



Hunters Hall Primary School

Snippets

Issue: 20
February 2022

Dates for the Diary

Spring Term 2022

Friday 11th February – Last day for all children

Monday 14th to Friday 18th February – Half Term holidays

Monday 21st February – All pupils return to school

Tuesday 22nd February – Creative Twosday!

Monday 28th February – Year 6 outdoor week

Monday 28th February – Author visit and book signing after school

Wednesday 2nd March – Yr3 Stone Age visit

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Year 4 - Swimming Request



Please make sure earrings are removed on swimming days as they are not permitted to be worn in the pool.

Thrive School of Excellence



Happy Half Term



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of our first half term of 2022, we are happy to report that we have managed to keep the school open and all children in their regular classes during a turbulent six weeks that saw over a third of our staff ill.

Despite this, the overwhelming majority of our children have remained well, in good spirits and focused on their learning. When any child is distressed we look to the underlying cause rather than the behaviour they are displaying. So often, we as adults, can look at the behaviour and judge a child harshly. The important point is NOT to look at why our child is behaving “badly” but look for the emotion that lies behind that behaviour. Are they sad? Anxious? Angry? If we can find the cause and explore that, then we can support and irradiate the “poor behaviour”. This gives each child a better chance of maintaining good mental health.

Today has been very special as so many of our children have marked Children’s Mental Health Week by bringing in something that is precious to them. There has been a wide variety of “special objects” all bringing comfort or reassurance for each child. The school is calm and our children are happy. A good way to end this first half of our spring term.

We wish you all a happy, healthy half term holiday and ask you to take note of:

- the letter from Matthew Cole, Director of Public Health, who requests you follow a series of guidance to keep you, your family and community safe from the ongoing threat of Covid.
- the poster designed by children in 2K reminding about birthday treats and healthy school requirements.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 21st February.

Selina Frazer & Michael Kaitell,
Co-Headteachers

Attendance

Congratulations to RB in Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.02% this week and to 3G in Key Stage 2 with 99.07%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	98.02	2M	92.39	4R	93.41
RH	95.59	2T	97.32	5N	92.52
RR	94.09	3D	97.52	5P	98.47
1H	92.64	3G	99.07	5R	96.95
1L	92.52	3T	94.67	6A	94.85
1R	94.51	4E	96.31	6L	94.25
2K	95.08	4G	93.83	6Y	94.44



Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:
@HuntersHallIPS

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased every Monday from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/

Or

Telephone: 01992 763679

Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



Director of Public Health's Letter to Parents/Carers

Barking & Dagenham

To Parents in Primary Schools

Our address:
Town Hall
1 Town Square
Barking
IG11 7LU
Website: www.lbdd.gov.uk

Ref: EdComm/Schools/Letters

February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Letter to parents in primary schools

I am writing to you as your local Director of Public Health to thank you for your continued support through these difficult times, and to let you know how you can stay safe and help us to stop the spread of Covid-19.

The number of Covid-19 cases locally remains high and I expect this to continue until Easter at least.

we must all work together to stop the spread of the virus. You can help us by:

- keeping a sensible distance from others
- avoiding gathering at the gates
- encouraging your family to keep their hands clean
- [testing regularly](#) as a family
- taking up the offer of the [vaccine](#), or booster
- following [self-isolation rules](#).

It's very important that your child takes a test before returning to school after half term.

By taking these steps, you'll be supporting our schools to stay open and keep as many children attending as possible. And you'll be making sure that you're doing everything you can to protect your own family and friends.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Cole
Director of Public Health



MINI ROCKERS

FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK HEROES

FOR YEARS 3 AND 4

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 3 and 4. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK ICONS

FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 5 and 6. No experience or instrument required.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>

- ✓ **Learn to play in a band**
Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.
- ✓ **Lead by real musicians**
Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.
- ✓ **In school time**
Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.
- ✓ **From first notes to favourite songs**
The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.
- ✓ **With regular live performances**
Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.
- ✓ **And happily affordable**
Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too – cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

Call 0330 113 0330



Primary Virtual Assembly | Children's Mental Health Week 2022

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

GROWING TOGETHER



PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Watch on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/dySvIIAuiEk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/teach/childrens-mental-health-week/zk37bdm>

Reminder ~ Creative Twosday!

On Tuesday 22.2.22, we are celebrating Twosday! During the half term holiday, we would like you to make something you can wear to school to mark this special day. Maybe you can make a head and have two heads on Twosday! Or pair up with your sibling or a friend to be a pair of something – socks, gloves, shoes, earrings, twins or even animals on Noah's Ark! Get creative, what comes to your mind, when you think of the NUMBER 2? Can't wait to see your twooooooreffic creations and outfits on Twosday. There will be a prizes for the best 2s!

HAPPY TWOSDAY!

22 / 2 / 22

- February is the 2nd month of the year
- February 22nd is the 22nd day of the month
- The year is 2022
- The day of the week is a Tuesday

Fundraising for the school

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/huntershallprim/>

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Hunters Hall Primary School

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Self-care bingo

Drink lots of water	Enjoy time outside 	Create your own daily affirmations	Set aside some quiet time to relax	See someone that makes you happy	List three things you enjoyed about this week	Have a good night's sleep
Tidy your room	Have a bath	Try a new hobby	Make someone smile	 Listen to your favourite music	Watch your favourite film	Create a bucket list
 Read your favourite book	Have a dance around	Try meditation	Eat a nutritious meal	Focus on what you can control	Have a digital detox	 Say something nice to yourself in the mirror
Think what you are thankful for	 Try a new sport	Talk about your feelings with someone you trust	Practice calming breathing techniques	Dress up in your favourite outfit	Establish a morning routine	Spend time with friends
Have a treat night	Ask for help when you need it	Do stretches or yoga	Go for a walk 	Set yourself some realistic goals	Start a journal	Celebrate your success - no matter how big or small 

Friendly February

Friendly February 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them 	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with a colleague or friend	5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while 
7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day
14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun
21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them
28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today 						

Still need to get your vaccine or booster? It's quick and easy!

Pop down to the next vaccine pop-up clinic in your area.



Visit the walk-in clinic:

**Saturday 19 February, 10.30am to 3.30pm.
Dagenham Library, 1 Church Elm Lane,
Dagenham, RM10 9QS.**



Family Funday Activities

- ✓ **Football Target Shooting challenge**
- ✓ **Henna art design**
- ✓ **PS5 FIFA PlayStation competition**
- ✓ **Football passing challenge**

Anyone aged 12+ is welcome to have their vaccination (first, second or booster depending on what you are due).

Have any questions or want to talk to someone about having the jab? Pop along and talk to a member of the medical team for advice and answers to your questions.



**For more information about local vaccine clinics go to:
lbbd.gov.uk/covid-vaccine**



**Barking &
Dagenham**

For The Love Of Reading

On **Thursday 3rd March 2022** it is World Book day. We have decided to bring back dressing up.

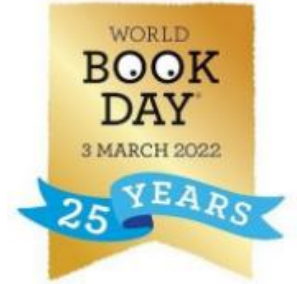
On **Monday 28th February 2022** to promote a love of reading we also have Paul Geraghty an author and illustrator visiting Hunters Hall. He will carry out workshops during the day and will be selling and signing his books for £7 after school in the Upper School Hall.

During the half term holidays we would like you to **get caught reading**.

Read a book somewhere exciting, take a photo and send it to:

ythree.301@bdcs.org.uk

A display will be made of these exciting photos. There will be 3 prizes for the most innovative place to get caught reading.



Winner!



Here is Lexi from 3G who named all the birds on the identification sheet correctly. Her new book will help her identify birds by their song.

Miss Ede and Lexi have a "bird walk and watch" planned for after half term!



Healthy Eating Poster

Children are **Not** allowed to bring sweets on their birthday!

We are a Healthy School!

You can bring toys or stationary birthday for your child's

NO CRISPS OR COCOA

HEALTHY SCHOOL

By
Emilia & Younus (2K)