

HURLEY PRIMARY HALF-TERM NEWSLETTER

February Half Term 2022

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for your fabulous support this 1st half of the Spring term. 😊

Hurley's Got Talent

The children were all brilliant in the recent Hurley's Got Talent event and it is always a privilege to see the wide range of individual talents that our children display in this event – WELL DONE TO ALL THE CHILDREN and thank you all those parents who have supported their children in preparing for this event.

February half term

On Friday, children will break up for their February half term holiday for a well-earned rest to refresh themselves and recharge their batteries.

We finish on **Friday 18th February** and children will finish school at the normal time on Friday at 3.30pm.

A Teacher Training Day is planned for Monday **28th February**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 1st March** for the second half of the Spring Term.

Easter Holidays and end of Spring Term Friday 8th April

Spring term finishes at 2.00pm for Easter Holidays on Friday 8th April. Summer term begins on Monday 25th April.

The Hurley Primary Covid Outbreak Continues to Diminish

I am delighted to report Covid rates continue to diminish and also, we eagerly await Government plans to review the legal requirement to self-isolate over half term. Should they be able to end this restriction at half term, this will enable us to make further steps towards normality. If Covid rates have diminished and Government Guidelines are relaxed, we hope to start planning more whole school events and will start to seek opportunities to invite parents back into school. In the meantime, please continue to remain cautious this week and keep children off school with symptoms as we don't want the Covid Virus to re-enter the school during the final week.

Masquerade Mask and Wellbeing Day - Friday 18th February

On Friday 18th February, at the end of this week we will be holding a Masquerade Day. The PTA sent home masks last Friday for children to decorate and children are encouraged to wear these to school for the final day of half term. There will be Prizes for the 'best decorated' masks in each class.

We have also decided to use this final Friday to promote positive wellbeing and good mental health amongst the children. We will make this a non-uniform day and the children can 'Dress to Impress' wearing clothes of their choice to express their individuality, whilst also showing off their masks. During this day, teachers will plan events to promote good wellbeing

Topics for Next Half Term

Year Group/s	Topic	Brief Topic Description
Reception	Space	Children will be exploring the far corners of the universe. During this half term, children will also be observing hatching duck eggs
Years One and Two	Jetsetters	Children will be looking at holidays in the past. They will be going on a trip to visit the Aerozone and Aeropark at East Midlands Airport on Tuesday 5 th April. More details to follow next half term.
Years Three and Four	Crime and Punishment	Children will be looking at how crime and punishment have changed over the years.
Years Five and Six	Gods, Mortals and Myths	Children will be learning about Ancient Greece. They will also be experiencing an 'Ancient Greek Day' on Tuesday 8 th March.

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT

Sports coaches

We continue to employ additional specialist sports coaches to enrich the children's PE lessons.

Half Term Holiday Club

The Top Sport Academy coaches will be running an active sports club at Hurley Primary School during the half term holiday. To secure your child's place please book via the link below:

<https://ts-academy.class4kids.co.uk/camp/101>

Any questions regarding the Holiday Club please contact Laurie direct on 07972317676.

Outdoor Sports Clubs

Outdoor clubs will restart after February half term, running until the end of the May half term. You should have received an email from Mr Hardman last week asking for your after-school club choices. The deadline for completing this is Wednesday 16th February. Please ensure this electronic form is completed so we can organise the groups for when children return to school in March.

Booster & Additional Learning Clubs Spring Term 2022

The Year Six booster and Junior after school catchup sessions will continue half term.

Forest School sessions will recommence after the February half term

Details will be sent out shortly after half term.

Free Cornet Lessons for Year 5

After half term, Year 5 will commence free whole class cornet lessons.

The Hurley Primary Public Health Campaign Calendar

Hurley Primary School Is participating with the NHS in a Public Health Campaign to promote and raise awareness on an aspect of physical or mental health each month. These are the health issues that the health campaign addresses over the year.

MONTH	HEALTH THEME	Special Days/ Weeks
September	Physical Activity	National Fitness Day 23 rd Sept 21
October	Mental Health	World Mental health day 10 th Oct 21
November	Anti- Bullying	Anti- Bullying Week 16-20 th November 21
January	Setting Goals	Making New Year's resolutions
February	Internet Safety	Safer Internet Day Tue 8 th February 22
March	Sleep	World Sleep Day Friday 18 th March 22
April	Stress and Anxiety	Stress Awareness Month April
May	Oral Health	National Smile Day May 31 st 22
June	Nutrition and Hydration	Nutrition and Hydration week date tbc

We are currently addressing Internet safety and last week we participated in Internet safety day. Next month when we return from half term, we will address the importance of good sleep habits.

Activities and Events for the 2nd Half of Spring Term 2022

Many of the activities will be subject to Covid restrictions being lifted – so they could change.

Spelling Bee Challenge - A GREAT FUN WAY TO MASTER YOUR SPELLINGS ☺

This challenge uses banks of age-related spellings linked to the National Curriculum. Children have already received their spelling in the first week of Spring term. Class spelling quizzes to be held **during week beginning Monday 7th March**. Class winners will compete in a **school final on Friday 25th March**.

Hurley Primary World Book Day on FRIDAY 4th March 2022: the biggest celebration of books and reading in the world.

On the Friday 4th March, we will all dress up as our favourite book characters and participate in a range of book activities – including the '**Masked Reader Competition**' where children will try guess the mystery masked adults reading extracts from their favourite stories.

(Please note – we will be celebrating World Book the day after the Official World Book Day as some classes have other activities planned for the Thursday).

The Great Hurley Bake Off and Cake Sale - Wednesday 16th March

Children are encouraged to bake their own cakes at home and bring them in for a huge cake sale on Wednesday 16th March. There will be a prize for EVERY entry and winners will be chosen from each class. We will arrange a cake sale in the afternoon and at the end of the day and money raised will go towards Red Nose Day which is at the end of this week.

Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March - Red Nose Events will take place throughout this week

We will be supporting the Red Nose Charity Appeal. Red Noses will be on sale for children to buy. During the week leading up to Red Nose Friday, Mrs Hardman has planned daily challenges for teachers to endure to help raise further money for the Charity. Further details of these fun fundraising challenges will be sent out when we return from half term.

Infant and Junior PTA Movie Nights (dates to be arranged for next half term)

If Covid rates fall and Government restrictions are relaxed, we are hoping to hold an Infant and a Junior Movie night. This is where children are invited to stay behind after school (usually a Friday) to enjoy watching a recent movie in the school hall with their friends. Halfway through the movie, the children are treated to a special snack. We will write again after half term with further details.

Mothers' Day Gifts on Friday 25th March (Mothers' Day is on Sunday 27th March 2022)

Mothering Sunday this year is on Sunday 27th March. The PTA will be organising a Mothers' Day gift for all the children.

Easter Extravaganza - Monday 4th April

On the Monday of the final week of term, children will be invited to bring in decorated Easter eggs, cards, hats, and gardens. These will be displayed, photographed, and judged during the week. There will be a prize for the winning entries in each class.

Parent Evenings

Parent evenings will be held on the final week of term so you can discuss your child's progress and targets with the teachers. We are hopeful we will be able to return to face to meetings in school by this time. We will let you know nearer this time if these parent evenings can be face to face meetings or if they have to remain online.

Class Assemblies

During the course of next half term and the summer term, we plan to re-introduce live class assemblies where parents can enjoy a short assembly in the hall and also, we will also put children's books out in the hall so after the assembly children can show their parents their work. The dates on the table below are the week beginnings to show the week in which the assembly will take place. Class teachers will contact parents nearer the time to confirm the actual date and actual time of each of these assemblies.

Class Assembly Plan (If Covid conditions permit)

February Half term	
Wk Bg	Class
14.3.22	Reception Class Assembly
Easter holidays	
Wk Bg	Class
16.5.22	Year 2 Class Assembly
23.5.22	Year 1 Class Assembly
Summer half term	
13.6.22	Year 5 Class Assembly
20.6.22	Year 3 Class Assembly
27.6.22	Year 4 Class Assembly

Year 6 will perform their Leavers' Assembly to their parents during the final week of the summer term

Hurley Primary School will finish for the Easter Holidays on Friday 8th April at 2.00 pm

Please note there is no Hurley Birds available on this final day of the Spring Term.

Final Assembly or Easter Gathering on the Final Day of Spring Term on Friday 8th April 9.15 am

It may be possible this term to hold some parent assemblies at the end of term. If not, we will organise for the children to share some Easter songs on the playground at 9.15 am (as we did this Christmas)

Contact information

It is vital we have up-to-date emergency contact numbers for every child. Please inform the school if your number changes and we will then be able to keep you informed via school texts. Also please ensure you let us know if you change your email address as a lot of information is now sent out using the class and whole school email systems.

Hurley Healthy Junior Tuck Shop

At Hurley, we try very hard to promote healthy lifestyle. School tuck and our school dinners are provided by Educaterers. The food and menus are carefully planned to ensure they are nutritious, balanced and comply with the relevant health standards. The area manager of Educaterers meets regularly with our school council to get feedback from the children regarding the tuck and dinners.

Junior Tuck Shop Menu and Price List

Toast - 20p

Cheese on toast - 35p

Fresh fruit - 40p

Yogurts - 40p

Milkshake - 45p

Radnor fruits drink - 40p

Wednesday Tuck Shop Special

Bacon bap £1.35 (made with healthy bacon medallions)

You can provide your own tuck and dinner for your child if you wish. If you do so, please can you ensure the food is healthy e.g., fruit, cereal bars etc. Please avoid chocolate, cake, biscuits, crisps, and fizzy drinks.

No smoking or vaping on school grounds

For the health and safety of our young children, please do not smoke or vape on school grounds. Also, please avoid smoking or vaping near to the car park gate or in the alley where young children need to squeeze past. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

HURLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Hurley Primary School Holidays and Term Dates are available on the school Web Site.

Please follow the link below for this holiday date information: -

[Hurley Primary School Holiday Dates 2021-2022 and 2022-2023](#)

Attendance and Holidays

Good attendance and punctuality are essential to ensure the children achieve highly at school. We strongly encourage that wherever possible, holidays are not taken during term time. If your child is absent from school, could you please let the School Office know by 10.00am.

Severe Weather and School Closures

If the school does need to close for bad weather or burst pipes etc., we will notify you by text and email. Also, you may wish to check the school closure web site at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures where closed schools are listed.

Cover Dinner Time Supervisor Role at Hurley Primary School

Cover Dinner Time Supervisors are needed to help us cover some lunchtimes.

If interested in such post, please email Mr Morgans

at head2032@welearn365.com

Please contact the school office for an application form.

Appointments will be subject to relevant safeguarding checks.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SECOND HALF OF SPRING TERM 2022

Please see the school events calendar below for a listing of the school events and sports dates next half term. Many of these events are dependent on Covid levels and so they could be subject to change as the term progresses.

EVENTS FOR THE 2ND HALF OF SPRING TERM 2022	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Sat 19th February - Sun 27th February	
Week 1b Mon 28th Feb	Whole Class Cornet Lessons begin for Year 5 on Friday afternoons Forest School Sessions begin for Year 4 on Wednesdays Swimming Sessions begin for Year 3 Monday 28th February - Teacher Training Day Tuesday 29th February - Children return to school, Wednesday 2nd March - Forest School Sessions begin for Year 4 Thursday 3rd March - Pancake Day Challenge (on -line if necessary) Friday 4th March -HURLEY Word Book Day celebrations
Week 2b Mon 7th March	Spelling Bee Class Competitions will be arranged by the Class teachers during this week Tuesday 8th March Year 5 and Year 6 Ancient Greece day (Visiting Theatre group) Wednesday 9th March - Year 5/6 5-a-side Hockey, at TQEA Thursday 10th March - Year 4/5 6-a-side Football Tournaments, at Birch Coppice Fields
Week 3b Mon 14th March	Reception Class Assembly to take place during this week Wednesday 16th March The Great Hurley Bake Off and if possible, a Cake Sale after school (for the Red Nose charity) Thursday 17th March Hurley hosts the infant Gymnastics Competition 1 Friday 18th March RED NOSE DAY (further details for Red Nose Day will be sent next half term)
Week 4b Mon 21st March -	Tuesday 22nd March Year 5/6 Mixed 7-a-side Tag Rugby Tournaments, at Birch Coppice Fields, Wednesday 23rd March Year 5/6 High 5 mixed netball tournaments Thursday 24th March Hurley hosting the infant Gymnastics Competition 2 Friday 25th March Spelling Bee Whole school final and Mother's Day Presents go out (Mother's Day is on Sunday 27th)
Week 5b Mon 28th March	Thursday 31st March Hurley hosts the infant Gymnastics Competition 3
Week 6b Mon 4th April	Parent Evenings will be organised for this week more details to follow depending on Covid requirements Monday 4th April , please send Easter Extravaganza entries into school Friday 8th March , final day of Spring Term school closes at 2.00 pm We will organise either an end of term assembly or a small Easter concert on the Playground (depending on Covid restrictions) Please note there is no after school Hurley Birds provision on this day
EASTER HOLIDAY Saturday 9th April - Sunday 24th April	
Summer Term	Monday 25th April The Children return for the Summer Term

Please note Year 6 SATs week: week beginning Monday 9th May 2022

Year 2 SATs will take place during May 2022.

Year 1 Phonics Screen: week beginning Monday 6th June 2022

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MAGNIFICENT SUPPORT, Glyn Morgans and the Hurley Primary Team 