



Hunters Hall Primary School

Snippets

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December 2022

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term

Monday 19th December – Year 2 End of Topic Celebration

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Community Carol Concert

Wednesday 21st December – Christmas Dinner Day (new date)

Wednesday 21st December – Nursery finishes 11:30am / 3:15pm

Thursday 22nd December – Children finish for Christmas Holidays 1pm

Monday 9th January – INSET Day (no pupils)

Tuesday 10th January – Children return to school

Wednesday 11th January – 4B start swimming

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your patience and understanding when the school was closed due to the heavy snow fall and frost. Closing the school is an incredibly difficult decision to make, as we always think about lost learning time as well as those of you who have to change your work commitments. Please continue to take care whilst on the school grounds as the ongoing cold weather has left many surfaces slippery.

Due to the extraordinary school closure, Christmas dinner and many events have had to be hastily rearranged. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to ensure no one misses out. Christmas dinner is now next Wednesday 21st. Children are very welcome to continue wearing festive jumpers to stay warm and embrace the Christmas spirit.

We have had many different year group choir concerts which certainly have lifted our spirits. Thank you to Mrs Bright for her hard work spreading the joy of music throughout our community. It has been lovely seeing so many of you being able to attend your child's concerts. Next Tuesday afternoon, we welcome local senior citizens to a community concert of Christmas songs, mince pies and tea. Whilst on Monday and Wednesday, our choirs venture out into the community and sing at local care homes.

Next week is our final week of term with all children being collected at 1pm on Thursday afternoon, 22nd December.






Best wishes,

Selina Frazer & Michael Kaitell,
Co-Headteachers

Thrive School of Excellence



Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	315
	Bears	281
	Wolves	403
	Sharks	230
	Komodo Dragon	799

Attendance

Congratulations to 2K who achieved 88.89% this week and to 6L in Key Stage 2 with 93.89%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	79.33	2D	84.48	4R	93.83
RH	77.78	2K	88.89	5A	88.89
RR	77.38	3G	89.66	5D	91.67
1H	87.65	3T	82.22	5Y	88.89
1K	86.93	3TB	87.36	6E	86.31
1L	84.44	4B	91.78	6L	93.89
2A	82.76	4G	82.05	6N	92.86



Year 4 WW1 Workshop

On Thursday, the year 4 pupils had an all-day WW1 workshop. They learnt about the causes of the First World War and had the opportunity to dress up in uniforms. After break time, the children completed a First World War quiz. The children had the chance to ask questions and were given the opportunity to hold artefacts throughout the day.



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



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

How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

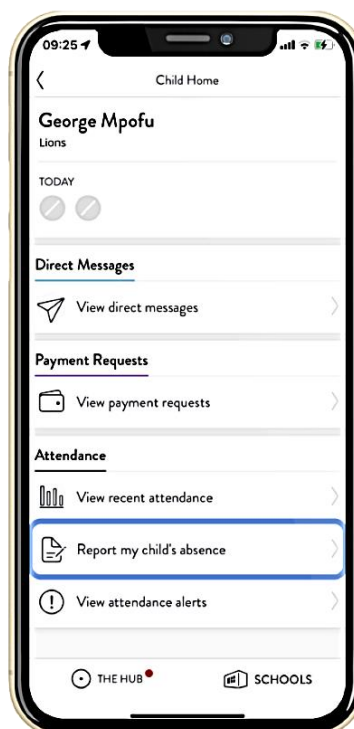
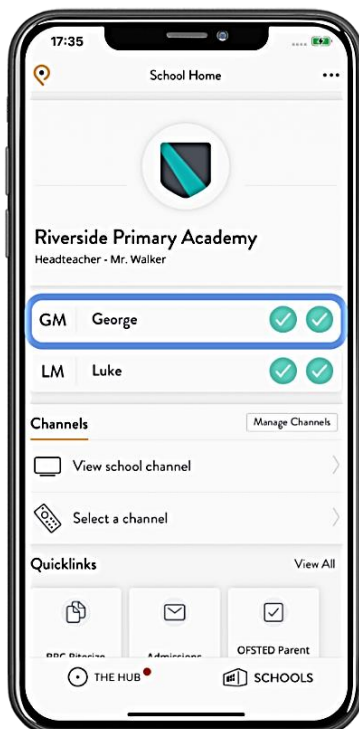
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

To find out more, click the link below for a useful guide.

<https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app>



Reporting absence



Young Voices Raffle Update

At the time of writing Snippets – the Young Voices Choir Raffle has...



Thank you so much for supporting us during these hard times.

White Rose Maths App

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>



Year 4 - Times Tables

Reminder for children in Year 4 to log onto the PiXL website and learn their times tables.



The children in each of the Year 4 classes were given the PiXL ID, individual usernames and passwords.

If parents need a reminder letter, please can they contact the class teacher at the end of the day so subsequent letters can be printed and distributed? The website can be found below.

'PiXL Times Tables' and 'PiXL Unlock' (vocabulary) apps

The children have free access to two apps: one to help them learn and practise their times tables and another to develop their vocabulary knowledge and understanding.

The apps can be downloaded via Apple or Android (please search for 'PiXL Unlock'), and the desktop versions can be found at these links: <https://timestable.pixl.org.uk> and <https://vocab.pixl.org.uk/>

Your child has been given a unique log-in, which works for both, and we would be pleased if you would download it to use straight away. Collaborating to support the children's learning both inside and outside of school has a greater impact and using these apps won't even seem like work to the children!

Many Thanks,

Year 4 Team

Multiplication Square

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

WHICH TREE ARE YOU TODAY?

@POSITIVELYPRESENT



1 • OPTIMISTIC
AND HOPEFUL



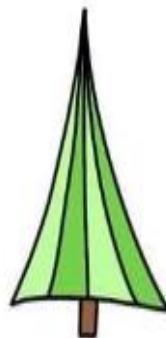
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AND IRRITATED



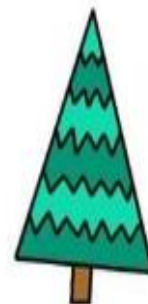
3 • RELAXED
AND AT EASE



4 • PREPARED
AND READY



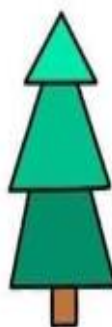
5 • CONNECTED
AND AT PEACE



6 • UNCERTAIN
AND STRESSED



7 • INSPIRED
AND ENERGIZED



8 • GRATEFUL
AND HAPPY



9 • EXHAUSTED
AND EMOTIONAL

Year 4 Singing Performance

We learnt the songs outside. Due to the snow, we performed the Christmas songs indoors on Wednesday. Together, we learnt the lyrics and actions during our singing lessons each week.



SUPPORTING TRAUMATISED CHILDREN THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS STORM

Based on ideas from Dan Hughes, with thanks to Helen Cruthers

Christmas is coming and we each bring our own sledge load of past experiences, expectations, internal and external pressures. Here are some top tips for how to survive and thrive in the Christmas Storm:



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Your OWN big feelings: It is ok to prioritise your own regulation. If you feel broken, rage or despair then your child will feel it too. The first Christmas job is to regulate yourself.

OWNING your feelings: By acknowledging your own feelings towards Christmas, you can start to see how they might impact your empathy and connection with others.



CO-CREATING your own Christmas: Christmas brings huge changes in routine and expectation. It is ok if you avoid or adapt certain Christmassy rituals. By doing this you are supporting your child to feel successful by not having the experience of 'failing at Christmas'.

Invite your **SUPPORT NETWORK** to help: It's okay to know that you can't do it all alone. Ask your supportive friends, family or colleagues to help co-create a Christmas that is right you and your child.



EXCITEMENT is just the other side of the coin: Anticipate that excitement can often feel the same as stress for traumatised children. It's okay to keep things low key and by reducing excitement you are reducing stress



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KNOWLEDGE is empowerment: Making the Christmas schedule explicit and predictable lowers stress for all. Draw it out, write it out, repeat it lots, keep as much as you can the same as usual.

DO MORE of what works (rather than less): Your child needs more of your presence, more supervision, more scaffolding and more support than usual. How can time for this be built in? How can you build up your emotional reserves to give you the energy you need?



DO ACTIVITIES together: Create a Christmas culture of connecting, playing, making, baking. Consider what would be 'just the right' level of connection.

EXPLORE the anticipation of Christmas: "Christmas is coming, what's that like for you?" "Everyone experiences Christmas differently, from being happy and excited through to finding it really difficult. Where do you think you are today?"



UNDERSTAND their Christmas past: Be curious - "What did you used to do at Christmas that you enjoyed? What would you like to keep doing each Christmas? What would you like to lose? What would make it just right for you?"



LETTING go of 'should' s: Let go of expectations for yourself or your child about what Christmas should be like or feel like. It is what it is for you and your child in that moment. That is more than okay.



DISCOVERING the worries: Be curious and empathic towards your child's memories, questions, feelings, guilt or shame about their birth family. Explore - "how does it feel for you to enjoy Christmas? Is there a part of you that feels bad? How does it feel to know that this is so normal and you can both feel bad and enjoy it?"



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The **DILEMMA** of presents: Past deprivation may make both giving and receiving presents a trigger for shame, guilt or fear. Be a model for your child: help them see the joy people experience from the thinking, planning, making, giving and receiving of presents.



FORGET THE NAUGHTY OR NICE LIST! Help your child to know that giving and receiving presents is not dependant on them being good. They are loved and worthy of gifts in your family regardless of their behaviour.

Keep presents **LOW KEY**: Too many or very expensive gifts can be overwhelming and 'too much', leaving your child with an urge to reject or break things to regulate their feelings. Titrate your gifts, make them bite-size, tolerable, acceptable.



PARENT / CAREER

"I should have known better"



"I didn't get it right, I'm dreading next year"

CHILD

"It's my fault I didn't enjoy it"

"IT WILL NEVER BE THAT FUN AGAIN"

"I feel so guilty because I should have enjoyed it but I didn't"

WHY NOT TRY...



INCREASING familiar structure and supervision: Helping them get back into the momentum of 'normal' life by increasing structure and supervision. Use your presence to help them get back to previous habits and predictable routines.

CONNECT then reflect: "I can have a hard time when Christmas is over too - especially when I was a kid...here's what we could do together to get back into a routine we enjoy"

We have reported cases of nits in school. Please check and treat if necessary.

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



1: INSPECT

If you suspect head lice, check



2: TREAT

Use lice treatment product as directed.



3: REMOVE

lice/nits by combing the hair with the comb provided.



4: CLEAN

home and personal items.

What You Need to Know



1

Any child can get head lice.

- It doesn't matter how clean your hair or home may be.
- It doesn't matter where children and families live, play, or work.



2

Check with your child's doctor.

- The most effective way to treat head lice is with head lice medicine.
- Head lice medicine should only be used when it is certain that your child has head lice.
- Ask your child's doctor about treatment options.



3

Treat it right away!

- Use the head lice medicine your doctor prescribes.
- Always follow the directions exactly as written.
- Never let children apply the medicine.
- Check with your doctor if a second treatment is needed.

This Winter

Get involved in **healthy and fun** activities

From **podcasting** and **football** to **arts and crafts**, there is something for everyone!

Open to children and young people aged **4 to 18** – **FREE** if they are eligible

EACH ACTIVITY INCLUDES A HEALTHY LUNCH

To find out more and to book a place, visit lbbd.gov.uk/free-holiday-activities

#HAF2022
This provision is free for children and young people who live or go to school in Barking and Dagenham and are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Department for Education
Barking & Dagenham

Take part in a **Winter holiday** to remember in Barking and Dagenham

Location	Venue	Dates	Age Group
RM10 7HX	Ultimate Vision Sports at William Bellamy School	Wednesday 21 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
RM8 5EX	Ultimate Vision Sports at Grafton Primary School	Thursday 22 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 7JA	Ultimate Vision Sports at Gascoigne Primary School	Wednesday 21 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 7JA	Ultimate Vision Sports at Gascoigne Primary School	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 7FP	Ultimate Vision Sports at Ripple Primary School	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 7FP	Ultimate Vision Sports at Ripple Primary School	Wednesday 4 January to Friday 6 January	5 to 11 years
RM8 1DN	Ultimate Vision Sports at Robert Clark	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	12 to 16 years
RM8 1DN	Ultimate Vision Sports at Robert Clark	Wednesday 4 January to Friday 6 January	12 to 16 years
RM9 6UU	Inspire Minds Through Sports at St Peters RC School	Wednesday 21 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
RM9 6UU	Inspire Minds Through Sports at St Peters RC School	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 9JS	Inspire Minds Through Sports at William Ford Junior School	Wednesday 21 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 9JS	Inspire Minds Through Sports at William Ford Junior School	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM9 4UN	Malearn at Jo Richardson Community School	Friday 23 December, Thursday 29 December and Friday 30 December	4 to 11 years
RM8 3AR	Ballerz at Valence Primary School	Thursday 22 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 8JA	Ballerz at Northbury Primary School	Tuesday 3 January to Thursday 5 January	5 to 11 years
RM6 5NJ	Dagenham Eagles at Marks Gate Community Hub	Wednesday 21 December to Thursday 22 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 7YP	DABD at Prembroke Gardens	Friday 23 December	5 to 18 years
RM10 7YP	DABD at Prembroke Gardens	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 18 years
RM10 7YP	DABD at Prembroke Gardens	Tuesday 3 January to Wednesday 4 January	5 to 18 years
RM10 8UR	Learning Hive at John Perry School	Monday 19 December to Thursday 22 December	5 to 11 years
RM8 3AR	Artbash at Valence Primary School	Thursday 29 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 7FH	Everyone Active at Becontree Leisure Centre	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 7FH	Everyone Active at Becontree Leisure Centre	Tuesday 3 January to Wednesday 4 January	5 to 11 years
IG11 7HW	Everyone Active at Abbey Leisure Centre	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	8 to 12 years
IG11 7HW	Everyone Active at Abbey Leisure Centre	Tuesday 3 January to Wednesday 4 January	8 to 12 years
RM10 9JS	Company Drinks at Outdoor Bowls Pavilion	Monday 19 December to Thursday 22 December	10 to 11 years
IG11 7JR	Studio 3 Arts at Galleon Centre	Friday 23 December	10 to 16 years
IG11 7JR	Studio 3 Arts at Galleon Centre	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	10 to 16 years
IG11 8HE	Silver Music Entertainment at Make It Centre	Tuesday 3 January	12 to 16 years
RM9 4UN	Silver Music Entertainment at Jo Richardson Community School	Wednesday 4 January	12 to 16 years

Free Winter Camp for Students Eligible for Free School Meals

Learning Hive

FREE WINTER CAMP

For students eligible for Free School Meals

National Tutoring Programme
Believe in children Barnardo's
Department for Education
HAF
Department for Education

Awesome activities

Limited spaces First come, first serve basis!

- Basketball
- Dance Classes
- Competitions
- Drama Club
- Sports Activities
- Nutritional Education
- Games & Prizes
- Cooking Workshops

During the Christmas Holidays
19th - 28th December
Check the dates in your area!

How to register
It's simple, just click to get started!

Register

Learning Hive
learninghive.co.uk
info@learninghive.co.uk
0207 112 8658

Use the link to register:
[Events \(learninghive.co.uk\)](http://Events.learninghive.co.uk)

BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is **£3** per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.



WANTED

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality second hand uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.



Thank you



DHP Scheme

Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?



Do you have rent arrears?

Do you need help with a deposit?

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp>

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP



Barking & Dagenham

Household Support Fund

Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?



Do you have utility debts?

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund> to find out more and apply online



Barking & Dagenham



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