

HUNSDON

Governors' News



Autumn Term 2016

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Letter from the Chair

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of another year approaches. Time for us all to enjoy the festive season, get some rest and be ready for next year's challenges.

We touched on the KS2 results in last newsletter and now the dust has settled it is clear to see that Hunsdon had an absolutely fabulous set of results no matter how you cut the data – more detail follows in the newsletter. We must take a moment to congratulate everyone involved. The Governors are very proud of the pupils and staff team and it is thanks to their hard work and the leadership of Mr Millward that brings such excellent results. This is not a one off either; the school has been consistently performing at this kind of level for the last couple of years. This is great to see the consistency and shows the strength of the team.

This term saw a farewell to Owen Whittaker and Molly Wiseman who have a combined volunteer service to the school of over 40 years. A fantastic effort and we thank them greatly for their support. As Mr Millward stated in his farewell message to them, this is an outstanding example of how much people care about the school. The school is filled and surrounded by people who care and it is this kind of support and dedication that makes the school tick.

I will leave you with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wish, hope you all have a great time.

Edward Nicklin

Chair of Governors

Hunsdon JMI

Your Governing Body

Ed Nicklin:	Co-opted Governor, Chair of Governors
Daniel Munns:	Parent Governor Representative
Diane Fossey:	Associate Member
David Wilson:	Co-opted Governor
Jon Millward	Head Teacher
Mike Newman	Co-opted Governor, Vice Chair
Lindzee Macaulay	Teacher Governor
Jackie Carthy	Co-opted Governor
Matt Simpson	Parent Governor
Lynn Barnett	Parent Governor
Karen Osterley	Clerk to the Governors
Jen Park	Co-opted Governor

Achievement

Reception – The children continue to do extremely well in the Communication and Language strand with 80% at Expected and 20% exceeding. The 4 other strands are in line with County and National averages and overall our children are slightly above County and National averages

Year 1 – Although the children made good progress overall, we achieved a 73% pass mark in the Phonics test which is slightly below the National figure and 10% below County. There were a few reasons for this including the cohort's starting point – 66.7% overall achieved expected in their Reception year, the absence of the class TA through illness and 50% of the children being summer born - a group which includes 3 of the 4 who did not achieve the pass mark!

Year 2 – A very positive set of results for KS1 in their SATs, especially when viewed in context with national figures. The standard of achievement needed by the pupils to be awarded an 'Expected' grade is higher than was required in the previous incarnations of the test, making comparing this year's percentages with last year's slightly nonsensical, but we are significantly above the national and county figures.

Year 6 – The KS2 SAT's results are exceptional. We are officially the highest performing school in Hertfordshire and came 9th nationally!! Particularly pleasing is the progress made by the children, which shows that a group who, apart from one, all started primary school with us, went from being (in terms of scores) an average Reception class to the high performing Year 6's who thrilled us with their good-natured attitudes, enthusiasm for being at school and work ethic.

Maths	Writing	Reading	SPAG	Year 6 Cedar
Below Exp = 0%	Below Exp = 0%	Below Exp = 0%	Below Exp = 0%	
Exp + = 100%	Exp + = 100%	Exp + = 100%	Exp + = 100%	
Above Exp = 29%	Above Exp = 29%	Above Exp = 36%	Above Exp = 57%	
Scaled score = 108.7	Scaled score = N/A	Scaled score = 108	Scaled score = 110.9	

PE Award

The school has been awarded '**The School Games Gold Award**' which is a national award that celebrates a school's PE achievements. In a time where obesity is hot on the agenda with the Government this is a huge achievement for our school which we are immensely proud of – a big thank you to those involved. We will shortly be receiving a shield plaque which will have pride of place on one of our walls!

School Clubs

In addition to the many well-organised and well-attended clubs—new clubs this term are Choir and Scrabble

Clubs at Hunsdon Autumn 2016

Day	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Miss Wiltshire's Sports Club <i>Juniors</i>	Saracens Dance Club <i>Everyone</i> Miss Wiltshire's Football Club <i>Years 1,2,3,4</i>
Tuesday	French Club <i>Everyone</i> Music Club <i>Everyone</i> Miss Wiltshire's Sports Club <i>Infants</i>	Miss Wiltshire's Netball Club <i>Years 3,4,5,6</i>
Wednesday	Football Club <i>Years 5/6</i>	Gymnastics Club <i>Everyone</i>
Thursday	Choir <i>Years 3,4,5,6</i> Philosopher Club <i>Years 5/6</i>	Football Matches <i>Years 5/6</i> Drama Club <i>Years 3/4</i>
Friday	Scrabble Club <i>Years 3,4,5,6</i> Gardening Club <i>Everyone</i>	Rugby Club <i>Juniors</i> Sewing Club <i>Everyone</i>

Name of the club	Day	Time it meets	Available to
Save the animals	Monday	10.25am	Juniors
Hockey Club	Monday	10.25pm	Years 4, 5 and 6
Lego Club	Monday	12.45pm	Infants and Year 3
Goalball	Tuesday	12.45pm	Everybody
Table tennis	Tuesday	10.25am	Years 3 and 4
Eggheads	Tuesday	12.45pm	Years 3 and 4
Reading Club	Wednesday	12.45pm	Years 1, 2 and 3
Computer Club	Thursday	12.45pm	Years 2,3,4,5
Boccia Club	Thursday	10.25am	Everyone
Skipping Club	Friday	12.45pm	Infants and Year 3
Colour Club	Friday	10.25am	Years 3, 4 and 5

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 21st December	End of term 2.30 pm
Thursday 5th January	Inset Day
Friday 6th January	Start of term
Monday 13th—Friday 17th	
February	Half Term
Friday 31st March	End of Term 2.30 pm

Friends' news

The Firework Display on November 5th was a huge success. Several people had to be turned away as the limit of 500 people had been reached. The lesson from this is to make sure that you buy your tickets in advance next year, to avoid disappointment.

The Christmas Market on 25th November was also well supported.

Whether or not you have a child in the school, if you are interested in getting involved in the village the Friends of Hunsdon School welcome you. They are always looking for volunteers to help make the activities and events a success.

If you would like to become a Friend of the school please contact either by e-mail at hunsdonfriends@gmail.com or on Facebook at [facebook.com/hunsdonfriends](https://www.facebook.com/hunsdonfriends).

Energy News

The School now has its solar energy panels fully installed and working. Their impact will be reported on in future issues of Governors' News.

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and staff for their continued commitment and support for Hunsdon JMI and to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.



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