



# Hunters Hall Primary School

## Snippets

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### Dates for the Diary

#### Autumn Term 2020

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Bonanza (further details coming soon)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception to Yr 6 Flu Immunisation Day

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner and Jolly Jumper Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of the Autumn Term


#### Spring Term 2020

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET Day (no pupils)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return to school

### The Giving Of Gifts

Thank you to those that have been in contact.

As we are now in Tier 2 you are welcome to give a teacher a small gift if you wish. 

Dear Parent/Carer,

This has certainly been a term with a difference and everyone in school, children and adults are feeling very tired. There are high levels of anxiety throughout the country due to the virus and the restrictions imposed to keep Covid at bay.

This anxiety, coupled with a long term, has resulted in many children feeling dysregulated and a bit grumpy. This, in turn, causes many squabbles and upset with their peers at school. Please make sure your child is having enough sleep to them in good spirits as the excitement of the festive season adds to their tiredness.

I want to thank the staff who have been dedicated to ensuring the children are safe and emotionally regulated and ready for learning. They have really risen to the task of understanding and supporting our children's wellbeing as we reconnected after a lengthy period apart. They are feeling quite exhausted but continue to turn up to work to support and teach our children.

Have a happy, healthy weekend.

Selina Frazer, Headteacher.



### Barking Mad Christmas Event



**Barking mad about Christmas** ONLINE

Bringing Christmas cheer to your home  
Saturday 5 December | 1.30pm to 5.30pm

- Who ate all the cookies? Interactive mystery story with prizes to be won
- The BIG Christmas Community sing-along
- Christmas carols and songs
- Family festive shows
- Christmas tree lights switch on with Santa
- Christmas crafts and baking

To watch online join us on either channel  
[www.summeroffestivals.co.uk](http://www.summeroffestivals.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/Summeroffest](https://www.facebook.com/Summeroffest)

  **Barking & Dagenham**

### Christmas Lunch & Jolly Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch and Jolly Jumper Day will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.



**(Don't forget to add credit to ParentPay if your child is not entitled to free school meals.)**

### 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:

**@HuntersHallPS**

### Attendance

Congratulations to RH in Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.63% this week and to 3D in Key Stage 2 with 99.59%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	95.26	2R	94.84	4R	98.21
RH	99.63	2T	93.55	5A	95.22
RM	92.67	3D	99.59	5H	94.87
1C	97.94	3G	93.54	5S	96.06
1H	96.17	3T	92.24	6P	96.05
1L	93.25	4E	96.06	6VC	91.95
2K	94.47	4N	96.30	6Y	97.89



### Congratulations to



A big congratulations to Hunters Hall Primary School for successfully completing the assessment process for Thrive Ambassador Status for Leadership. This adds to the school's Thrive Ambassador for Environmental status.

Further good news - Nicola Gough, the Thrive lead at Hunters Hall Primary School has been accepted onto the Thrive trainer course. This will be a tremendous resource for the school and the local authority.



Thrive Ambassador School  
with Excellence in Environment  
2020-2021

### Feel Good Friday

KS1 sessions run Friday from 1:30 – 2:00pm and you can click [here](#) or copy this url into your web browser <https://youtu.be/hPp1bvYDgts>

Band Leader Anna will cover:

- **The Rhythm Clock:** Anna re-visits some of the rhythm work she's been doing with the children in this new game, where they will recognise and repeat different rhythms for each number on the clock.
- **The Twelve Sounds of Christmas:** The children will hear an instrument along with a description of it, and have to work out which instrument they think it is.
- **Santa Claus is Coming to Town:** We continue learning our song 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' with lots of actions for our non-singing schools.
- **Last Christmas:** Anna will perform a festive favourite 'Last Christmas' to finish off with some festive cheer.

KS2 sessions run Friday from 2:00 – 2:30pm and you can click [here](#) or copy this url into your web browser <https://youtu.be/h135nOrJX78>

Band Leader Paul will cover:

- **Reindeer Rhythms:** Paul uses the names of Santa's reindeer to play a rhythm game, which is much more complicated than it sounds. Can they keep up?
- **Shake off the Blues this Christmas:** We continue our song writing challenge to write our very own blues song 'Shake off the Blues this Christmas'. **Don't forget to send in your lyric ideas to [live@rocksteadymusicschool.com](mailto:live@rocksteadymusicschool.com).**
- **Musical Word of the Week:** This week's word is a fancy one. We explore the idea of 'syncopation' and playing on the 'offbeat'.
- **Rock History:** We are going to be learning all about legendary reggae artist Bob Marley and the influence he has had on music across the world, plus Paul finishes with his feel good classic 'Three Little Birds'.

### Reminder ~ Reception School Place 2021

If you have a child in the Nursery it is that time of year when you need to apply for their Reception place. Please remember to do this before **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. If you need assistance please speak to Mr Bellevue.



**Apply online now**  
for a reception school place  
[www.lbdd.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.lbdd.gov.uk/admissions)

The closing date for your online application and the other information we ask for is **15 January 2021**



### School Uniform

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

You can still purchase online:

[www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/](http://www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/)

Or call / email:

Telephone: 01992 763679

Email: [info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk](mailto:info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk)



Yes! WE'RE  
**OPEN**

## Tier 2 High Alert

HM Government

NHS

# TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>	<b>RETAIL</b>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>
No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Children, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open.	Open.	Open.
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>
Permitted with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.	Open.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
<b>TRAVELLING</b>	<b>EXERCISE</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b>
Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/night visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)

### Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)

### If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.  
Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)



## A little bit of kindness costs nothing

### KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness	2. Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3. Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4. Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	5. Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6. Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	
7. Leave a positive message for someone close to find	8. Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9. Notice when you're kind to yourself or others and be kind instead	10. Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11. Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	12. Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	13. See how many different people you can smile at today
14. Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	15. Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	16. Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17. Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you	18. Give away something that you have been holding on to	19. Buy locally and support independent shops near you	20. Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated
21. Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	22. Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23. Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24. Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25. Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself	26. Get outdoors. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27. Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat
28. Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	29. Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30. Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31. Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021	Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters		

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

#DoGoodDecember

[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december)

Keep Calm - Stay Wise - Be Kind

Kindness strengthens relationships, develops community and deepens solidarity. It is a cornerstone of our individual and collective mental health. Kindness is defined by doing something towards yourself and others, motivated by genuine desire to make a positive difference. We know from the research that kindness and our mental health are deeply connected. The research shows that kindness is an antidote to isolation and creates a sense of belonging. It helps reduce stress, brings a fresh perspective and deepens friendships. Kindness to ourselves can prevent shame from corroding our sense of identity and help boost our self-esteem. Kindness can even improve feelings of confidence and optimism. We know that one act of kindness can lead to many more. This is the type of community action that we need to inspire others as we discover our connection to each other and extend kindness to ourselves.

## Thank You

We would like to say  
a special  
**Thank You**  
to



For the large donation of food and other items that we will be sharing with our school community.

## Christmas Lunch Menu - 16<sup>th</sup> December

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**Main**  
Roast Turkey  
Christmas Quorn Fillets  
Pork Cocktail Sausage/ Vegetarian Sausage  
Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots  
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

**Dessert**  
Christmas Star Shape Mini Cookies  
Chocolate Ice Cream  
Satsumas

**16th DECEMBER 2020**

**HUNTERS HALL**

# DRIVE-IN CHRISTMAS CAROLS!



May and Baker Car Park

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

At 5:00pm



Event planned by local churches in partnership with the local council.



Maya, 2T, experiencing the calming effect of animals and nature.

## Christmas Bonanza - 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December

**HO HO HO!**

*Christmas*  
**BONANZA**

**8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**Pop down and grab yourself a bargain!**  
**3:15-4:00 pm**  
**in the Dining Hall**

**Fundraising Event**

**PURCHASES LIMITED**

**STRICTLY NO MASK NO ENTRY**

**PLEASE HAVE THE CORRECT CHANGE**

**PLEASE BE PATIENT**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WILL BE IN PLACE**