

Dear Parents/Carers,

A wild and windy welcome back to school! I hope that you've all had lovely summer holidays and are ready for another action packed term here at Hunsdon.

STAFF CHANGES – This term we welcome two new teachers: Miss Clare Wheeler and Mrs. Hannah Clark. They will be working in Ash and Cedar classes respectively. We are also very happy to welcome Miss Karen Osbourne, Mrs. Joan Huntley and Mrs. Daphne Frost to our ranks as our new Caretaker and Cleaning team. Finally I am sure you join us all in congratulating Miss Park who got married over the summer and has now become Mrs. Bone.

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. These updates often include photographs of the children, and occasionally such photographs may be published in the local paper. We do not name individual children alongside their pictures, however, if you do not wish your child to appear on the website or in the local paper, please inform the office in writing.

HOMEWORK – Homework for Years 1 - 3 will focus mainly on reading, learning their spellings and tables, Years 4 – 6 will have work relating to English, Maths or Topic subjects in addition to the above. Please ensure that your child completes their homework and returns it to their class teacher on time. Reading with your child on a regular, preferably daily, basis is essential; it makes all the difference in terms of their progress and 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.

FRIDAY "SHARE & TELL" ASSEMBLIES – All parents are invited to attend these assemblies that begin again this week, **Friday 15th September** at 2.45pm.

JEANS FOR GENES – Friday 22nd September - This year we are supporting this excellent charity not only by wearing jeans but by again 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. Please note that as the science sessions run through the day there will be no Sharing Assembly.

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT – Friday 29th September – Cedar class are again organising this for the whole school and all parents and carers are very welcome. Please help us in supporting this worthwhile cause by joining us on the morning and sending in cakes and biscuits for us to sell.

'MEET THE TEACHER' – **Tuesday 3rd October for Years Rec, 1, 3, & 5 and Tuesday 10th October for Years Reception, 1, 2, 4 & 6** – This is an opportunity to see how your child has settled in to 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.

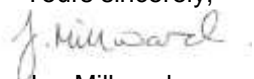
HARVEST ASSEMBLY – Monday 12th October 9:15am – This year our Harvest Assembly is supporting 'The Trussel Trust' local Foodbank in Harlow. In a world dominated by international crises it's easy to forget the crisis occurring on our doorstep and it's so easy to help! Please could you send any tinned or dried food that you can spare in with your child on the morning of the Harvest Assembly and we'll deliver it to the Foodbank. For more details about the types of food they so desperately need please see their website: <http://mrct.org.uk/>

YEAR 6 MOVING ON - Just a reminder to Year 6 parents that this is the time to be thinking about Secondary Schools, the online application system is now open and applications need to be in before 31st October 2017. Please do attend the open evenings and 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. See www.hertsdirect.org for more details.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS - These will be given to you 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 and review any medical information for your child.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – We are pleased to be offering a wide range of clubs to suit as many of our children as possible. I've attached the timetable for the staff led clubs and will put the clubs run by our children on the website as soon as they have finished pitching for them!

Yours sincerely,



Jon Millward
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2017

1st September		INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED
4th September	9.00am	Autumn Term starts
11th September		Clubs start
15th September	8.30 – 12.00	White Water Rafting – Year 6
15th September	2.45pm	Sharing Assemblies begin
18th September		Coram 'Life-bus' visiting
22nd September		Jeans for Genes day – non uniform
29th September	9 – 10.25am	Macmillan's Coffee Morning

October 2017

3rd October	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parents' Evening Years: Rec, 1, 3 and 5
4th October	9.15am	Firm Foundations meeting: Rec parents
10th October	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parents' Evening Years: Rec, 1, 2, 4 and 6
17th October	9.10am	Harvest Assembly
20th October		Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED
23rd - 27th October		<i>Half Term</i>
30th October		Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED

November 2017

4th November	5pm	Fireworks Night at Hunsdon
8th November		Vocabulary Parade Day - Whole school topic day
13th November		Anti-Bullying Week
17 th November		Children in Need Day & Anti Bullying performance

December 2017

1st December	2.30 – 5.00pm	Christmas Market
6th December	1.30 – 4.30pm	Whole school Pantomime Trip
7th December	2.00pm	Early finish (<i>although crèche will be available</i>)
11th December	2.00pm	Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance
12th December	7.00pm	Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance
13th December	2.00pm	Christmas lunch
14th December	pm	Cedar Class Christmas party
15th December	pm	Ash Class Christmas party
18th December	pm	Reception and KS1 Christmas party
19th December	1.30pm	Autumn Term Final Assembly
19th December	2.30pm	<i>End of term</i>