



# Huntley C of E Primary School

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### UPDATE FROM GOVERNORS

January is a busy month for governors with meetings of all four committees planned and the Full Governing Body meeting at the end of the month.

Ethos and Facilities committees have already met and discussions have ranged from how the school's vision underpins the curriculum to getting quotes to fix the sink in Class River. Finance and Personnel, and Quality of Education committees are meeting next week.

Each term governors visit school to speak to Subject Leaders, class staff and/or children. It is an opportunity to ask questions, support and monitor the effectiveness of the curriculum, policies, school's ethos, buildings and resources. Last term governors looked at how maths, phonics and computing are taught, what maintenance projects on the buildings and grounds are needed, and focused on our Christian ethos, safeguarding of children, and provision of special education needs and disabilities.

One of the main roles of governors is to plan for the strategic development and improvement of the school. We would be interested in hearing from parents on your views. Is there anything you would like governors to consider on further improving the school? If you have any suggestions please email Fiona at [chair@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk).

Finally, as you all know the school buildings are very old! Alex Davies and Jeremy Rebbeck (governors on the Facilities Committee) are working with Mrs Curtis to get quotes for bigger maintenance projects. However sometimes it can be something smaller that needs to be done eg. a blocked sink, putting up some shelves, jet washing or painting a wall. If you are able to help with occasional small maintenance jobs that arise, it would be wonderful if you could let the Mrs Mason in the school office know.

Thank you  
Fiona Gordon (Chair)

### READING CHALLENGE

For years now we have run the reading challenge, where children are rewarded for reading at home by earning their bronze, silver & gold reading awards.

We have had a little revamp and are now changing the way in which children work towards their achievements. Now the challenge will be restarted each term giving children a fresh chance to achieve those goals.

Once children have completed all three levels there will be the added incentive of a raffle challenge. Each time children read after achieving gold they will have another raffle entry added. At the end of term a raffle will be drawn from the entries earned that term and winners will be awarded prizes so it's all to play for!!!!!!



### CHANGES TO COVID GUIDANCE –

PCR tests following a positive LFD test result are temporarily suspended from 11<sup>th</sup> January. This means anyone who receives a positive LFD test will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who have a positive PCR test has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer need to complete 10 days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of self-isolation and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end self-isolation after the second negative test and return to education setting from day 7.



### CLASS STREAM NEED YOU



Class Stream are looking for volunteers to come in and listen to readers. If you could spare an hour a week to listen to some lovely stories, or maybe you know of a grandparent who would love to come along once a week please get in touch or speak to Mrs Goulding.

### A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you firstly to Mr Mirfin for hand crafting another gorgeous reindeer to raffle in December. Each year Mr Mirfin makes a wooden reindeer or snowman for school to raffle. All proceeds go towards forest school and pay for things like wet weather gear, den building sets, marshmallows to toast, seeds to plant....everything we need to make forest schools wonderful for the children!

We would also like to thank Mr Mirfin for making reindeers for all of Class Stream to take home and coming in to assemble them with the children, along with the help of Mrs Cholefko, thank you both ☺

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY** – School Beat Officer visiting Class Ocean  
**21<sup>ST</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** – HALF TERM  
**8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** – INSET  
**11<sup>TH</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL** – EASTER HOLIDAYS  
**27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** – Photos (class & leavers)

### MRS HULSE RETURNS

Hi everyone,

Thanks for a lovely welcome back after my maternity leave. I have been back for a term now and it feels like I have never been away!

I am really enjoying teaching the Year 6's again on Mondays and Fridays and am now teaching Art and Computing across the school.

Before Christmas Class River were exploring the artwork of Vincent Van Gogh, Estuary were creating a 'class of pharaohs' in oil pastel and Ocean made natural and ceramic mosaics.

Keep an eye out on our school YouTube page for Class River's stop frame animations starring their toys from home!

Best Wishes

Mrs Hulse

### PE DAYS THIS TERM

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

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.

### DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE

Before Christmas the drama club wrote their own play based on the 2013 John Lewis Christmas advert. We performed it to the whole school which you are able to watch on our Youtube page using the link that was sent out.

By Kate Beetlestone

### SQUASH BAR

Class Estuary Are running their squash bar 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 ☺

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please remember to check the school website for any information you might need. The website is updated regularly with information about clubs, important dates, term dates, menus and newsletters are all published on the website. Also each class has their own page where you can see what they have been up to and what they are looking at each term. The website should always be the first point of reference.

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Welcome back!

Wishing you all a very happy 2022! Christmas seems an age ago I know, but I hope you all had a lovely break.

Firstly, I wanted to say a huge thank you for your support with the Christmas raffle. The donations were amazing and the hampers, which the PTFA put together, were such lovely prizes. £530 was raised in total and this will go towards paying for music lessons for the children next term.

Coming home soon, you will have some information and a voting form to elect a parent governor to join our governing body. We have an incredible set of governors who work closely with us in school to provide challenge and support. If you are maybe interested in becoming a school governor and require more information, please get in touch or directly email Fiona Gordon and we can give you further information about what the role entails.

Another thank you for your support with the Poppy appeal held in November. Today we received a thank you note to say that £161.93 was raised by the school. Thank you also to the year sixes for organising this and selling the poppies etc.

A new issue of the Families First magazine is here. There are some interesting articles and ideas. [Families First Magazine](#)

I have also been contacted by an organisation called BeeZee Bodies and I thought I would share some of the information with you. I will send the current newsletter out on Parent Mail.

Our BeeZee Families programme is a FREE afterschool programme for children and their families (parents & siblings welcome). We work with families and their children who are over the healthy weight range to set personal and realistic goals, including healthy snacking, portion sizes, labelling and fussy eating. The children have a great time in our classroom activities and the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour there is a chance to learn new skills in our physical activity sessions with a qualified sports coaches. We also have a range of other services in Gloucestershire depending on each family's lifestyle:

**BeeZee Life:** Sign up to a FREE 1-hour session with a Nutritionist to talk about your family and the changes you want to make. Leave with a robust plan on how to make easy, healthy changes.

**BeeZee Live:** A FREE virtual weekly session for 10 weeks, delivered by trained Nutritionists covering making healthy changes in a fun and engaging way for the whole family. No-one can see you and you don't have to speak, just type into the chat bar. Simple!

For further information contact: [www.beezeebodies.com](http://www.beezeebodies.com) or phone 073957944

Finally, I just wanted to say a massive 'CONGRATULATIONS' to Miss Bramley who got engaged over the Christmas holidays! We are all really happy and excited for you!

Thank you for your continued support and please get in touch if you have any queries/ suggestions!

Many thanks, E Curtis