



Hunters Hall Primary School

Snippets

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December 2021

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term 2021

Friday 17th December – Last day for all children

Monday 20th December – Yr3 Choir Performance 2:15pm Canceled

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January – INSET Day (no pupils)

Thursday 6th January – All pupils return to school

Friday 14th January – Wear pyjamas fundraiser £1

Helplines open over the festive period
Please reach out if you need support

All ages → **mind**
Call 0300 123 3393
9am - 6pm, Mon - Fri
(Closed 25-28 Dec and 3 Jan)

SAMARITANS
Call 116 123
Open 24/7

Under 25s → **THE MIX**
Call 0808 808 4994
3pm - 12am, every day

childline
(Available on the phone, 403196)
Call 0800 1111
Open 24/7

For more advice and information
visit: youngminds.org.uk/urgent-help

YOUNGMINDS
Textline
Text YH to 85258
Open 24/7

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for all your support during yet another term affected by the continuing pandemic.

Despite increasing restrictions, we are delighted that every year group managed to celebrate the festive season with you by performing Christmas songs either virtually or in the playground. Thank you to all our staff, and in particular, Mrs Bright, for facilitating these performances. Year Four's performance at dusk yesterday was very moving. So many children returned to school to perform to a large turnout of family and friends.

At this point, we have no firm information on arrangements for the new term but we have already acted on advice given by our local Director of Public Health. From January, we will return to a tightened year group bubble system.

Other restrictions will be:

- closing the school office and reception area to all adults apart from essential visitors. Please return to emailing the school or your child's year group or phoning messages rather than coming in to the school. Staff at both gates will also take messages.
- All people aged 12 and over, must wear a face mask in the school grounds unless they are exempt
- We ask you all to test your child before they return on the 6th January to ensure that only those with negative results return to school and prevent an outbreak.

Thrive School of Excellence



We imagine there may be further restriction so it is essential you all check for updates on our website and on ParentHub towards the end of our holiday. All information will be posted on these forums.

Finally, we wish you all a healthy and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on the 6th January 2022.

Selina Frazer & Michael Kaitell,
Co-Headteachers

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

Attendance

Congratulations to RR in Key Stage 1 who achieved 96.41% this week and to 3D in Key Stage 2 with 98.55%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	92.16	2M	91.63	4R	90.48
RH	81.30	2T	85.10	5N	84.10
RR	96.41	3D	98.55	5P	85.04
1H	92.67	3G	84.62	5R	88.26
1L	75.39	3T	91.60	6A	87.63
1R	82.25	4E	93.73	6L	87.56
2K	88.93	4G	92.62	6Y	88.00



School Uniform

School uniform can 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



Reception place for September 2022

If your child attends Nursery you will need to apply online for their Reception place **no later than 15 January 2022** at either www.eadmissions.org.uk or use the link at www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions

Please speak to Mr Bellevue if you require assistance.



Apply online now

for a reception school place

www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for your online application and the other information we ask for is **15 January 2022**



Special Achievement



Mindful Minute

A MINDFUL MINUTE

- What can I hear?
- What can I smell?
- What can I feel?
- What can I see?
- What can I taste?

Take one minute, concentrate and fill your mind with what is happening right now. All your worries will disappear and you will feel calm and relaxed.



RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

To register for this event click [here](#) or copy this url into your web browser
<https://webinars.rocksteadymusicschool.com/ref/kHOzxALWzwYGTEwP>

Band Leader Tommy will cover:

- **The 12 Sounds of Christmas:** Jingle all the way as we test the children's knowledge of instruments and instrument families in this light-hearted game.
- **A Christmas Tale:** We challenge the children's listening skills with an interactive story. 'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house there were lots of different sounds.
- **Seasonal Sing & Sign:** Learn the lyrics and Makaton signs for a classic tune that'll have you dreaming of a 'White Christmas'.
- **Christmas Performance:** Experience a fantastic Christmas Medley that will send everyone into the holidays feeling festive and fabulous.



YEARS 3 AND 4

To register for this event click [here](#) or copy this url into your web browser
<https://webinars.rocksteadymusicschool.com/ref/1hDTu8cTsr0IK4Pd>

Band Leader Paul will cover:

- **Quizmas Crackers:** We'll be challenging the children's musical know-how in this Christmas themed quiz.
- **Space Sounds:** As our journey into space-inspired music ends, we enjoy some final festive numbers about the universe and beyond.
- **Musical Word of the Week:** Choral music is a big part of the holiday season, but what does the word choral mean and how are choral voices used in music?
- **Christmas Performance:** There's no bah-humbug beats here, as we enjoy an uplifting Christmas megamix performance from some of our professional musicians.



YEARS 5 AND 6

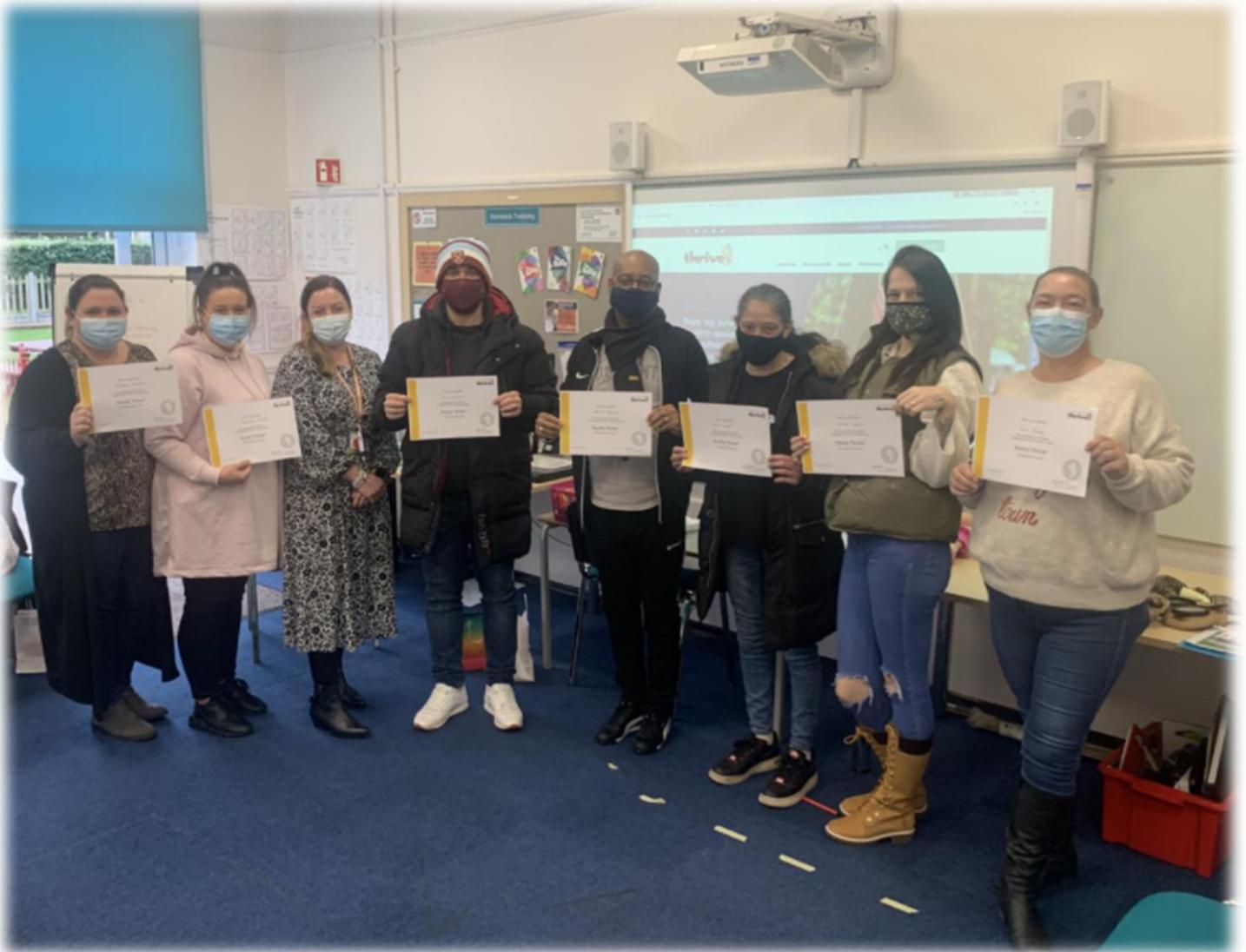
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Band Leaders Tommy, Paul, and friends will cover:

- **The Theory Lab:** With many experiments and investigations under our belts, we explore all we've learnt in a special Theory Lab quiz.
- **The Jingle Zone:** It's a festive twist on the Production Zone as we add the finishing touches to our composition. But what makes a song sound Christmassy?
- **Musical Word of the Week:** We explore the word 'carol', a soundtrack to Christmas for hundreds of years. From humble beginnings to understanding why they are loved and how they have changed over the years.
- **Christmas Pioneers Performance:** Some songs are part of the festive furniture and Christmas wouldn't be the same without them. We take a closer look at these seasonal sound pioneers, celebrating with a Christmas Medley to end the year!



Family Thrive ~ 6 Week Course Completion Awards



Important Helplines

childline

Call: 0800 1111
email | [online chat](#)

SAMARITANS

Call: 116 123
email | [write](#)

Emergency Services

Call: 999

 **Anna Freud**
National Centre for
Children and Families

shout
85258
Text Support for Young People

**Feeling worried or upset?
Need someone to talk to?**

24
hours a day
7
days a week

Text AFC to 85258

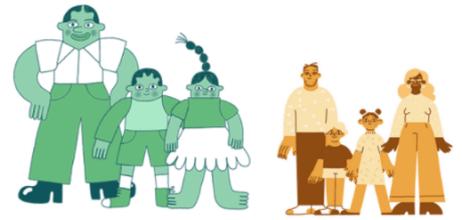
Text the free crisis textline

All texts are answered in private by trained volunteers,
with support from experienced mental health professionals

Tips for families



Families Under Pressure



Don't let the pressure of parenting get you down. Try these simple tips and tricks, formulated by researchers and NHS mental health experts, which are backed by science and proven to work with families.

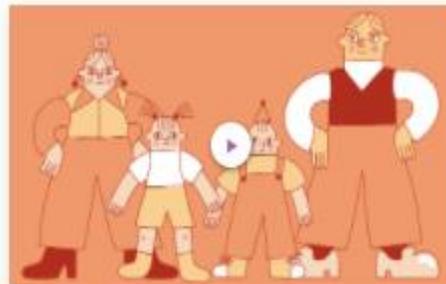
These animated videos offer simple tips and tricks, formulated by researchers and NHS mental health experts, which are backed by science and proven to work with families. They will help with negative emotions and difficult behaviour, and are voiced by some of the UK's best-known parents including Olivia Coleman, Rob Brydon and others. Visit <https://maudsleycharity.org/familiesunderpressure/>



Tip 1: Keeping positive and motivated

Narrated by Olivia Coleman

Being a parent is a special and important role. But sometimes it can feel like a thankless...



Tip 2: Making sure everyone knows what's expected of them

Narrated by Sharon Horgan

Clear house rules are an essential starting point for managing children's challenging behaviour. These rules are important...



Tip 3: Building your child's self-confidence and trust in you

Narrated by Danny Dyer

In times of uncertainty, children may start to doubt themselves and feel insecure in their relationships. Children...



Tip 4: Getting your child to follow instructions

Narrated by Rob Brydon

Want children to follow instructions? Discover the keys to helping them listen and understand. If you want...



Tip 5: Promoting good behaviour

Narrated by Jessica Ennis-Hill

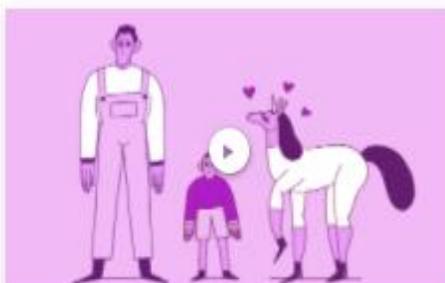
Being smart about how you use rewards can really encourage children to behave better. Selectively using rewards...



Tip 6: How to limit conflict

Narrated by Holly Willoughby

Parents can play an important role in reducing conflict by using simple and common-sense strategies. When families...



Tip 7: Keeping calm when your kids act up

Narrated by Romesh Ranganathan

Parents are only human! They over-react when their children misbehave. This is likely to increase conflict and...



Tip 8: Using sanctions carefully

Narrated by Shappi Khorsandi

Use sanctions as a last resort to encourage children to follow rules. Proper use of rewards can...



Orchestra



Is it bird? Is it a plane? Yes, it is a bird!

On Monday, a group of children, who have shown a keen interest in caring for wildlife, had a special visit from Kes the kestrel and Mr Parsons. The children were given lots of information about kestrels and asked some fantastic questions too.



Competition

Can you design a poster or comic strip that informs people about the issue of plastic pollution? The winner will have their work made into banners that will be displayed around our school premises and also be sent to our partner school in Nigeria.



CONNECTING CLASSROOMS



Life Below Water

Tackling plastic pollution through creativity
and critical thinking



Dear all at, Hunters Hall Primary School

Thank you for your amazing support of Young Lives vs
Cancer in 2021!

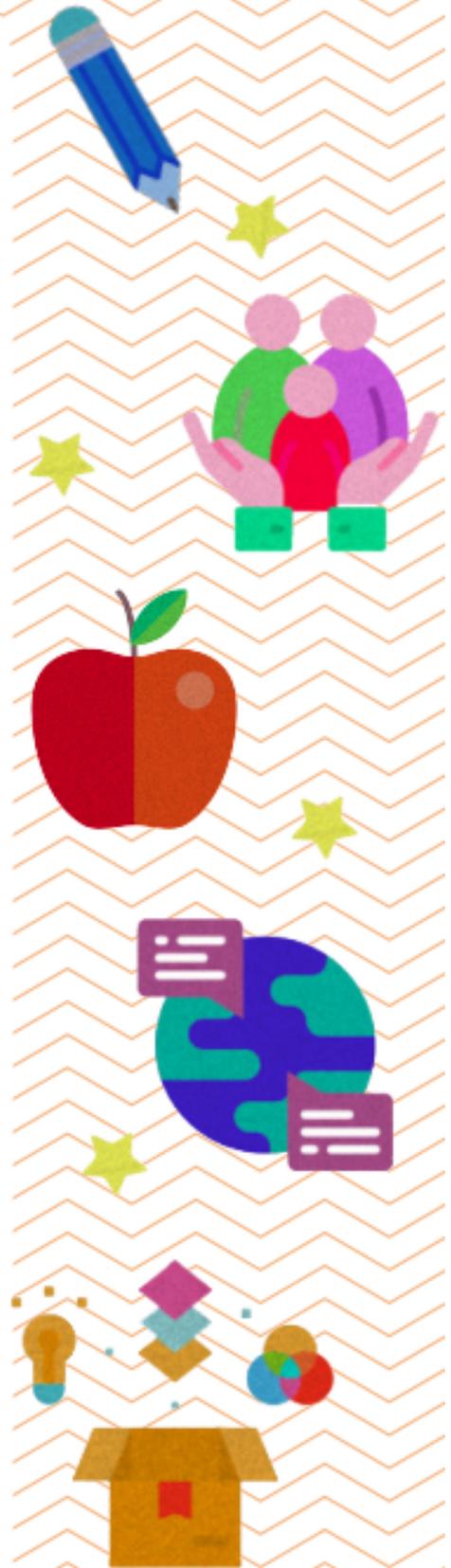
Your support means that this Christmas our Homes can still
be open, and support can still be available, for the children
and families who need us most.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New
Year!

Becky & everyone at Young Lives vs Cancer

Twenty-five creative challenges for you to try

1. Draw a picture of something that makes you laugh or smile.
2. Try to juggle with three pieces of fruit.
3. Spend a day wearing your favourite colour.
4. Write a thank you note to someone who has been kind to you or helped you.
5. Decorate eggs to look like your favourite animal.
6. Learn to make an origami butterfly.
7. Find out what song was number one your last birthday and perform it!
8. Learn how to say hello in ten languages.
9. Make a show with sock puppets.
10. Make some flowers out of paper to decorate your house with.
11. Learn a magic trick with playing cards.
12. Write a short story for your favourite cartoon character.
13. Recreate a scene from your favourite film to share with friends.





14. Make a robot out of empty cardboard boxes.
15. Create a dance routine to your favourite song and challenge others to learn it too.
16. Try to make animal shadow puppets with your hands.
17. Find five things in your home that are blue.
18. Make a boat that can float in the bath with you.
19. Create jewellery out of pasta.
20. Ask someone to hide five items around the house and then give yourself five minutes to find them all.
21. Have a paper plane throwing contest.
22. Create your own jigsaw puzzle.
23. Learn how to spell your name in British Sign Language.
24. Create a hope box of things and items which make you smile.
25. Become a superhero. What would your superpowers be? What would your outfit look like?

You can try these activities whenever you're feeling down or bored. See which ones you enjoy the most and try them again if you like them or try the next one.

Virtual & Outdoor Christmas Concerts

