



Headteacher Newsletter.

Building update

The classrooms are really coming together now with internal fixtures and fittings almost complete. Over the next two weeks, the external paths, playground surfacing and fences will be finished ready for a handover a few weeks before we officially move in.

We would like to invite Pre-school, Reception and Year 1 parents and children to drop in and see the completed classrooms on Friday 31st March from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. We will have an official opening ceremony at 1.30pm on 31st March if you would like to attend.

Please remember that we are closed from 29th – 31st March for moving. The following classes will move during this time with children starting in their new classrooms from Monday 17th April:

- Reception, Rec/Y1 and Y1 – all into the new build.
- Y2a and Y2b – Into the current Reception and Rec/Y1 classrooms
- Y6a and Y6b – Into the current Y2a and Y1 classrooms

The top gate will be back in use for Pre-school, Reception and Year 1 parents from Monday 17th April.

Staffing update

We will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Cooper on Monday 27th February. Cathryn Cooper has worked in the school office for 12 years and is a previous Hunloke student, she will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to Mrs Bridge, after 18 months of studying, she has completed her NPQLBC (Learning Behaviours and Culture). As our Mental Health lead, she is putting her learning in to good practice and is ensuring best practice, CPD and initiatives are shared across the school.

Parents evening

Parents evenings will be held on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March for children from Reception to Y6. Pre-school parents evening will be held after the Easter break so that any moves and transition arrangements to new settings for September can be discussed. Unless your child requires an SEN parents meeting, you will be able to book a session from 4pm on Monday 13th March.

If your child has already received an SEN review this term, they will not need an additional SEN Parents meeting. Mrs Toplis will arrange parents' meetings for the rest of our SEN pupils over the next few weeks.

Pre-school

Our Pre-school will be growing at Easter from being 26 places to 32. All places are now full until the end of the academic year. Mrs Jerman will be in touch over the next half term to confirm hours for pupils from September and to discuss start dates for pupils on the waiting list for the next academic year. If you have younger children that you hope will attend our Pre-school, it is very important that they are placed on our waiting list at least a year before their expected start date.

World Book Day

For World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, we would like the children to either come in their PJ's or comfy clothes and bring their favourite bedtime story or to dress as a character from that bedtime story. Please ensure any books brought into school are labelled with your child's name.

Comic Relief

As Comic Relief falls on Friday 17th March, the same day we were coming in non-uniform to collect chocolate donations for the Easter Fair, we have decided to combine the two. If they would like to, children can come to school in non-uniform with some element of the colour red included. Please can children bring with them a chocolate donation towards the Chocolate Tombola planned for the Easter Fair. The Tombola is our biggest money maker, the 'Friends' have agreed to donate half the takings from the Tombola to Comic relief this year. You can also make a donation to Comic Relief by following this link: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

Dates for your Diary

- 27th Feb – School re-opens for Spring term 2
- 1st March – Possible Strike day (will effect the same classes as 1st Feb)
- 2nd March – World Book Day
- 9th March – Birmingham's District Judge in Assembly
- 15th and 16th March – Possible Strike days (more info to follow)
- 17th March – Non Uniform Day (for Chocolate tombola donations) Plus Comic Relief
- 23rd March – Whole School Physical Activity Day
- 24th March – Easter Fair 3.15pm – 4.30pm
- 27th and 28th March – Parents Evening - Rec-Y6 (more info to follow)
- 29th – 31st March – School closed to move into new build
- 31st March 1.30-3.00pm – Pre-school, Reception and Y1 parents invited to see the new build classrooms (official opening at 1.30pm)
- 31st March – End of Spring term 2
- 17th April – School re-opens for Summer term 1
- 1st May - School Closed for May Bank Holiday
- 4th May – Y2 Trip to Holmebrook Valley Park
- 8th – 10th May – Y4 residential to Boggle Hole
- 8th May – School Closed for King's Coronation Bank Holiday
- 9th – 12th May – Y6 Statutory Assessments
- 10th May – Y3 Trip to the Derby Open Centre
- 10th May – Y5 Trip to Lea Green
- 12th May – Colour Run
- 25th May – Class Group Photo's
- 26th May – End of Summer term 1
- 5th June – School re-opens for Summer term 2
- 15th June – 6pm – New starter parents meeting
- 19th – 21st June – Y6 residential to London
- 30th June – Summer Fair
- 6th and 7th July – Whole School Transition days
- 14th July – Reports out to Parents
- 21st July – End of Summer 2

Next Friends meeting – 27th Feb @ the Smithy Pond – 6pm

See the Friends newsletter for future plans and information.

School re-opens on Monday 27th February 2022

Have a lovely break

Jennifer Murphy

Headteacher