

# HURLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents

Firstly, many thanks for your fabulous support and understanding during these unusual, unprecedented times. We have managed to keep the school Covid safe and have enabled children return to school successfully for 8 weeks.

## New Hurley Primary School Website

We have recently transferred to new school web site which can be found at [www.hurleyschool.co.uk](http://www.hurleyschool.co.uk)  
We are using a new system which is easier for our staff to update so we hope we can do this more regularly.  
This newsletter, holiday dates and other useful information have been posted on this new site. Please have a look.

## Outstanding Behaviour and Excellent record-breaking Attendance figures

Children and staff have worked extremely hard this term and behaviour and attitudes to learning of the children have been outstanding. Attendance has also been excellent with a record-breaking average attendance of 97% which is massively above the Current National Average. Last week we actually achieved 100% attendance for the first time ever when every child and member of staff was in school. WELL DONE 😊

## Sponsored Walk and Charity Donations

Thanks for your generous donations for the school sponsored walk which raised a magnificent £1,687 for the school. Also, thanks for contributing to the Macmillan Raffle which has helped us to raise £300 for the Macmillan charity appeal.

## On-line Parents' Meetings

Thank you for attending our first on-line parent meetings this week which went pretty smoothly! If any of you missed your meeting (perhaps for technical reasons) then please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment.

## PTA Meeting on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.30 am

On Friday morning we hope to hold our first PTA on-line meeting.  
We will be looking at ways of celebrating Christmas in a Covid-safe environment.

## Autumn Half Term Holiday from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Next week everyone gets a well deserved half term break.  
We breakup at the normal times on Friday.  
Staff have a Teacher Training Day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.  
Children return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Guy Fawkes Parties on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Next half term, because we are not able to hold our annual Halloween Disco, the children will be invited to attend school in their Halloween Fancy Dress costumes. The children will be treated to be party food provided by the PTA and there will be class prizes to be won for the best Halloween costumes.



## Remembrance Day - Circle of Peace Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November all the children will make a circle of peace on the playground and the Year 6 children will attend the community service at the War Memorial at 11 o'clock. We are currently selling poppies and other items at school to raise money for the British Legion Foundation Appeal. This year is the 75th year since victory was declared in Europe and we have been selling poppies and other items for the appeal since Monday. These remain for sale until 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for supporting this very important charity

## Pudsey Bear Pyjama and Cuddly Toy Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Children and staff are invited to attend school in pyjamas and dressing gowns or onesies - with their favourite cuddly toy!!  
We will be selling Pudsey Bear biscuits for 50p to raise money for Children In Need.

## Google Chromebooks and We-Do Lego

With the support of the PTA funds we have recently invested in sets of Google Chromebooks in the junior classes and We-Do Lego robotic sets. We are getting close to the point where we will be able to provide Computing lessons from classrooms. This will eventually free up the computer room for cooking activities and small group work.

## Recent Hurley Primary School Building Developments

We have benefitted from a number of recent school building developments:

- A new school roof – to keep out the rain!!
- New doors and windows - we have nearly completed this project around the whole school.
- Also, we will shortly be automating the front gates (by the staff car park) to make the school site even safer.

We are having the cladding to the mobile classroom renovated to future proof this classroom. And finally - we recently had a boiler room upgrade. So, we should be warm, dry and safe for the winter months ahead!

## Fun Learning Clubs - After school — for selected children from Year 2 to Year 5

This term teachers have been assessing the children to determine their learning gaps caused by school closures during the Spring and Summer months last year. Selected children in Years 2 - 5 will be invited to join a fun learning club for after school either on Tuesday or Thursday next half term. Year 6 have already started their booster sessions to prepare them for the SATS and their new schools.

## The Implementation of The Hurley Primary School New Curriculum 2020

We have started a new curriculum based upon the History and Geography requirements for each year group.

We aim to ensure reading remains at the heart of our new curriculum and the English work which children undertake is based upon quality reading texts related to their current topics. The full Hurley Primary School New Curriculum Map can be found on our new web site on the following link:

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE HURLEY SCHOOL CURRICULUM](#)

YEAR GROUPS	First half term Autumn One 2020	Second half term Autumn Two 2020
Reception	<p><b>All About Me</b> The Senses and Materials; Seasons</p> 	<p><b>Once Upon A Time</b> Fairy Tales and traditional stories</p> 
Year 1/2	<p><b>Where My Wellies Take Me</b> My Village - What's it like where we live?</p> 	<p><b>The Family Tree and Me</b> My Family History - What was life like when our grandparents were children?</p> 
Year 3/4	<p><b>Tribal Tales</b> The Stone Age -What was new about the Stone Age?</p> 	<p><b>Sunshine and Showers</b> Why is climate important?</p> 
Year 5/6	<p><b>Journeys</b> What makes people go on a journey?</p> 	<p><b>Changes</b> Changes in our local environment and how is our country changing?</p> 

Please see the Hurley Primary terms times and holidays below (on page 3)

## HURLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2020/2021

School	Starts	Finishes
Autumn Term a (7.5 weeks)	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2020	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2020
Aut HT Holiday 2020	Sat 24 Oct 2020	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2020 Teacher Training Day
Autumn Term b (7 weeks)	Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020
Christmas Holiday 2020 - 21	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020	Mon 4 Jan 2021 Teacher Training Day
Spring Term a (6 weeks)	Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Spring HT Holiday 2021	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2021 Teacher Training Day
Spring Term b (6 weeks)	Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2021	Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
Easter Holidays 2021	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Summer Term a (6 weeks)	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Summer HT Holiday 2021	Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2021 Teacher Training Day
Summer Term b (6 weeks)	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
Summer Holiday 2021	Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul 2021	Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 Teacher Training Day

### Severe Weather and School Closures

If the school does need to close for bad weather, burst pipes or a Covid 19 lockdown, we will send an email and text to either the year group affected or to all parents.

WCC will publish any school closures on the Emergency School Closure website:  
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/emergency-school-closures-1>

### New Parent Governor Needed

We are looking to recruit a new Parent Governor. We need someone who is able to make regular evening meetings and training. Also (when Covid restrictions are lifted) they should be able visit school for a Governor day each term. Governors must have a balanced and impartial view of the school and must work with the rest of the Governing Body for the good of all the children, parents and staff.

If you are interested please email me on [head2032@welearn365.com](mailto:head2032@welearn365.com) outlining why you wish to be considered as a Parent Governor and what specific skills you could bring to the Governing Body.

I will send another Newsletter out during November to let you know about our Christmas arrangements.

Thank you for your magnificent support. We look forward to an exciting half term leading up to Christmas.

Very best wishes to you all,  
Glyn Morgans, Headteacher, and the Hurley Primary School Team 😊