



# Huntley C of E Primary School

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SPECIAL EDITION – PARENT GOVERNOR REQUIRED – NOMINATION FORMS ATTACHED

### HUNTLEY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU



You may remember that last term we sent out some information about upcoming changes to our governors and the need for a new parent governor. We are still searching for a candidate to fill this role.

Alex Davis, began his governing career as a parent governor and will be continuing as a foundation governor. Alex explains a little more about the role.....

As many of you will already know, my term as a parent governor is coming to an end and an opportunity is now available for another parent to step on to the governing body.

I thought I would share some insight into what the role involves and give a parents view of what being a parent governor means.

I first took up a role as a parent governor in 2018. It was somewhat out of an interest in being able to have a say in the way my children's school was run but also out of a sense of duty owing to the fact I would soon have 4 children all studying at Huntley.

I was of course worried about what I could add to a governing body that already had a wealth of experience, but it soon became apparent that ALL skills are transferrable. Whether it was serving on rugby committees for many years or dealing with staff in my family business I found that I could offer a perspective not only as a parent but draw on my experience elsewhere to help guide others and make decisions.

So what does a parent governor do? Well in raw terms of time commitment and physical appearances it isn't an overbearing amount. All new governors will receive a day of training provided by the local authority to help them understand the role and best ways to achieve the goals of a governing body.

Don't let the jargon put you off, a full glossary is provided! The full governing body will meet roughly once a term for around 2 hours to be updated on schools progress and to deal with any matters that have arisen. In time you will be asked to join one or more of the sub committees (such as finance or ethos) which can be dictated by your background or interest. The governing body is very much a team and no-one is expected to know or be able to do everything so we all work together to deliver the best possible outcomes for all children at Huntley.

As I mentioned earlier, my time as a parent governor is coming to an end. I have, however, been asked by the governing body to step into a foundation governor position and to continue working with the governing body. To sum up, becoming a parent governor not only allows you to have an impact in the strategic direction of the school that your child is attending but it is also a fantastic opportunity to contribute to your local community and really make a difference. As I said, I'm coming back.....it can't have been all bad!

Is this something you would enjoy? Do you have skills or knowledge that could help your child's school? Get in touch if you're interested, we would love to hear from you ☺  
Just email [admin@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk) or call us on 01452 830510.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

21<sup>st</sup> March – Whole School First Aid Sessions

30<sup>th</sup> March – Experience Easter

5<sup>th</sup> April – Dogs Trust visit to school

8<sup>th</sup> April – INSET

11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April – EASTER HOLIDAYS

27<sup>th</sup> April – Photos

28<sup>th</sup> April – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 trip to Skillzone

2<sup>nd</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY

26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 School Beats Session

9<sup>th</sup> June – R & Y6 vision/ height/ weight screening

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y4, 5 & 6 Wilderness Centre Residential



### PE THIS TERM



STREAM	Monday	Thursday
RIVER	Tuesday	Thursday
ESTUARY	Monday	Thursday
OCEAN	Thursday	Friday

Class Stream should have PE kit in school at all times, all other classes should come to school in PE kit on the days they have PE.

### ABSENCES

Just a quick reminder that if a child is absent from school, we need to be notified. We haven't reminded everyone of the procedure for a while and we seem to be chasing a lot of unexplained absences currently so we thought it would be a good time to refresh everyone:

If a child is absent from school & we have not been informed, there is a legal requirement for us to investigate & procedures we have to follow to ensure that the missing child is safe & well.

These procedures include a home visit from school (and I'm sure nobody really wants us knocking on their door at 9am) & where this fails - police notification.

It's really easy to notify school of an absence.

You can call on 01452 830510, email [admin@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk) or simply use the absence facility on Parentmail.

TAUNTON & TIBBERTON TENNIS CLUB  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE ACADEMY  
WWW.TENNIS-PLUS.CO.UK  
TENNIS FOR ALL  
STARTS MARCH 2022!

TO BOOK CONTACT:  
07870620488  
TENNISPLUSACADEMY@GMAIL.COM

ADULTS:  
• Thursday 9:30 - 11:00 ADULT DRILLS & DOUBLES (Improvers+)  
• Saturday 10:45 - 12:45 ADULT TENNIS 'XPRESS' (For Beginners, First Time Players, 'Busty Racquets'. New Players Welcome. All Equipment including Racquets Supplied)

JUNIORS:  
• Saturday 12:00 - 12:45 RED [School Years Reception-Year 2]  
• Saturday 12:45 - 1:15 ORANGE [School Years 3 & 4]  
• Saturday 1:15 - 1:45 GREEN [School Years 5 & 6]  
• Saturday 1:45 - 2:15 YELLOW [13yrs+ School Years 7 - 13]

Fees:  
45minute RED lessons £6.00 (booked as a block)  
1hr lessons ORANGE/YELLOW £7.00 (booked as a block)  
1hr 30mins lesson £10.00 (pay on the day)

4-8 players maximum in a class/squad. With LTA level 4 & MTI level 5 coach 'Iain Evans' over 25 years of experience working with development & performance players.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

**STREAM:** We had a great day learning about measuring after reading the story of 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. We measured the circumference of our head, compared it with our partners and with different parts of our body. We made a bar chart showing how tall different objects. We also looked at 'giant' teeth, made towers taller than us and made a meal for a giant!



**RIVER:** The children all looked fantastic in their costumes (thank you grown ups!). They were very excited to discuss their favourite characters! We focused our learning on the story "What's the Time Mr Wolf?" which made links with our maths learning of telling the time. We listened to the story and made our clocks show the times that the events in Mr Wolf's day happened. We even had a go at writing our own versions of the story too!

Well done Class River for putting in such a fantastic effort at telling the time. Challenge yourself to keep practising this skill at home too!



**ESTUARY:** Class Estuary explored the text 'Mummy Maths' for world book day. We cracked 3D shape problems to solve the mysteries in the story and explored the properties of 3D shapes. In pairs we wrote and illustrated our own stories with hidden geometry problems for the reader. We had a great day exploring Maths books and showing off our amazing costumes!



**OCEAN:** We had some maths-y fun solving puzzles to find out 'What's The Point Of Maths'! We found out about the beginnings of counting and how numbers developed over time! We learned how to tally in different ways and even how to write our birth dates in Egyptian Hieroglyphics! Then we found out how to become trillionaires and how people in the past have created ways to keep their secrets safe! We even had a go at writing our own message in Morse Code!

Super team work, magical beings, animals and all of our book friends got stuck in to solving our tricky problems! Well done everyone!



### RAINFOREST EXPERIENCE AT LEAF CREATIVE

Before half term, Class River were lucky enough to take a trip up to Leaf Creative to help us experience our learning about the rainforest.



Jonathan, Sue and the team at Leaf Creative had very kindly set up an amazing indoor rainforest for us! The plants they used represented the emergent, canopy, understorey and forest floor layers of the rainforest. We were able to touch the plants and see them up close to help us gain a first-hand experience of what being in a rainforest might be like!

Thank you Jonathan, Sue and everyone at Leaf Creative for setting up such a fantastic experience for us!

### CLASS STREAM TRIP TO THE MUSEUM

We had a great day out at the John Moore Museum in Tewkesbury. We participated in 3 workshops to find out about homes in the past. We looked inside the Merchant's house to see what a timber framed house was like. We practised making a wattle and daub wall. We played with toys and games from the past. Look at the fun we had!



Some of the children told us about what they liked best:

Tilly liked dressing up, Freya liked playing snakes & ladders, for Ralph & Norah the best bit was seeing the merchants house & finding out where they went to the toilet!

### WEST MIDLANDS SAFARI PARK

What a day!!!!!! We were splashed by sea lions at the sea lion show, we saw a pride of lions devouring their meal, we met the dinosaurs and dug for bones and we got very closely acquainted with some particularly friendly lorikeets!!!!



It was a fantastic experience enjoyed by all, children and grown ups!!!!!!

### SQUASH BAR

The squash bar is running on Thursdays this term. 10p for a cup of squash at break time, all proceeds go to funding the upkeep of snickers & jelly bean our guinea pigs ☺

### LORDS LARDER APPEAL

Huntley Church are stepping up their efforts to collect food for the Lords Larder Foodbank in Newent. There is a collection box in the church and one in the village. The foodbank are desperate for donations at the moment and they think that situation is likely to get worse so it would be really good if the school & church community could help.

### THE DAY HUNTLEY TRAVELLED TO SPACE

**Class Stream** learned about light, shadows & electricity.



**Class River** experienced different environments, including the tropical rainforest, the desert, polar regions and even a landfill site to show us how important it is to look after our planet.



**Years 5 and 6** found out more about the planets and moons in our solar system and then went stargazing! We learned about constellations and the stories that lie behind these. We found out how to locate the north star. Do you know why it appears that the north star is the only star that doesn't move over time? Ask us, we do! We loved learning more and sharing our own learning from last term's science lessons.



### THE GUINEA PIGS BY BETSY & LYDIA

When the guinea pigs came to Class Estuary! We got them out at break and lunch and fed them and changed their food and water. We found it fun when we were allowed them on our tables. Everyone laughed when they were being annoying. We found out guinea pigs are very greedy. They loved it when we got them out and loved the attention we were giving them.

The guinea pigs have celebrated a special day this term! Happy birthday Snickers & Jelly Bean!!!!

### VACANCY AT LEAF CREATIVE

Leaf Creative are looking for someone who is available a few hours a day (within school time) to take on an admin role. Good knowledge of excel and word are essential.

**If you are interested contact Jamie on 01452 830837 or jamie@leafcreative.co.uk.**

### FOOTBALL TEAM

**ESFA 7 a side football league:**

We won!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



We also have a really smart new kit so we look good while we're winning every game!!!! **Knockout Tournament:** We have also made it through to the small schools knockout tournament finals. We will be off to play our final game on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April!