



10th November 2023

Hauxton Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to last week's Open Classroom and I look forward to be extending this opportunity to you again later in the year. It was also pleasing to see so many of you take the opportunity to meet virtually with your child's class teacher at this week's Parent Consultations. I appreciate that this can be challenging for those of you with work commitments or who find technology difficult. If, for whatever reason, you were unable to meet your child's teacher earlier this week, we would urge you to contact the teacher via the Office to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet either face-to-face or by telephone.

On Monday, as a school, we will be learning about the festival of Diwali which will be celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains on Sunday 12th November. The children will learn about the story of Rama and Sita, the significance of the festival and the traditions associated with it. I look forward to sharing photographs with you on the school website next week.

Next week is also Anti-Bullying Week and we will be discussing this in a special assembly next Tuesday morning. The children will also be designing a poster featuring their own anti-bullying hero, either individually or in groups of up to 5, during their PSHE lesson. We want them to think about the qualities and characteristics that a superhero would possess to put an end to bullying. Maybe their hero will have colossal feet to stomp out bullying or superhuman hearing powers to listen for unkind words. As every year, if your child would like to show their support for Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks to school next week, that would be welcomed.

We round off next week by showing our support for Children in Need by inviting the children to 'wear something spotty' to school on Friday. As a school, we will also be participating in the '1000 Bearpees Challenge' with all children spending ten minutes in the Hall doing as many burpees as they can. The number of burpees completed by all children (and staff!) will be totalled with a view to the whole school completing more than 1000 'bearpees' during the day. If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need there will be the opportunity to do so next week through the ParentPay system.

In response to the recent media coverage about XL Bully Dogs and their threat, I have arranged for The Dogs Trust to come in and deliver an assembly and associated workshops for children in Years 1—6 on Monday 20th November. The purpose of their visit is to teach children how to behave safely and responsibly around both familiar and unfamiliar dogs. I am aware that some children are less comfortable around dogs than others. Please don't be concerned. The visitor will be bringing an animatronic dog to demonstrate how to approach and pet animals appropriately.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind Regards, Mrs Hurworth

CLUBS

Tuesday
Hockey Club (Mrs Cooke)
3.15pm to 4.15pm ***FULL***

Wednesday
Multi Sports Club EYFS/KS1
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Wednesday
KS2 Choir (Mrs Parks-
Connolly/Mrs Hurworth)
3.15pm to 4.00pm

Thursday
Multi Sports Club KS2
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Friday
KS2 Running Club (JS Sport &
Education /Mrs Hurworth)
8am to 8.45am

DIARY DATES

Anti-Bullying Week
13th—17th November

Diwali House Day
Monday 13th November

Children in Need
'Wear Something Spotty'
Friday 17th November

**Dogs Trust Assembly &
Workshops (Y1—Y6)**
Monday 20th November

H.S.A. Pyjama Party
Friday 1st December

**Carol Service at St Edmund's
Church**
Friday 8th December 6pm

EYFS Vision Screening
Wednesday 13th December

EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 15th December 2pm

School Pantomime Trip
Tuesday 19th December

**Christmas Lunch and Last Day of
Term**
Wednesday 20th December

“Being the best we can be.”

Are your children entitled to a FREE School Meal?

All children in Kingfisher class and Owl class are entitled to a universal free school meal.



However, I would like to remind you that, regardless of year group, if your household has a low income, or is in receipt of Universal Credit, your children may qualify for a Free School Meal. Not only does this help to save you over £15 per child each week in lunch costs but it also entitles the school to £1,455 each year to help to subsidise trips, small group support, and uniform costs. If you think your family may be eligible, please speak to Mrs Dennington in the School Office, who can quickly check eligibility. All that is required is the National Insurance number of the adults living in the household.

School Milk

School milk is free to all children under the age of 5. If you wish your child to continue to have milk in school after they are 5 please register your child at www.coolmilk.com

School Letters

Please note that hard copies of school letters and spare flyers are available from the folder in the school foyer.

Governor Vacancies

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!!

We continue to have vacancies on our Governing Body and would encourage any parents, carers or community members to consider joining our Governing Body. As a School Governor at Hauxton Primary School you would be playing a key role in shaping the future of the school and supporting the School's leadership team to drive forward school improvement.

No specific skills are required and full training would be provided.

If you could commit to attending two meetings a term (held in the evening) and are interested in finding out more about the role, please email Simon Burgin, Chair of Governors at chair@hauxton.cambs.sch.uk who would be very happy to have an informal discussion with you about the role.

School Vacancies

Full-time Teaching Assistant (8.40am—3.15pm term time only)

Are you interested in joining a happy, caring and supportive team who work hard to ensure that the children at Hauxton Primary School can thrive and fulfil their potential?

We are currently recruiting for a full-time Teaching Assistant to work on a 1:1 and small group basis supporting children with additional needs across the school.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Mrs Hurworth via office@hauxton.cambs.sch.uk for an informal chat.

Footnote: I couldn't send the newsletter without acknowledging the brilliant efforts of Skylarks this morning. The Remembrance Assembly that they wrote and shared with the school and their parents this morning was outstanding. The mature and responsible way that they delivered the poems and prayers was a credit to them all. Well done Skylarks. The children's poems will be uploaded to the website within the next few days.