



April Newsletter 2021

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope that you all had a good break. This holiday saw some people celebrate Easter and for some Ramadan has begun and we hope these have brought joy to your families.

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

Many of you last week will have received an offer of a place in Reception starting in September. It is important that you let us know that you are intending to take up your place by emailing admissions@hunsletcarr.co.uk by Friday, 30th April. You can find out more information about what happens next by visiting the school website.

If you were offered a place at another school but would like your child to come here, please email admissions@hunsletcarr.co.uk as we still have places for Sept.

Nursery Places

We continue to have an excellent Nursery that provides children with an amazing start to their school life here at Hunslet Carr Primary School. All children can attend the Nursery for free using their 15 hours of childcare, either at the start of the week or at the end depending on what would suit your needs.

For families who qualify, we are offer 30 hrs of childcare (a full week). If you think you might be eligible for this or would like more info email admissions@hunsletcarr.co.uk, and so long as we there were places available, we would be happy to help.

Children can start Nursery after their third birthday, so if your child is two and you would like to be on our waiting list, please email admissions@hunsletcarr.co.uk.

Knife Crime Safety

Before the holidays, I wrote to you on a couple of occasions to express to you how I was worried about the situation involving older children (10 – 16) coming into the Hunslet Carr area carrying knives.

We are working closely with the Police and the Safer Schools unit to try to educate all of the children in Years 5 and 6 about the dangers of knives and the police will be coming into school on Monday, 26th April to give a presentation in the hall.

After School Clubs Start

Miss Bunce worked hard before the holidays to set up and begin a range of after school clubs run by either the staff in school or the Hunslet Boys Club. These clubs will start THIS WEEK, will continue to run on the same evenings as they did before the holidays and if your child had a place before, they still have a place this term.

The only exception to this is Boxing Club, which has unfortunately had to be cancelled as the coach no longer works for the Hunslet Boys Club.



Our COVID-19 Safety Audit

On the last Wednesday before the school holidays, the health and safety team from Leeds City Council undertook a safety audit of the school to ensure the building was as COVID-safe for the children, staff and visitors as it could be.

To read the report, click here <https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk/covid-19-info.html>

Over the coming days you will see the signage, suggested in the report on the school fencing and the main porch area. We will also be disinfecting the outdoor play equipment, so you should see children using the slide and climbing frames for the first time in over a year!

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. You can find the names of the winning children below...

EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet winners

Nursery – Shay Golden / Hope Bradley / Freya Bills / Mollie Hallam-Bell / Amelia Ledger / Evie Magee

Reception – Drew McCulloch / Kit Haley / Ava Sharpe / Odin Broughton / Tilly Johnson / Max Bray-Cooper

Year 1 - Leela Griffiths / Megan Ryan / Rehan Finister / Noah Briggs / Jacob Barker / Layton Wilsea

Year 2 – Mason Naylor-Haigh / Jacob Jones / Riley Sidebottom / Ethan Carbutt / Ellie Booth / Sophie Sewell

KS2 Easter Egg Decorating winners

Year 3 – Riley Griffiths / Heidi-Gem Rayson / Archie Barker / Honey Clark / Elliot Francis / Finley Sharpe

Year 4 – Mila-Rose Chadwick / Jacob Lewis / Coopa Ellis-Adams / Brooke Morrall / Keighton Craig

Year 5 – Kaiden Moakes / Mia Stephenson / Lacey-Mae Anderson / Emily-Jane Quante-Garside / Holly Cluderay / Harrison Irvine

Year 6 – Bracken Fairclough / Eadie Pitts / Bree-Anna Walker

Maple Class Swimming Starts

For the rest of the summer term, it will be the turn of the children in Maple class to go to the John Charles Centre for weekly swimming lesson, in a COVID secure environment and we are looking forward to the look of sheer joy on their faces when they have that moment when they can swim a few metres without armbands and their feet off the floor.

We understand that the parents/carers of children in Palm Class might be disappointed that their child's lessons have stopped suddenly. Towards the end of the spring term we were told that in the summer we would only be able to visit the pool once a week (rather than three times a week). To make it so that children in Maple and Palm have had roughly the same amount of time in the pool as each other, we needed to let Maple begin their swimming lessons this week.

New School Dinner Menu

Since September 2020, we have been serving cold packed lunches to the children who get a school dinner when they eat in their classroom. From Monday, the children will be offered the choice between a hot meal (served in a take away style container), or the usual cold packed lunch.

For more information about the menu choices please click here <https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk/lunch-menu.html>



Friday, 30th April - Class Birthday Parties

Even though groups of six children can now attend outdoor parties, we are going to be continuing to celebrate birthdays in school until the end of the school year. All of the children who were born in April will have their birthday celebrated in school on Friday, 30th April. There is no need to send your child into school with any food as party food is provided and all dietary needs are catered for.

Friday, 30th April – Golden Ticket Winners

Between now and Friday, 30th April, the teachers in class will be looking for the children who work the hardest at presenting their work. This might be the children who are trying their hardest to join letters together, children who are trying to write on the line or to remember finger spaces. To see our winners collecting their prizes please check out Twitter.

NSPCC Helpline

Over recent weeks you may have read or seen on the news reports of children and young adults coming forward to report child sex abuse that they experienced while at school. There is now an NSPCC helpline designed to help children and adults who have experienced sexual abuse in schools with support and advice, including onward action such as contacting the police if they wish to. The helpline will also provide support to parents and professionals.

The dedicated and confidential NSPCC helpline – Report Abuse in Education can be reached on 0800 136 663 or by email at help@nspcc.org.uk.

Final Thoughts

As you can see, we continue to be determined to provide the children with the best opportunities we can give them.

What with everything that has happened this year, I can't quite believe we are two thirds of the way through the school year. For many the summer term is one of excitement and happiness. The days are longer and the weather is warmer. The skills that the children have been learning all year start to blossom and thoughts for our oldest children begin to turn towards moving on to high school.

I hope that as we continue to journey back to a more usual way of life that we can keep some of the things that have been a positive surprise over the last 12 months.

We will continue to get the children outdoors as much as possible with valuable lessons continuing about the importance of exercise, diet and mental health and big plans for this summer's sports day.

I also want to keep developing the positive relationships between the school and its staff and the parents and carers who together have worked so well to put the children first.

As always, we are here for you if you need anything. We have a range of amazing professionals that can usually answer any question or point you in the direction of someone who can. Please call or email school and we will do our best to help.

Kind Regards
Mr Martin Lumb
Headteacher