

Weekly Bulletin

December 20th 2024



We have been enjoying a wonderfully busy last few days of term in school and it has been delightful to see the whole school joining together to share in this special time of year. I would like to say many thanks to everyone within our community: to parents, HSA members, friends, governors, staff and especially the children who have contributed to making this another very special term of 'Engagement, Community, Aspiration and Respect' at Hauxton Primary School.

I hope that over the holidays you will have time to relax and have fun together with your families. Enjoy this festive season, it is a good time to count our blessings. This is the last newsletter of the term and I would like to wish you and your families a wonderfully peaceful and Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 7th January**.

Any good school needs to be constantly looking at itself and reviewing its procedures and **your opinions form a fundamental part of that process**. We invite you all to take the time to give your feedback in our Parent/Carer Survey. Your feedback is extremely important to us. The survey is open for two weeks, after which we will analyse your responses to identify what we can learn and feedback to you. [Click here to leave your feedback](#) – this should take less than one minute to complete.



Be in the line at quarter to nine

Staff News

I am pleased to announce that **Mrs Lay** will be returning from her maternity leave after the Christmas break, joining Oak Class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Lay will be returning to work on a job share basis and will be working alongside **Mrs James**. Mrs James joins us after having a break raising her family as an experienced Y5&6 class teacher and school leader and will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Lay and Mrs James to the team and I am sure that the children will very much enjoy working with them in the new year. We say goodbye to **Mrs Danielle Chapman-Crisp** and **Mr Carter** who have both ably supported pupils and we wish them well in their future!

First Aid

To keep you regularly informed about first-aid incidents and medication administration at school, with HSA support, we will be using Medical Tracker to email you if your child has an injury at school or receives their medication. With this system we will be able to:

- record and track first-aid incidents that involve your child
- notify you immediately after a first-aid incident by email

Please be assured that Medical Tracker is registered with the Data Protection Registrar and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation. Important – When we start using Medical Tracker, email messages will be sent from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.



The poster features the NHS logo at the top right with the tagline 'Providing NHS services'. The main headline reads: 'Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment'. Below this, a list of conditions is provided with their respective age groups: Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12 years and over), Sore throat (adults and children aged 5 years and over), Earache (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years), Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1 year and over), Impetigo (adults and children aged 1 year and over), Shingles (adults aged 18 years and over), and Urinary tract infection (women, aged 16 to 64 years). A call to action asks to visit a pharmacy for more information about the free NHS service. The bottom of the poster features the text 'Visit your Pharmacy First!' and a small disclaimer: '*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied'. The poster is decorated with colorful geometric shapes and small images of people at a pharmacy.

Attendance Matters

At Hauxton Primary School, we firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular school attendance. Full and regular attendance at school is crucial for a child's future life chances and establishes a positive work ethic early in life. It is very important for all children to attend school every day and to arrive on time before the door opens at 8.45.am and our 10 minute daily mile begins. **The school day starts at 8.45!**

Children who arrive late miss instructions and explanations and distract other pupils who have settled to work. Government research suggests that: 17 missed school days a year = 1 GCSE grade DROP.

What you can do to help

- Make sure your child arrives at school on time. This encourages habits of good timekeeping and lessens any possible classroom disruption. If your child arrives after the register has closed, this will be recorded as an 'unauthorised' absence for that session.
- If your child has to miss school it is essential that you contact school on our answer phone line before 9am.
- If you know or think that your child is having difficulties attending school please speak to the school.
- Thank you all for ensuring that your child is collected promptly at the end of each day and for contacting the school if your collection arrangements change.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to those parents who expressed an interest in our new Breakfast Club provision, which opens on 7th January. We look forward to working with your children and getting to know their Breakfast likes and dislikes. Booking for the club is now open on ParentPay and we are incredibly excited to share with you [new information](#) about our club.



Please do let us know if there is any further information you would like us to share with you ahead of the new school year.

Diabetes Research

Researchers at the University of Birmingham with the NHS are conducting screening for children, aged 3-13 years to find out their risk of getting type 1 diabetes. This is a simple finger stick blood test can be done at home or school and **we are offering the screening at our school on Thursday 6th Feb 2025**. Children identified as at high risk can then be monitored and enter research studies aiming to delay the start of type 1 diabetes. Every family who takes part in the ELSA study is helping us to understand more about type 1 diabetes. View the [Study Website here](#). To consent for your child to take part -[sign your child up here](#).



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Upcoming Events

Monday 6 th January	School Closed for staff training
Tuesday 7 th January	Spring Term Begins
Friday 31 st January	HSA Disco
Thursday 6 th February	Diabetes Study
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 26 th February	Parent Consultation meetings
Thursday 27 th February	

Have a lovely holiday

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- Registration Closes 5th Jan 2025
- Collecting 9-11th January 2025

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