




20th October 2023

Hauxton Primary School Newsletter

Note from Mrs Hurworth

As the half term draws to a close, I want to thank all of you who have engaged with the consultation to reshape our school values. Some common themes have emerged and we will be shaping these ready to launch them after the break.

Some of you may have found slips of paper in your child's bag over the past couple of weeks congratulating them on a positive behaviour they have been 'spotted' displaying by another child or adult in school. This is part of our 'positive postbox' initiative which invites children to spot and acknowledge the positive behaviours (linked to our values) in others. I am delighted to be able to share that the children have really embraced this and we are encouraging them to bring the slips home to you so that you can share in their successes.



Congratulations

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You were spotted by

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"Being the best we can be."

Classrooms will be open to parents on Friday 3rd November from 2.30pm—3pm and we would like to invite you to pop in and spend some time with your children looking through their books and talking with them about the learning that has taken place during the first half term. This opportunity comes ahead of the Parent Consultation evenings which will take place on Monday and Tuesday evenings of the following week (see 'diary dates' for timings). We will open bookings after half term and will notify you when the system is 'live' and ready to take bookings.

All that remains is for me to wish you and your family a restful half term break and to remind you that school recommences on Tuesday 31st October.

Helen Hurworth
Headteacher

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CLUBS

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

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

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

Half Term Holiday
23rd – 27th October

Teacher Training Day
30th October—SCHOOL CLOSED

Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 1st November

Open Classrooms for
parents/carers
Friday 3rd November 2.30pm—3.00pm

Parent Consultation Evenings
Monday 6th November 4pm—7pm
Tuesday 7th November 3.30pm—5pm

Remembrance Assembly led by
Skylarks
Friday 10th November—time TBC

Children in Need 'wear spots' day
Friday 17th November

Diwali House Day
Monday 13th November

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

EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 15th December 2.15pm

School Pantomime Trip
Tuesday 19th December

Last Day of Term
Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th December

“Being the best we can be.”

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Sorry for bringing this up before the clocks have even changed but we have been invited by St Edmund's Church to join them at their Carol Service on Friday 8th December. The vicar has also asked if some of the children would like to sing a carol as part of the celebration. To prepare, Mrs Parks-Connolly and I will be starting a Wednesday after-school Choir practise for any KS2 children who would be able and willing to join us at the Church on 8th December. There is an expectation that if you come to the practise sessions that you are also available to sing with the Choir at the Church.

I appreciate that some of our families may choose not to participate in this Christian celebration and would like to reassure you all that there will be an opportunity for all KS2 children to join the choir in January, when we will be singing some well-known songs from recent years and from popular musicals.

If your child would like to take part in the choir and join us at the Carol Service on 8th December, please email the office stating your child's name, class and arrangements for collection after the Wednesday sessions (Please note, if you wish your child to walk home this will need to be stated in the email even if it is a regular arrangement).

Mrs Hurworth & Mrs Parks-Connolly

School Council Hustings

After the half term break we will be forming our School Council for the year. Each class will have two representatives sitting on the Council who will meet with me twice every half term to share the views of their classmates and to ensure that the pupils' voices are present in decisions that we take on their behalf. Children interested in becoming a School Council Representative for their class are invited to complete a proforma outlining why they think they would be a good person to undertake the role. The children have been invited to take home a form today (please check their bag) or, alternatively, the proforma can be downloaded from the school website under the 'Children' tab. Potential representatives will then be asked to present their argument to the class before an anonymous class vote takes place. Hustings will take place during the first week back after half term.

Teacher Tip #4

Collecting leaves and conkers at this time of year can be a fun and engaging way to help your child to practise their maths skills. You can sort them by colour, shape, or size. For older children, arrange conkers into rows of 3, 4, 5, etc. and practise counting in multiples to reinforce times tables.