

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back! I hope that you've all had lovely summer holidays and are ready for another action-packed term here at Hunsdon. On behalf of myself and my staff, I would like to thank you all for our lovely presents and cards we received last term – we all felt the love!

There's already a lot to look forward to this half term, with some dates and events still to confirm so please look out for updates to the calendar.

**STAFF CHANGES** – This term we welcome one new member of staff - Mrs. Penny Johnson, and a returning member of staff - Mrs. Ellie Perkins to our ranks. Mrs. Johnson will be working in Maple, teaching the children on a Friday morning and Mrs. Perkins will be joining the Cherry class team, teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays. I am sure they will be very positive additions to our already excellent staff.

**FRIENDS** – As I'm sure you know, school budgets and especially *small* school budgets are extremely tight at the moment and a strong FRIENDS is more important than ever! The first FRIENDS meeting of this academic year will take place at **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 8.50am**, and it would be lovely to have as many parents attend as possible.

**WEBSITE** – Please take a look at our website for dates and information, it's a labour of love and will be updated regularly throughout the term. On occasions, photographs will be taken of children and be placed on our school website or perhaps published in the local paper. We do not name individual children, however, if you do not wish your child to appear on the website or in the local paper please inform the office in writing.

**HELPING YOUR CHILD** - Reading with your child on a regular, preferably daily, basis is essential and makes all the difference in terms of their progress. It also hopefully encourages a lifelong enjoyment of reading. We would appreciate your support with this and ask that you fill in their reading record book, which we will be checking. Updated curriculum plans will be on the school website shortly.

**'MOVING ON' – Year Six Secondary Transfer** - Just a reminder to Year 6 parents that the online application system for secondary school places is now open. See [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org) for more details. Look up the dates for Open Evenings you want to attend – they start this week. Applications need to be in before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. **Please ensure your application is in on time.** If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact the office and make an appointment to see me.

**DATA COLLECTION SHEETS** – The details we hold on record will be given to you to check over at the Parents' Evenings, please amend if necessary and return as soon as possible. Please ensure that there is an up-to-date emergency number in case we need to contact you urgently.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** – We are pleased to be offering a wide range of clubs to reflect the interests of as many of our children as possible. These will be running during lunchtimes and after school some led by staff and some by pupils. Timetables will be on the website shortly.

**FRIDAY "SHARE & TELL" ASSEMBLIES** – All parents are invited to attend these assemblies that begin again next week, **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at 2.45pm.

**JEANS FOR GENES – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – This year we are supporting this excellent charity not only by wearing jeans but by having a special Science day. So bring a pound, pull on a pair of jeans and support the 1 in 25 children who inherit a genetic disorder that makes their life difficult.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Cedar class are again organising a coffee morning to support the national fundraiser. All parents and carers are very welcome. Please help us in supporting this worthwhile cause by joining us on the morning and by sending in cakes and biscuits for us to sell.

**'MEET THE TEACHER' – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October for Years Rec, 2, 4, & 6 and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October for Years Reception, 1, 3 & 5** – This is an opportunity to see how your child has settled into their class after the summer break. Appointment times to be sent out nearer the time. These are set dates, and due to high numbers of children, teachers will be unable to make alternative appointments.

**HARVEST ASSEMBLY – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9:00am** – This year our Harvest Assembly will be to support our local Food Bank

**NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS – Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October** – You will be receiving more information and permission forms about this vaccination. Please remember to hand your forms back to the office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Millward".

Jon Millward  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### September 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> Sept		INSET Day <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	8.45am	Autumn Term starts
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.50pm	Year 1 Parents' Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Clubs start
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11am	PCSO Leon DeBruyn visiting
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.45pm	Sharing Assemblies start
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Jeans 4 Genes day
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.10am	Macmillan's Coffee Morning ( <i>Please note: No Sharing Assembly today</i> )

### October 2022

6 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	am	Dental Nurse Mrs. Stepanyan visiting
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parents' Evening Years: Rec, 2, 4 and 6
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00am	Harvest Assembly ( <i>Please note: No Sharing Assembly today</i> )
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	pm	Nasal Flu Immunisations
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parents' Evening Years: Rec, 1, 3 and 5
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct		<i>Half Term</i>

### November 2022

31 <sup>st</sup> Oct – 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Parliament week
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5pm	Fireworks Night at Hunsdon
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov		WWI themed Topic Day
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Anti-Bullying week
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov		CORAM visiting
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1.30 – 3.15pm	Anti-Bullying performance
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov		INSET Day – school closed

### December 2022

7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm	Early finish ( <i>although crèche will be available</i> )
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Clubs finish
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Reception and KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm	Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Christmas Lunch
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Optional late start – registers close at 10.00am
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm	Reception and KS1 Christmas party ( <i>Please note: There will be no Sharing Assembly</i> )
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm	Cedar class Christmas party
20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Ash Class Christmas party
21 <sup>st</sup> December	1.45pm	Autumn Term Final Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> December	2.30pm	<i>End of term</i>