

# Hunts Cross Primary School

## Newsletter



04.10.23

### **Ofsted**

Thank you for supporting school during our recent inspection, through the completion of the parental questionnaire and conversations with the inspecting team. It is really helpful to collect your views about school. A paper version of the questionnaire will be available at our upcoming Parent Evening on 18<sup>th</sup> October. We can not share the outcome of the inspection until the report is published, which will be in November.

### **Communication**

We are aware that some communications are not reaching our families. The difficulty could be the software version on smartphones. Please try deleting and re-instaling the app. If problems continue, please inform the office.

Our main communication tool is Parent App. If you are not connected, please call into the school office and staff will assist you. We also use Class Dojo as a communication tool for parents to use if they wish to contact class teachers. If you require log in details, please mention this to class teachers at the end of the school day. We are moving away from paper based information where possible. However, if you require information in this format due to a lack of access to technology, please let the office know. Where we require parental consent, paper copies will always be sent home. All newsletters will be available on the school website under the 'News' tab.

<https://www.huntscrossprimaryschool.com/>

### **After School Clubs**

After school clubs are available for specific year groups throughout the year. They are mainly delivered by teaching staff, who give up their free time. It is not a statutory requirement, but we do value the enrichment clubs provide for our children. We are open to the possibility of using external providers, but these would be paid clubs. If any parents/local groups are interested in providing after school clubs and have the necessary insurance, risk assessment and DBS clearance in place, please contact school and ask to speak to Mrs McDonnell, our business manager.

### **Concerns**

If you do have any concerns about school, please request an appointment at the end of the school day with the class teacher or Mrs Spreadbury (DHT) in the first instance. Mrs Ware is also available by appointment if your concerns have not been addressed.

### **Diary Dates.**

12.10.23 – Coffee Afternoon from 1.30pm supported by our Mental Health Practitioner and Mrs Hindley.

18.10.23 - Parents Afternoon/Evening 2pm-6pm Letters to follow to arrange appointment times.

27.10.23 – School closes for Half Term.

### **Parking.**

Please avoid parking on the zig zag lines, the corner of Kingsthorpe and Laxton Road or on the pavement outside school when dropping off/collecting your children. Children can not be seen behind parked cars and we are concerned for their safety. We are a busy school with over 360 families. Where possible, park away from school and walk. A resident has suggested parking on Kingsthorpe Park, as there are plenty of spaces not blocking driveways or damaging kerbs /grass verges. This is a two minute walk from school. If you could avoid entering Kingsthorpe Road by car during drop off/collection, this would ensure the safety of all our families and reduce air pollution around the school site.

### **Safety Reminders.**

Please leave dogs at home, as some children are frightened.

If children or parents are cycling/using a scooter, please dismount and walk once on school premises. These items can be stored in the bike shed on KS2 yard or on the stand outside the Children's Centre for KS1. Children should be wearing helmets when using these items for additional safety.

The school gates are opened at 8.30am and staff are available to supervise from 8.40am. KS2 children can be left once staff are on yard. Some KS2 children are arriving before 8.30am and waiting outside. Please ensure your child arrives for 8.40am if unsupervised. School gates close at 8.55am on both yards as teaching starts at 8.45am. Our site has to be closed promptly to safeguard the children and to allow all staff to focus on children's learning. At 8.55am your child is late for school and should enter via the main office.

No toys are allowed unless requested by the class teacher.

Y6 are allowed to bring a mobile phone if they are walking unsupervised. They should turn the phone off before entering the school yard.

Phones are securely stored away during the day and returned before bedtime. The school does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage.