

HUNSDON JMI SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to the Spring Term and may I take this opportunity on behalf of the staff of Hunsdon School to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year and to thank you for the many kind gifts received at the end of the term.

‘SHOW AND TELL’ ASSEMBLY - All parents are invited to attend these assemblies that begin again this week, **Friday 13th January** at 2.45pm.

SPRING TERM CURRICULUM – Over the course of this term the children in Cedar and Ash will be finding out about Prehistoric Britain and Maple, Walnut, Oak and Apple will be working on their Famous Explorers project. For further information please check this term’s Curriculum Plans which will shortly be appearing on the school website.

PHOTOGRAPHS- These will be taken in the morning of **Monday 27th February**, please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. If you would like to have your child’s picture taken with a sibling not at school please come into the hall for 8.30am.

WORLD BOOK DAY – 2nd March - This term the whole school will be discovering more about the works of Roald Dahl, which will culminate in a dressing up day on Thursday 2nd March, where we can all come to school dressed as a character from any Roald Dahl book!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – Our Parent consultations for this term will be on:

Tuesday 14th March – Reception, Years Rec, 1, 3 & 5

Tuesday 21st March – Reception, Years Rec, 1, 2, 4 & 6

Mrs Cole will be making her own appointments with Apple Class parents.

Appointment letters will be sent out nearer the time.

QUIZ NIGHT – 9th March – Our project this time is to create an outdoor gym that the children can use as part of the curriculum and at playtimes. This is going to be quite expensive so to cover some of the cost I would like to run another quiz night which will be a great opportunity for people to get together, have a good time and support the school. I’ll be sending out letters closer to the date with further information.

READING - One of the best ways you can support *your* child is by hearing them read on a regular, preferably daily, basis. It is impossible for staff to do this in school everyday and your help is invaluable. Reading remains the key to learning and we will be checking the children’s reading record books to ensure that this is taking place, preferably, at least three times a week. **Please sign their books**, slips will be sent home if it appears your child is not reading regularly to an adult. I am sure that we all want the best for our children and this is an excellent opportunity to make a difference!

SNOW – As you know, there has been the suggestion of snowfall in the weather forecast so to ensure that this does not occur, here is the appropriate blurb... We will endeavour to keep the school open and ask that the children come dressed appropriately for the cold and wet. If we are forced to close the school, Mrs. Poole will send a text and I will publicise the news on our website. If you have already signed up for the Hertfordshire School Closure Notification System (Link on the front page of our website) then you also receive a text message from them. As well as all of the electronic means of communication, a sign will also be attached to the school gate.

LOST PROPERTY MONDAY – In an effort to reduce the mountain of lost property that seems to inhabit our cloakroom, Mrs. Shirley has very kindly volunteered to manage a 'Lost Property Table' which will be in the playground after school every Monday – weather permitting.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Miss and Mrs. Steele's Football Club Years 1,2,3,4
Tuesday	French Club - <i>Everyone</i> Music Club - <i>Everyone</i> Young Voices Choir – <i>KS2</i>	Saracens Dance Club <i>Everyone</i>
Wednesday	Football Club Years 5/6	Gymnastics Club <i>Everyone</i>
Thursday	Philosopher Club Years 5/6 Young Voices Choir – <i>KS2</i>	Football Matches Years 5/6
Friday	Gardening Club <i>Everyone</i>	Rugby Club Years 3,4,5,6 Sewing Club Year1 to 6

PRIMARY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES – These have now been published and can be accessed from either our school website or by following this link:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=phase&geographic=all®ion=0&phase=primary>

I firmly believe that you must judge a school by looking at the whole picture and there are many things that are more important than results, but they do make for interesting, and in our case, pleasant reading!

Universal Infant Free School Meals - We ask all families (irrespective of their income status) to register their child to receive a meal. It's quick and easy and only has to be done once. It also means schools won't miss out on additional funding per child for families on a low income. Please go to: <https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Millward
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM 2017

January 2017

5 th January		INSET Day School Closed
6 th January	9.00am	Spring Term starts
13 th January	2.45pm	Sharing Assemblies begin
16 th January		Clubs start
16 th January	am	Years 3/4 Sportshall Athletics
26 th January	pm	Warburtons visit to Ash Class

February 2017

1 st February		UK BMX champions visit to Cedar Class
2 nd February	3.45 – 5.00	Years 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics
6 th – 10 th February		Whole school number week
7 th February		Young Voices Choir at the O2
13 th February		<i>Half Term</i>
21 st / 22 nd Feb	7.00 – 8.00pm	Dance Festival
27 th February	am	School photographs

March 2017

1 st March	9.45 – 11.45am	Year 6 Crucial Crew
2 nd March		World Book Day – Roald Dahl theme
9 th March	7.00 – 10.00pm	School Quiz Night
13 th – 17 th March		Science Week
14 th March	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parents' Evening Years: Rec, 1, 3 and 5
15 th March	9.30 – 11.00am	Year 6 GSK Science Show
16 th March	am	KS2 Science Detectives visit
20 th March		KS2 trip to Celtic Harmony Camp
21 st March	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parents' Evening Years: Rec, 1, 2, 4 and 6
24 th March		Red Nose Day
31 st March	1.30pm	Spring Term Assembly
31 st March	2.30pm	Term Ends