

Newsletter

1st November 2024



As the autumn term progresses, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful experiences and achievements our school community has shared. It's been a busy and exciting time at our school, and I'm delighted to update you on some of the highlights.

Our recent parent consultations provided a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to connect, discussing children's progress and setting goals for the year ahead. These conversations are crucial in fostering the strong home-school partnerships that contribute so significantly to our children's success.

The Harvest Festival was a true celebration of community spirit and generosity. Our children's enthusiasm and thoughtfulness shone through as they shared their understanding of this important tradition. It was heartening to see their genuine desire to help others, reminding us all of the importance of kindness and gratitude.

In our ongoing efforts to support diverse learning needs, we held a Dyslexia Book Sale. This event not only raised awareness but also provided resources to help children with dyslexia flourish in their learning journey. Alongside this, our Book Fair offered a fantastic selection of literature, igniting imaginations and encouraging a love of reading across the school. Thank you to Mrs Murray and Mrs North for organizing these events for our children.

Our Year 5 and 6 children demonstrated remarkable teamwork and sportsmanship at recent the Tag Rugby tournament and Girls football tournament. Their participation demonstrated the values we strive to instil – resilience, respect, and a positive attitude towards both victory and defeat. Congratulations to the girls who progressed to the County finals after winning the local tournament.

I'm particularly proud to celebrate the consistently positive behaviour of our children. Their conduct, both in and out of school, reflects the values we nurture at Hugglescote. It's a joy to see them embodying respect, kindness, and enthusiasm for learning in all they do.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of our PTFA and the generous support of our school community, we've installed a new library. This fantastic resource will undoubtedly foster a love of reading and provide a welcoming space for children to explore the world of books. We will be working hard in the next few weeks to get books on to the shelves and have the library operational.

Congratulations to Turtles, our House Prize winners this term. Their collective effort and team spirit have set a wonderful example for all.

Looking ahead, we have some important dates and notices to share. We're hosting Open Mornings for prospective EYFS parents and carers on 6th and 12th November, both starting at 9:30am. These sessions offer a glimpse into the warm, nurturing environment we provide for our youngest learners.

On 15th November, we'll be supporting Children In Need, an opportunity for our school to contribute to this worthy cause. Following that, our PTFA Christmas Market on 30th November promises to be a festive treat for all.

Lastly, I must address an important matter regarding parking. Please remember to park considerately in and around the school. The safety of our children is paramount, and we've been informed that the Police have issued several warning letters in recent weeks. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

As always, I'm immensely grateful for your continued support and partnership in your children's education. Together, we're creating a vibrant, inclusive community where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

Paul Driver
Headteacher



EYFS – Hugglescote Walk



As part of our Understanding of the World curriculum, the whole of EYFS went on a walk around Hugglescote.

The Butterflies, Ladybirds and Bumblebees visited familiar landmarks - the Oak Tree Corner where there is a mosaic created by Lynda Baugh. The park next to the school, where the children went on a shape hunt!

We went to the church built during the reign of Queen Victoria. We visited the Community Centre and discovered it used to be a school. We saw the King Edward VIII post box outside the barber's shop on Central Road. This is a very special post box, as King Edward was only King for 10 months. Therefore, only fifty -seven were made, and Hugglescote has one of them!

We enjoyed looking at the bear and listening to the legend of how Hugglescote got its name. The bear was wearing a Hugglescote School fleece, a hat, a scarf and a pair of gloves! Perfect for the weather!

Back at school, we watched Mrs Hurst's Hugglescote Walk video to see parts of Hugglescote not on our walk itinerary.

Y3/4 – Rocks

Year 3 and 4 have been learning all about Rocks in their Science lessons. They have been rock detectives in school, looking at the properties and enjoying seeing them through magnifying glasses.

They then walked to the local cemetery and saw how the different types of rocks were made into stones for memorial and how the weather effected them.



Year 3 had a fantastic time at the leisure centre taking part in a multi-sports event, completing a carousel of different sporting activities.

They were able to interact with children from other schools, improve their skills and most importantly have fun!

They demonstrated respect and represented our school brilliantly. Well done year 3



Year 6 –World War Two Beaumanor Hall

Year 6 went on a World War Two trip to Beaumanor Hall. They dressed as evacuees to be billeted. They discovered what role Beaumanor Hall had as a listening station during the war. In addition to this, they experienced a mock air raid in the cellars and found out about rationing in the 1940s shop. It was a fantastic day and the children represented the school brilliantly.

Lunchtime play parental survey

Later next week we will be sending out a survey to gather your views and opinions about play at lunchtimes. Please look out for a link being sent via Weduc and complete the survey. We value your opinions as we work to develop play at lunchtimes for our children.

Mobile Phones

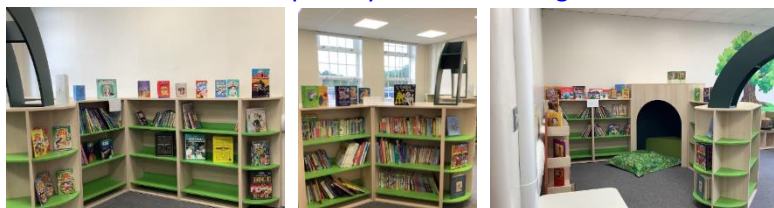
It has come to my attention that some children have been bringing mobile phones to school, despite the policy.

I must emphasise the importance of complying with this rule, as the presence of mobile phones can be disruptive to the learning environment and poses a potential safeguarding risk.

I kindly request that you reinforce the mobile phone policy with your child and ensure that they do not bring any such devices to school. If there is a genuine need for your child to have a mobile phone and the need meets the requirements in our policy, please contact the school office.

Dyslexia Awareness Week Book Sale

Thank you so much to everyone who donated and purchased books at our Dyslexia Awareness Week book sale. Our dyslexic-thinking pupils loved organising and running the sale and raised over £300, which will be used to purchase dyslexia-friendly books and resources. These will help many children throughout the school.



Happy Retirement, Mrs Panchal!

It is with a mix of gratitude and sadness that we bid farewell to Mrs Panchal, who is retiring after an incredible 23 years of service to our school community. Nimi's dedication and passion have touched the lives of countless children and colleagues over the years. Her contribution to Hugglescote Community Primary School has been immeasurable, and she will be greatly missed. We wish her a long and happy retirement. Thank you Mrs Panchal

Children in Need 2024! Friday 15th November

All of us here at Hugglescote are very excited to be supporting this wonderful charity again this year. We will be inviting everyone to wear non-uniform on this special day and kindly ask for a donation (big or small) to do so. The School Council will be selling Pudsey merchandise from Monday 11th November. This includes Pudsey Pins and Pudsey wristbands both at priced at £1. Please send your child with money during the week if they would like to buy any Pudsey merchandise. As well as selling merchandise to raise money The School Council voted on a bake sale to help raise even more money! The bake sale will take place on Friday 15th during the school day for children, if any cakes are left over they will be sold at the office at the end of the day. We will need as many cake donations as possible, these can be brought or homemade! If you do donate any homemade bakes we will need a list of ingredients- no nuts! Thank you for your ongoing support.



Attendance



<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance Percentage</u>
Ladybirds	97.9%
Bumblebees	95.9%
Butterflies	97.2%
1MS	94.5%
1LC	97.3%
1SSm	96.8%
1SS	96.3%
1JJ	96.9%
1JW	99%
2MD	95.9%
2NS	96.6%
2DB	95.3%
2SR	96.1%
2JN	95.8%
2ZN	95.7%
2RW	96.9%
2KT	96.2%
2GH	96%
2LR	96.5%

Well done to 1JW for having the highest attendance so far!



November

6th - EYFS 25/26 Starters Open Morning 9.30am
7th - Individual and sibling photos
12th - EYFS 25/26 Starters Open Morning 9.30am
15th - Children in need
26th - EYFS RE Visit to St Johns Church
30th - PTFA Christmas Market 11am-2pm

December

5th - Y6 Robin Wood Meeting 2.45pm
9th - Flu Vaccinations
11th - Y2 Christmas Journey
12th - Dick Whittington Pantomime in school
12th - Christmas Jumper Day
20th - End of term

Christmas Performances 2024

Please see provisional dates/times below for our upcoming Christmas Performances. You will receive letters via your child over the next couple of weeks. Please return the ticket request letter to the office instead of your child's class teacher.

EYFS – A Wriggly Nativity

3rd December - 9.30am

4th December- 2.30pm

5th December- 5.30pm

Year 2- Christmas Performance

9th December - 2pm

11th December - 5.30pm



Individual and Sibling Photographs

Our school photographers will be returning on Thursday 7th November 2024 to take all individual and sibling photos.

If you would like additional sibling photos with children not at our school, please come from 8.30am to have them taken before the session starts. Siblings in school will have their photos taken together during the school day.