas jumpers and outfits in attendance were fabulous, thank you for supporting the charity 'Save the Children' which we wear our jumpers in support of.

We have just 10 days to go and next week we have our 'Carols on the Playground' on Monday from 2.30pm, which we hope lots of you will be able to attend. We are also looking forward to 'Well Dressed Wednesday' our last day of term when we can enjoy our class parties and wear our Christmas clothes.

Enjoy the weekend!

Best regards, Mrs FitzGerald

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

**Every effort will be made to keep the school open in severe weather. The school would only close if it is no longer safe for staff and pupils to travel to school and be on site.**

**We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Therefore, we will make every effort to prepare for severe weather.**

**Information about school closure will be posted:**

- **Class Dojo**
- **ParentMail**
- **Via the Suffolk County Council website: <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk>**
- **Facebook**
- **Local radio**

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a **high number of absences across the school** currently, **particularly in Hawthorn Class**, including the Class Teacher.

We understand at least two children have tested positive for COVID-19. Whilst there is no requirement to test or report results it would be remiss of me not to share this information with yourselves, particularly with Christmas looming and the high likelihood of seeing family members who may be vulnerable.

Current advice for adults with a positive COVID-19 test result is to try to stay home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious.

For children with positive COVID-19 test result the advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with others for three days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults are.

The current symptoms related to these absences include **high temperature, runny nose, sore throat, cough, sickness and earache.**

At school, we are encouraging all children with respiratory symptoms to cover their mouths and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using and disposing of tissues and know you will be doing the same.

**Please consider,**

- **Is your child well enough to carry out the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home & consult your GP as appropriate.**
- **Does your child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.**
- **Would you take a day off work if you had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.**

Whilst there are no specific rules or guidance for schools, COVID-19 or testing and we know respiratory infections are common, particularly at this time of year, it felt important to share this information with yourselves.

The weekend with two days away from school will, hopefully, positively affect the current pattern of illness.

### **AS BEFORE: URGENT: START OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

It has been brought to our attention that we have a **number of children** being **dropped off outside the school** and **left unsupervised** first thing in the morning. This is before the start of the school day. Please note children **remain the responsibility of their parent/carer until** they are 'handed over' to their Class Teacher at **8.45am** when **the school day begins** and not before.

**Children must not be left without a supervising adult. Parents/carers are responsible for anything that goes wrong in their absence. It is an offence to leave a child alone if it places them at risk.**

As a school, we recognise and sympathise with the often-complex pressures faced by families in balancing work and childcare. It is why we offer childcare provision first thing in the mornings from 8am for the nominal cost of £2.00 per session within our Morning Sports Club run by qualified staff from Prestige Sports. We urge parents/carers to make use of this facility and book sessions to support childcare needs with Mrs Mitson in our School Office.

Additionally, we also recognise the challenges of parking around our school site so we politely ask parents to consider their child's safety and welfare ~ arrive a few minutes early, park a little further away and walk your child into school. Stay with them and set them up to have the best day!

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

## **AS BEFORE: SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN**

We continue to be very concerned at further reports received regarding the behaviour of a small number of children, likely to be under 10, in and around the village, unsupervised.

We have received further worrying reports of children with vapes as well as behaving inappropriately at the park and village shop. This is in addition to the recently highlighted concerns about young girls and boys, cycling and scootering unsafely on the roads and pavements, putting themselves, pedestrians and drivers at risk.

We are compelled to share this with you; we are very concerned about this, not least the safety of these children as well as the possible trouble they could find themselves in with the police for anti-social behaviour or worse.

Please read this guide if you have a child who stays home alone or goes out alone:  
<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/3271/home-or-out-alone-guide.pdf>

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED...**

**Monday 18th December ~ Carols on the Playground from 2.30pm**

Join us on the playground (weather permitting) for carols, old and new!

**Wednesday 20th December ~ 'WELL DRESSED WEDNESDAY'**

**End of term parties & party clothes!**

**Wednesday 20th December ~ LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM**

### **SPRING TERM 2024**

**Wednesday 3rd January ~ PD DAY**

**Thursday 4th January ~ FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM FOR THE CHILDREN**



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# Family Action West Suffolk Neurodevelopment Support Service

Do you have a  
neurodivergent child?

## NEW Parent and Carer Drop In

- Meet other parents' and carers
- Chat to our friendly Family Support Workers

First Wednesday of the month, 10:30am - 12:00pm  
First Drop In: Wed 3rd Jan 2024

**No need to book**  
**Free tea and coffee available**



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**Parents and Carers of 3 and 4 year old children, have you applied for a full-time school place for your child?**

If you have a child born between **1st September 2019** and **31st August 2020** you must apply for a place by midnight on Monday **15th January 2024**.

Applications should be made online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions)

Choosing the right primary school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will have to make. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about our school and what learning is like as part of a village community, in light of Reception admissions for September 2024 or otherwise, please visit our school website:

<https://www.htpfederation.co.uk/index.php/hundon>

Explore our website, visit our class pages and contact our School Office via email at [admin@hundonschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@hundonschool.co.uk) or by telephone on 01440 786217 so we can contact you with further details as soon as we can.

*NB: You must make an application for a full-time place even if your child is already attending a nursery class in an infant or primary school or a Children's Centre next to a school site. Please note that a place for your child at your catchment school is not guaranteed.*