



# November Newsletter 2024

Welcome back. I hope you and your family enjoyed the half-term and perhaps even took part in Halloween or celebrated Diwali. As we move into November and the days get shorter, I have some messages, reminders, and information about activities planned for the second half of the autumn term that I would like to tell you about.

## **Our Pre-School Playgroup – Tuesdays at 9 am while 10.30 am**

If you have children aged between 0 and 3, why not come along to our Playgroup every Tuesday morning between 9 -10.30 am. We have creative activities, sensory toys for the children to play with, songs and story time.

Each month we have a book swap on the 1st week of the month and a toy swap on the 2nd week. Come along and join the fun!

## **Serious Antisocial Behaviour around School**

Over the last three weeks several serious incidents have taken place around the school grounds. We were broken into the weekend before the half-term holiday. Luckily a passer-by shouted at the two youths who ran away without causing too much damage or stealing anything. When we returned to school on Monday, several windows had been smashed and broken.

We also know of groups of youths who climb on the school's flat roofs, on an evening after the school has been locked and on a weekend.

If your child plays out around school, **please speak to them** about not joining in with these youths, who might try to persuade them to do something that could get them into trouble with the police or lead to a serious injury if they fall through the roof.

## **Pumpkin Carving Competition**

We were absolutely blown away by the number and standard of entries into our Pumpkin decorating competition before the break. If you would like to see the different designs, click on the links below. Well done to everyone who entered.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzRXqVqoc60>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vafm6WpnHlM>

## **Attendance Prizes**

Miss Bassue will be working out which children in school were able to attend for 5 school days in a row last half-term. Every time a child managed a 5-day streak their name would go in the hat once. So, if your child managed four 5-day streaks, they would have four chances of winning one of our prizes.

Look out for our attendance newsletter with information about our lucky winners.

## **Now some important information about upcoming events**

### **Assessment weeks – beginning 5<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Our assessment weeks are two weeks where we give the children activities and quizzes to see how much progress they have made since September. Your child must be in school from 8.50 am every day so they can show their teachers how much they have learnt so far this year, and which areas your child needs extra help in.

### **Anti-Bullying week – 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Children will be taking part in Anti-bullying week from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. The children in each year group will focus on a particular type of bullying. This will include all children learning what we consider bullying to be at Hunslet Carr and for older children looking at things like cyber bullying, racism and LGBTQ+ based bullying.



## **Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

As ever, we are supporting Children in Need. This year we will be dressing up in something yellow or spotty. A voluntary contribution of £1 is suggested, payable on the school's online Arbor app.

## **Parents' and Carers' meetings – Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be holding Parent and Carer meetings in the school hall on **Tuesday and Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November**. Look out for more information from your child's teacher week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November with details on how to book a time slot.

## **Twitter**

For more information and to see photos from these events or other things that are happening in school, follow us on Twitter @HCPSLeeds or our Twitter feed via our website [hunsletcarr.co.uk](http://hunsletcarr.co.uk)

## **Questions and Information**

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

Mr Martin Lumb

## **Governors' News**

As you can see, we're gearing up for another busy term at school as we make our way towards the excitement of Christmas and the New Year.

At this time of the year, there are a lot of germs and colds going around, which is why it is very important that if your child is fit and healthy they should be in school.

If your child has attended every day they can, when they get ill, any time off will not have as much impact on their learning than if they are regularly off school.

Plus, every time your child attends five days in a row their name will be added to the prize draw for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half-term.

If you have any issues with making sure your child attends regularly, please get in touch with Miss Bassue, so that the school can help to find appropriate solutions.

Our next full governor's meeting will be taking place on 12 December, and we'll be focused on how we can support more children attending school everyday.

Sarah Gardner, Chair of Governors

## **School Council News**

We hope you all had a good half term break. We are looking forward to the build up to Christmas!

The week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November is UK Parliament Week and we are going to learn more about Parliament and how it works. This will prepare us for our annual trip to the Houses of Parliament in the summer.

The School Council have also started helping Miss Roberts with handing out Positive Playtime slips at playtimes. We have the important job of looking for children who are following our school rules. Are they Ready, Respectful and Safe outside? We are also thinking about what the next prize should be for the winning classes. Well done Beech and Spruce who were last term's winners.

Ella M and Ryan

Head Girl and Boy



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