



April Newsletter 2024

Welcome Back

Welcome to the summer term. Over the holiday many families will have celebrated Easter, and some families would have celebrated Eid al-Fitr. We hope that these celebrations, and time with your family brought you joy.

This newsletter has some important news and also lets you know what is happening in school in the last few weeks of April and the start of May.

Reception Class Offers

This week, parents of children starting Reception in September will have been told which school they have a place at. Many of the parents and carers of children in our Nursery will have been offered a place in our Reception. It is important you let us know you want that place by emailing admissions@hunsletcarr.co.uk by Friday, 3rd May. You can find out more info about accepting your place on the school website.

Nursery Places

We also have an excellent Nursery providing an amazing start to their school life. *Children can start in the term after their third birthday and we offer 15 hours of free childcare, either in the morning or in the afternoon, depending on what suits your needs. Some families will qualify for 30 hours of childcare. If you think you might be eligible for this or would like more info email admissions@hunsletcarr.co.uk.*

After School Clubs Start

We have been working hard to set up our summer term after school clubs. These will start on **Monday, 22nd April**.

A leaflet explaining what and when our after clubs will be sent out this week. You can sign up for clubs using the Arbor app.

NHS Dentist taking on patients under the age of 18

LS10 Dental Care, on Pepper Road, have contacted us to let us know that they are NHS registering patients under the age of 18. With NHS dentists so hard to find, I hope parents and carers with children not yet registered, take up this opportunity.

The form you need to complete and drop in at the surgery is attached to this letter.

Our Easter Winners

Before we broke up for the holidays we ran two competitions in school, for the children who had created Easter Bonnets and those who had decorated eggs. We were blown away by the number of entries and the quality of the competition. See the entries here www.youtube.com/channel/UCarj9dixREXazpWLJZTVEtw
The winners will be bringing home their prizes this Friday.

Dates for your diary

Year 6 Practice SAT Tests – Week Beg 22nd of April

The children will have the chance to practice taking last year's SAT tests in the same conditions that they will take their real tests in May. It is important that all Year 6 children are in school every day next week and on time, as the tests will begin at 9 am each morning.



Bank Holiday - Monday, 6th May

School will not be open on Monday the 6th of May as it is a bank holiday.

Year 6 SATs - Monday, 13th May until Thursday, 16th May

During this week, the children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs. Each morning the children will come to the school hall at 9 am to begin their tests. It is vital that the children arrive on time so that they do not miss the start of the test.

While it seems like a quiet next few weeks there are a number of class trips planned. Look out for more information coming directly from your child's class teacher.

Questions and Information

If you have any questions or need further information about items on this newsletter, please ask your class teacher or myself and we will be happy to help.

Kind Regards, Mr Martin Lumb

Governors' News

This month, I wanted to let you know about an important budget setting meeting that I will be having with Mr Lumb. Every year in April, the school finds out how much it is being given in funding and Mr Lumb and his team have to make sure they can provide the best education for the children with the money they have been given.

Almost 80% of the money spent by school is on staff wages. That is why when staff are given pay rises that aren't funded by the Government it means school has to make cuts. Leaders can either cut the number of staff or the things they provide the children.

When you hear teachers in the NEU rejecting the Government's pay offer it is because only 0.5% of the 4.5% will be new money. 4% of the pay rise would need to come from school's existing budget. For a school like ours that means making around £50,000 worth of cuts. I know that the disruption the strikes are causing must be frustrating for families, but unfunded pay rises will be very damaging to your child's education. I hope that the Government is able to agree a fair pay offer that is fully funded ASAP.

Kind regards. Sarah Gardner Chair of Governors

School Council News

We hope you had a lovely Easter break, and we are hoping that the weather starts to improve!

We loved looking at all the Easter bonnets and the decorated eggs before the holiday and look forward to hearing who won the competitions on Friday.

Well done to everyone's hard work!

In the School Council we have been looking at some of the things that we like in school and things that we wish we could improve. Everyone loves hot chocolate and the Star of the Week cushions because we believe it makes us feel important.

Ms Roberts is still trying to get us booked to go to the Houses of Parliament, but it is proving tricky this year! We have our fingers crossed for her!

Thank you for reading, Elsie, David, Lewis and Nancy.