



Huntley C of E Primary School

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WRAPAROUND CARE

Following requests and feedback from our school community we identified a need for wraparound care here at Huntley Primary School. We spent months behind the scenes looking at options to put this in place and eventually managed to find a solution that would provide a breakfast club and after school care. This term we are trialling the provision we have put in place to ensure that it works for everyone and can be run alongside school in a cost efficient manner. Sadly the uptake for breakfast club has been so low that we have been unable to cover running costs and we have had to admit defeat. So breakfast club will run up until the last day of term but will not be running when we return in to school in November.

Numbers for after school clubs have been gradually increasing so we will continue running this after half term and review again nearer to Christmas.

If you would like to book a place for your child/ren at any of the after school clubs after half term please email admin@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk.

THE ADVENTURES OF CLASS STREAM

Class Stream have had a super busy start to the new school year & would like to share just a few of the exciting activities they have been taking part in.....

We went for a walk around the village to find out about where we live. We followed a map so we didn't get lost! We especially liked seeing 'The stocks' which were used a long time ago. We learnt our address and found the post-box so we could post a letter home.



Then we went blackberry picking,



The blackberries were delicious so we used them for our crumble.

Year One made blackberry and apple crumble. We chopped carefully using a 'bridge' or 'claw' shape with our fingers. Then we 'rubbed' the butter into the flour and sugar to make crumble. IT WAS YUMMY!



ISLE OF WIGHT

With covid restrictions lifted, this year Class Ocean were able to go on our annual Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight along with children from Tibberton, Churcham, Ashleworth & Westbury. The children had a fantastic time travelling on a ferry, visiting Osborne House, playing on the beach, visiting (and adopting) the donkeys, partying the night away at the disco and so much more! This is such a fun filled trip that has become a rite of passage here at Huntley over the years. Miss Bramley accompanied the children and had a fantastic time and was so impressed with how wonderful the children were for the whole week. Well done Class Ocean!!!! We've picked a couple of highlights to share with you....



CHRISTMAS AT LEAF

A message from Leaf Creative:

We have a new Award winning Chef doing a great Christmas Menu which we will be serving from 27th November (requires booking) 12pm

- 8pm, Mon – Fri.

* Menu sent out via ParentMail

We are also looking at Christmas Buffets and other menu.

And a thankyou from us:

If you haven't been and sampled the delicious food yet, we all recommend it here at Huntley Primary School! Huge thanks to everyone who generously donated to the collection at the end of last year which provided us with a voucher to spend in the restaurant at Leaf!!! We all had a gorgeous afternoon there last Saturday and left feeling very full indeed! The cakes went down particularly well!

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOREST FOODBANK

My name is Jane Baird and I am a volunteer at the Forest Foodbank. I am the schools co-ordinator for the Foodbank.

We have noticed that referrals to the Foodbank have declined recently and we are concerned that people are not aware of the help that we can provide. Families in need can contact one of the agencies that are listed on our website <https://theforestfoodbank.org.uk/> who will assist them in getting a food parcel. This parcel will be delivered to their home. They do not need to collect it.

The Foodbank has plenty of food available at the moment and we would hate to feel that people are going hungry just because they do not know how to access this help. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information about the Foodbank or if you would like me to come and talk to your students about how the Foodbank operates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

12th OCT – Parents Evening
13th OCT – Parents Evening (NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)
13th OCT – River, Harts Barn trip
13th OCT – Stream, Vets Barn trip
15th OCT – Y6 Internet Safety Session
15th OCT – Estuary, Bristol Museum trip
22nd OCT – INSET
25th – 29th OCT – HALF TERM

1st NOV – BACK TO SCHOOL
5th NOV – Y3 & Y4 first swim session (every Friday)
9th NOV – Stream, Noah's Ark trip
15th NOV – Photos, individuals & siblings
16th NOV – Open Morning
24th NOV – Flu Vaccinations
30th NOV – Panto (whole school)

6th – 10th DEC – Drama Week
10th DEC – Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal
13th DEC – Christmas Play – Evening Performance
16th DEC – Party Day & Christmas Dinner
17th DEC – BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS

5th JAN – INSET
6th JAN – BACK TO SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK MRS HULSE

This month we are welcoming back Mrs Hulse as she returns from maternity leave.

Mrs Hulse will be working with every class over the course of each week, we know the children are very excited to have her back and will make her feel very welcome ☺

PARENTMAIL

We would just like to remind parents to check Parentmail regularly. Currently there is a large amount of communication going out to parents on a daily basis as we have had such a busy start to the year.

A number of people have been having trouble finding payment items. If you are having this issue and think the item is not there for you, please use the menu to navigate to the payments section of Parentmail, once here you will be able to select the 'shop' option. This is where you will find payment items. Paying by card is very quick and easy.

Please remember you are not able to reply to us through Parentmail. If you wish to email us please use admin@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk.

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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As we begin a new school year we would like to introduce new and old parents to the Governing Body here at Huntley C of E Primary School and will be bringing you regular updates and what our Governors have been up to in and around school over the course of the year. We currently have 2 vacancies, if you are interested in becoming a governor or know someone who might be (Grandparents/ friends) please get in touch with us on admin@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk to find out more.

Meet the Governing Body of Huntley C of E Primary School

All maintained schools in England and Wales are required to have a governing body, sometimes called governance board, and the size and makeup of the governing body is determined by the category of school. As a Church of England aided primary school, Huntley's governing body is made up as follows:

Head Teacher

Mrs Ella Curtis

Staff Governor (elected by staff)

Miss Sheralee Bramley

Parent Governors (elected by parents)

Mrs Jo Rich

Mr Alex Davies

Local Authority Governor (nominated by the Parish Council)

Ms Fiona Gordon (Chair)

Foundation Governors (approved by the Parochial Church Council and appointed by the Diocese and as a C of E aided school, foundation governors must exceed other categories of governor by 2)

Rev. Lara Bloom (Ex Officio)

Mrs Amy Cholefko

Mrs Julia Akerman (Vice-Chair)

Mrs Anne Bryson (Chair)

Mr Jeremy Rebbeck

Vacancy x 2

As governors, our core functions are:

- To ensure there is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school
- Hold the head teacher and her team to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff
- Oversee financial performance, making sure the budget is well spent

We fulfil our role by working together, sharing our knowledge and experiences through a number of committees – currently we have 4 committees at Huntley:

- Finance and staffing
- Quality of Education
- Ethos
- Facilities

Each committee meets termly with the outcomes from these meetings feeding into the full governing meetings which also meet on a termly basis.

We work with the head teacher to develop the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which identifies the priorities for the coming year. The governors then have a responsibility for monitoring this plan through a range of activities such as the meetings mentioned above. Governors are allocated an area of responsibility from the curriculum or SIP, depending on their particular interest or area of expertise and are encouraged to visit school to familiarise themselves with and monitor this area.

Whilst it may appear to be an onerous task, the role of the governing body is a rewarding one. We work together sharing knowledge and drawing on each other's expertise. Training is available for both new and experienced governors to ensure we are kept up to date with latest requirements and there is nothing more rewarding watching our children learn and grow.