



Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

- Thursday 7th March** – World Book Day.
- Tuesday 12th March** – Science Fair
- Wednesday 13th March** – Science Dress Up Day
- Thursday 14th March** – Science Boffins visit
- Thursday 14th March** – Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9:00am or 1:45pm
- Tuesday 19th March** – Year 2 Freshwater Theatre visit
- Wednesday 28th March** – Year 1 Dino Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to you all following the recent half term. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm for learning and we are excited for the term ahead.

We have lots to look forward to this half term, including many science events that have been organised by Ms Vernon, World Book Day organised by Miss Neil and Year 1 will be having a Dino Day! These exciting events enrich the children's learning and allow them to showcase everything they have learnt, as well as increasing their confidence. Look out for updates of these events in future episodes of Snippets.

A reminder that for World Book Day this year, we are asking children to 'Dress as a Word'. We are always looking for ways to enrich children's vocabulary and this is a fun way to do it. Please do not spend money on buying anything new for this day, use what you have at home and get creative! Below are a few ideas to help.

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the classes in green:

Class	Attendance % Present
6AM	100
PM NURSERY	100
4N	97.8
6E	97.8
6D	97.6
2CR	97.1
RH	97
2D	96.9
4T	96.7
FT Nursery	96.7
3G	96.6
1L	96.3
4G	96.1
2K	95.7
5H	95.7
RGM	95.2
5N	95
5A	94.3
3R	93.1
1H	90.6
3Z	90.2
1KS	90
RR	89.2
AM NURSERY	85.7



Once again, it has been lovely to see our school community back at Hunters Hall and I wish you all a safe and happy weekend ahead.

Michael Kaitell
Headteacher

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year.



HUNTERS HALL SCHOOL SHOP DATES 2024

Wednesday 13th March

Wednesday 27th March

Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

Each week we publish any recipients of the new Gold Award Debit Card.

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class

ARP Fundraiser



The ARP raised **£228** through the sale of slinky springs and bouncy balls. We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who supported us in this fundraising event.

Thank you

Mrs Trimmer

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year. Next dates are: **Wed 13th March & Wed 27th March.**

In a hope to reduce the cost of school uniform, from September, you will have the option to purchase iron-on badges for plain white polo shirts and plain red jumpers. Badges will cost £1.20 and should make uniform more affordable.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

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

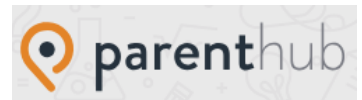
Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



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)

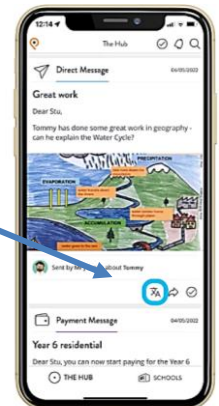
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

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

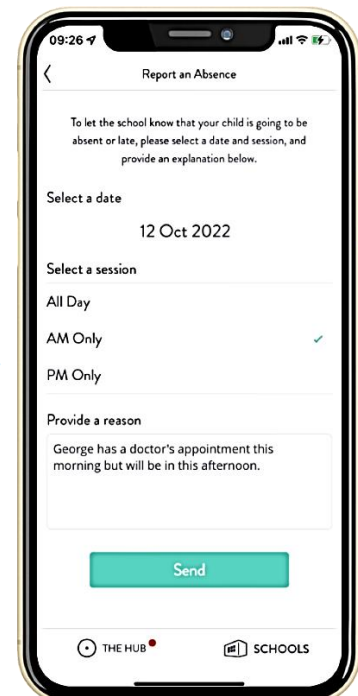
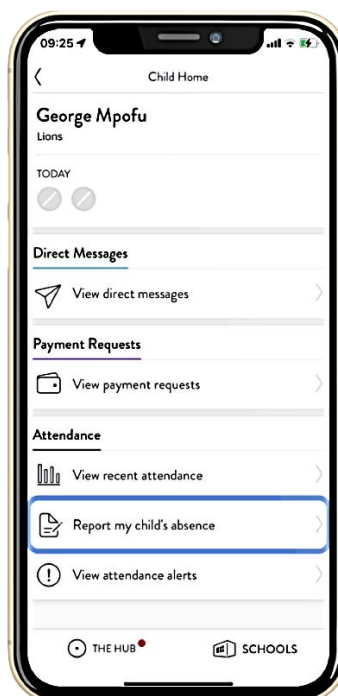
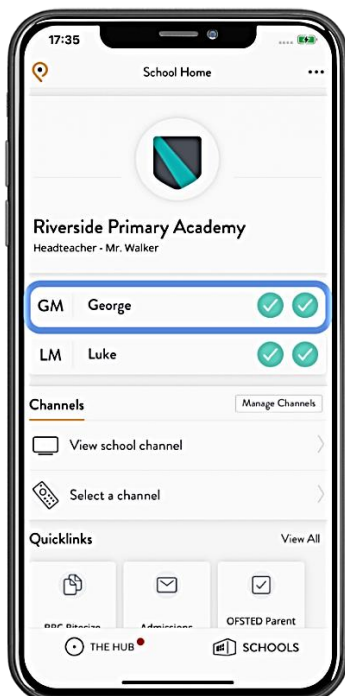
link below for a useful guide.

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

To find out more, click the



Reporting absence



Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2023-2024

During the course of this academic year, we are phasing out some of our school uniform in an effort to make it more affordable for our parent body.

Our school uniform provider now sells school badges for £1.20 so that you are able to purchase plain white polo shirts/ plain red jumpers/cardigans and iron on the badge. (Our current provider will continue to sell their stock of red and grey uniform items and staff has been informed that it is a gradual phase out)

We have reduced the number of days that children require their school uniform by allowing them to wear their PE kit on two days of the week. (You will be notified if there is a special day such as school photographs so that you can ensure that children are dressed appropriately.)

School Uniform

White Polo Shirt (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Red jumper/ Cardigan (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Grey school trousers/ skirt/ shorts

Summer Dress

Plain black shoes/ trainers



PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Red shorts

Red/ Grey jogging bottoms

Red fleece

Black plimsolls



PE Days 2023-2024

PE Days

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Reception		Thursday
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 and 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given the opportunity.

Children must have a suitable swimming costume, a towel and a swimming hat.

This year, we will be operating a mobile swimming pool on the school site during June and July. |



Science Week is coming and to celebrate it we will be having our 1st ever Science dress up day!

On Wednesday 13th March 2024 we would love all the children and teachers to come in dressed in something linked to Science.

You could be a flower, the sun, a scientist, an animal or any link at all!

(Please think about clothing they already have that may be Science related i.e. a butterfly top - you don't need to buy!)

Here are a list of topics we study for inspiration

Sound, space, electricity, animals, living things, plants, rocks, seasons, light, materials.



Please pay the amount below on ParentPay by Monday 11th March which will pay for our visit from Science Boffins that week.

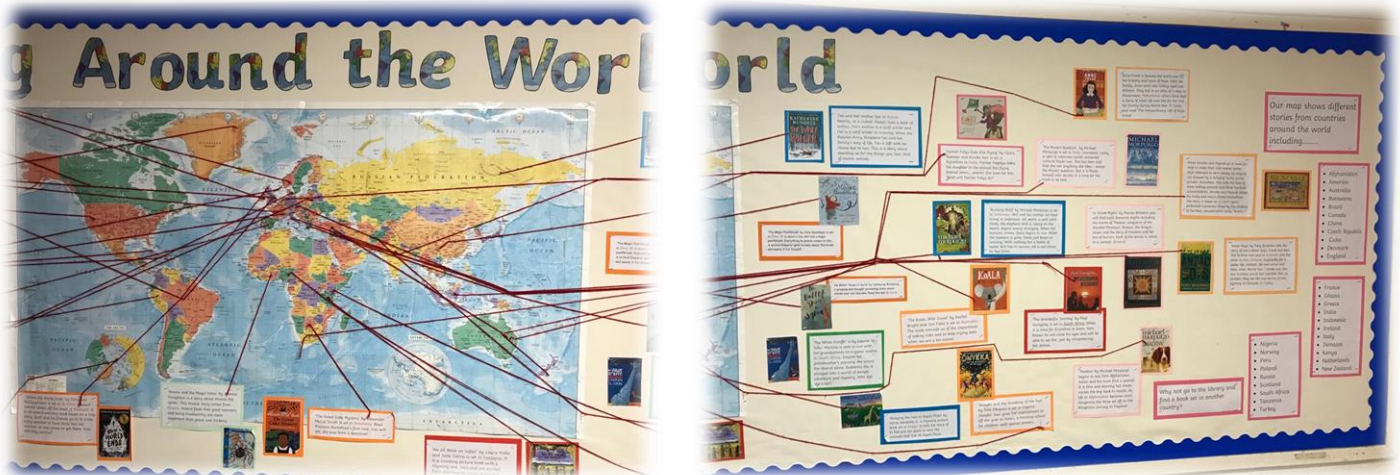
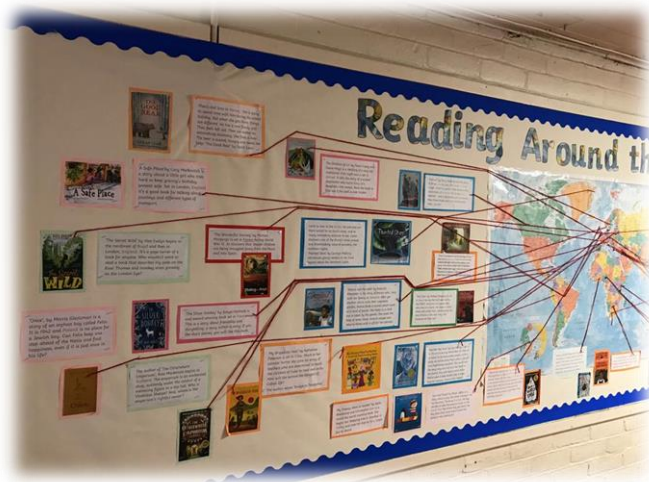
£1 Reception to Year 5

£5 Year 6 pupils - they will be having a special workshop

Reading Around the World

Our Reading Around the World Display is now finished. We certainly found books set in lots of different countries. Thank you to all members of staff who helped to suggest books they have read and enjoyed. It has been nice to see children taking about the books we showcased from the library and then telling us how they enjoyed them.

Our next Hunters Hall Reading Matters article, starting next week will be sharing stories about love and friendship. Pretty important, we think.



Get Caught Reading!

Looking for a fun way to encourage your children to develop a love for reading?
Encourage them to 'Get Caught Reading'!

By Friday 8th March, we would like the children to take photos of themselves reading in unusual places, which we would then like to display in school.

This could be on a slide, up a tree, upside down, or even while on holiday! – we know the children will enjoy being creative!

Please print off your pictures and hand in to your class teacher, or email your photos here:
yfour.301@bdcs.org.uk

We can't wait to see what and where our pupils have been caught reading!



Get Caught Reading!

Deadline: Friday, 8th March 2024



Send in a photo of you reading your favourite book
somewhere weird and wonderful!

Will it be in a tree, hanging upside down at a playground or maybe
even in a bathtub?!

Print off your photo and hand it into your teacher, or send
your photos to the email below for your chance to win a
fabulous prize!

yfour.301@bdcs.org.uk



Mental Health Support Team



Who are we?

We are four Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), offering early intervention for young people with mild to moderate difficulties. Our team work closely with young people, parents, and school staff to think together about ways to improve mental wellbeing within your school environment

Who do we work with?

Parents or Carers of pupils from reception to year 6 with mild-moderate levels of:

- **Anxiety** (e.g. fears, phobias, feeling panicky)
- **Challenging behaviour** (e.g. struggling to follow rules, temper tantrums, difficulty following requests)

Whole classes or year groups (delivering assemblies and workshops)



Aims of our Team

- Provide early psychological support
- Support the school's whole-school approach to wellbeing
- Signposting to specialist service

For more information please speak to your mental health lead or get in touch MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.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

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality pre-loved 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



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FOR YEARS 3 AND 4

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FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

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