



# Old Hutton C of E School

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## Start of Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a good Christmas holiday. Welcome back to school and the start of another busy term – please find the latest school news, events coming up and reminders to note below...

### Pupil news

A very special welcome to new pupil **Noah Hussey (R)** and his family who have joined us this term, making us 92 pupils altogether.

### Staff news

Congratulations to **Miss Harrison** for completing her probationary year as a newly qualified teacher during last term!

This term we welcome **Mrs Rachel Angus** as part-time additional teacher in Class 4 and Teaching Assistant in Classes 3 and 4. She is teaching Y5 as a separate group on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, while Miss Harrison teaches Y6. Mrs Angus will also be a TA in Class 3 and 4 on Wednesday - Friday afternoons. **Mrs Birch** continues as TA in Class 3 and 4, but just working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday rather than the full week. **Ms Rebecca Hodds** is also TA in Class 3 (Wednesday morning, Thursday all day) and Class 4 (Tuesday morning). **Miss Fisher** continues as teacher in charge of Class 3 on Thursdays and Fridays. All other staffing arrangements across school remain the same as last term.

### Plans for the term

Across the whole school this term, we are focusing in different ways on the Science-based theme of **Animals, including a special topic on Birds, with a visit from Silverband Falconry and our annual participation in the January RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch – so keep feeding those garden visitors in preparation for this now!** Our Christian Value focus is **Respect, including a special multi-faith event on Prayer**. In RE, KS2 are studying **Islam** and R/KS1 **Buddhism**. Any ideas or resources to help us will be welcome! If you wish to see more detailed plans for our teaching, please get in touch with individual teachers.

Next Monday, we will 'launch' our Animals topic and continue to develop our Senegal link through taking part in some exciting art workshops inspired by **Claire Griffel's new book for children, 'The Quetzal Bird' and her art and photography exhibition 'Imagine Senegal and The Quetzal'** which has been showing in Kendal since November. Y2 will also visit the exhibition at Space2Create and create some bird-inspired artwork with Claire next Wednesday (details in a separate letter from Mrs Hopkins). **Please send in an apron or old shirt/top for your child to wear during their special art sessions next week.** Look out for the resulting artwork on display in the entrance hall soon!

### Marseille school link news

Today, Class 4 were thrilled to receive cards from their **new penpals at our link school, École de la Visitation in Marseille, France**. Writing replies to them will create a real focus for our weekly French lessons.

### Arts Award news

Congratulations to **all pupils in Y4 and Y5 for achieving the national 'Discover' level Arts Award** through their work on our joint English/Geography project with the Wordsworth Trust in the Summer Term. In our Celebration Assembly in school this afternoon they were each presented with certificates by members of the Trust. In an exciting development this term, **Y4 will begin working towards their next level of the Arts Award ('Explore') in special new weekly Dance sessions** led by Jess Smith of Motion Dance.

### Extra-Curricular clubs

This term we have an excellent, increased variety of clubs on offer - **please see the attached letter for more details and to sign up.** As ever, we are very grateful for the goodwill of staff and volunteers in organizing these extra activities and are also keen to welcome anyone who is able to help support these in or after school or has other talents/ideas to share - let us know if you are interested.

### Septic Tank news

Following the flooding event last term which unfortunately caused the shared school/village hall septic tank to breakdown/overflow and school to be closed as a result, I can report that **Cumbria County Council has now completed works to repair the damage** and our tank is fully functioning again. However, this is only a temporary solution to the problem and CCC is still researching a permanent one – we will update you with more news on this when we have it.

### Car parking safety reminder

**We remain very much aware** of the fact that traffic congestion and parking outside school at the beginning and end of the school day continues to be an increasingly challenging issue. As a priority, we are continuing to monitor this and have a Governors working party researching ideas to try to improve the situation; the traffic police are visiting to support us. In the meantime, please can we again remind everyone to show consideration to others, including our neighbours in the village, by **driving slowly and cautiously in the school vicinity** and **avoiding parking in front of all the private properties opposite the school. It is dangerous and illegal to park on the yellow zigzag lines in front of school.** Please try your best to park sensibly and always take extra care of the children and yourselves when getting in and out of vehicles, crossing the road and walking to and from school at these busy times. Thank you.

With best wishes from,



Andrea Walker  
Head teacher

### Dates for your diary Spring Term 2018 (more events/details to follow)

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Claire Griffel leading art workshops for whole school with Senegal/birds focus – all day

Chess and draughts club Class 4 weekly – lunchtime

Sports club KS1 weekly 3.30 – 4.30pm

Football club KS2 weekly 3.30– 4.30pm

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Class 3 swimming weekly 9.10– 10.30am – Leisure centre

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Y2 visit to Space2Create Senegal art exhibition & workshop with Claire Griffel - morning

Class 3 new dance/Arts Award sessions weekly: 2.15– 3.15pm

Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

Warhammer Club weekly 3.20– 4.30pm

Dance club KS2 weekly 3.30 – 4.30pm

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Mindfulness colouring club weekly - lunchtime

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Choir weekly - lunchtime

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

SEN staff meeting for all teachers and TAs 3.30 – 5pm

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Safeguarding staff meeting for all teachers and TAs 3.30 – 5pm

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

#### **NO FOOTBALL CLUB**

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

RSPB Big Birdwatch weekend

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Class 3 Pied Piper concert rehearsal in school – 10.30am

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

#### **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF SPRING TERM**

Class 4 Jill Eccleston PE afternoons weekly including bike skills  
more details later

Running Club KS2 weekly 3.30-4.30pm

Governors' Finance Committee meeting – 9am

School Book Bus visit

**NO FOOTBALL CLUB**

Dance club KS1 weekly 3.30– 4.30pm

New YR6 SATs club weekly 3.30 – 4.30pm

New YR3 – YR5 French club weekly 3.30– 4.30pm

World Book Day – events TBC

Class 3 Pied Piper Concert rehearsal, afternoon, Kendal Town Hall – more details later

Class 3 Pied Piper Concert, Kendal Town Hall – 10am & 1pm – more details later

**NO SWIMMING LESSON**

'Moving mountains' prayer stations event morning

Pupil Parliament meeting with Tim Farron for School Council pupils, Netherwood – all day

Kendal Pool Swimathon – more details later

'Let's get active' sports/healthy focus week – more details later

Class 4 Dance Platform event this week, Brewery – more details later

Parents' evening 1: 4– 6.30pm

Parents' evening 2: 3.30 – 5pm

Sports relief day

Open afternoon 1.30– 3.30pm – ALL WELCOME!

Easter service 1.15– 1.45pm

TERM ENDS at 2pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**School Term dates – 2017-18**

*Please note that school ends at normal time for half term holidays but at 2pm at the end of full terms.*

**Summer Term 2018**

Monday 16 April – Friday 20 July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 7 May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

**School Year dates 2018-19**

**Autumn Term 2018**

Staff training day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

**Spring Term 2019**

Staff training day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Summer Term 2019**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May