



The Huntington Buzz



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EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES through our school sports and games provision

We are always so impressed with the way our children embrace opportunities to represent school in a variety of sporting activities such as boys and girls football, dodgeball and cross country. The wonderful Mr Lamb is giving of his time to facilitate this participation and we are mindful of ensuring as many pupils as possible are given a chance to represent school during the school year.

Each child is asked to fill in a pupil-voice survey, every year, detailing the sports they would be interested in experiencing; whether they would like to be involved in an event representing school and whether they would be interested in joining a particular club during the school year (if we were able to provide one). This information gives us a good indication of the provision we should aim for and tells us who would jump at the prospect of participating in events against other schools.

Already, a total of 13 fixtures have taken place since term started in September involving 67 pupils. This year's involvement with The Pathfinder Sports Partnership as well as the Jorvik Sports Partnership has meant that this year we have booked taster lessons in boxsize, tennis and fitness for some year groups. We have also taken part in a danceathon with the Pathfinder Trust where 305 of our pupils learnt a routine in lessons and performed this virtually, alongside approximately 13 of the trust schools in October.

We also have 40 Year 5 and 6 playleaders who commit to facilitating fun activities at lunchtimes for other children in school, alongside our fabulous lunchtime staff team. They supervise children playing with skipping ropes, balancing boards, rackets and balls, our active wall, target throws, hoops and archery during the week and are careful to look after equipment and its storage. This leadership is much appreciated and demonstrates how responsible this team of children are.

We are always on the lookout for other opportunities to enhance the experiences we provide for our pupils and we would welcome any suggestions or offers for after school clubs for any age group at school. We do try to signpost children to clubs in the community, but if you feel you could commit to an extra-curricular activity such as a netball/volleyball/badminton/tennis session for example, after school for a few weeks, or if you have a skill you would like to share with children, please contact the school office and we'll get in touch to discuss your idea with you.



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th December - Non Uniform Day for Friends of Huntington Christmas Fair

Wednesday 11th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Dinner - KS1 children may wear Christmas Jumpers/ non uniform.

Thursday 12th December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Dinner - KS2 children may wear Christmas Jumpers/ non uniform.

Friday 13th December – EYFS & Year 1 Nativity - 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Ticketed event for parents.

Monday 16th December – EYFS & Year 1 Nativity - 9.30am – 10.30am. Ticketed event for parents.

Wednesday 18th December – Year 4 & Year 5 Carol Service 9.45am – 10.45am
Ticketed event for parents at All Saints Church

Thursday 19th December - Year 3 Roman Day

Thursday 19th December – Year 4 & Year 5 Carol Service 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Ticketed event for parents at All Saints Church

Friday 20th December - EYFS Toy Workshop

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term - NORMAL FINISH TIME

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Back to School



ATTENDANCE

Huntington is committed to providing a welcoming environment where every child belongs and feels part of their team. When a child’s attendance is good, their experience of school is more positive. They are able to make firm friendships, remain in strong and familiar routines and access the full curriculum. Happy children learn well and achieve success.

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly. We understand that there are times when a child will be ill and may be absent. However, if a child’s attendance drops below 90%, they will fall into our fast-track system. This can be if it is authorised or not.

Over the next couple of weeks some families will receive a letter regarding their child’s attendance. We try to be mindful of family situations but we also have a duty to monitor attendance and raise awareness with parents. As always please get in contact with the school via the office if you have any concerns or feel your child needs additional support with their attendance.

Attendance Ladder





CLASS AMBASSADORS UPDATE

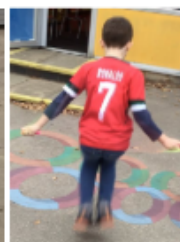


Thank you all for your support on Remembrance Day and Children In Need.

We raised £321.95 for the Poppy Appeal and continue to hold the record as number 1 fundraising school in the district.

Children in Need as always was a fun day for an excellent charity. The children skipped, read, jumped or ran for their sponsorship money.

If you have any more sponsorship money from your CIN challenge, please bring this in as soon as possible.



The week commencing 11th November, it was Anti-Bullying week, with the theme of "Choose Respect". In our PSHE lessons, we have spent time looking at what bullying is and what you should do if you are being bullied. On Wednesday, it was World Kindness Day, which highlights the importance of compassion, empathy, and generosity in making our world a better place to live. We are trying hard to prevent bullying from happening in our school.



HUNTINGTON PRIMARY ACADEMY SAFEGUARDING TEAM





At Huntington Primary Academy everyone is responsible for the safeguarding of pupils. All staff have safeguarding training and we work together to make our school a place where pupils feel safe.

We have four members of staff who are designated to deal with your questions, concerns or safeguarding issues.

 Mrs Holton Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Forman Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Brett SENCo Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Russon Curriculum and Assessment Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
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If you have any concerns about the safety of a child outside of school you should contact the York Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm - 01904 551900
Outside office hours, weekends and public holidays, contact the emergency duty team - 01609 780780



NOTICES AND REMINDERS



We continue to subscribe to the School Lottery. Tickets are just £1. There is a £25,000 jackpot and regular wins dictated by the number of tickets sold. When you win you can claim the money or donate back to school. Thank you to this week's winner for the donation! We are currently a little way off our target so follow the link to buy tickets!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>

you scan, WE DONATE ££s TO SCHOOLS.

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- 1** Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app. Get into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2** Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3** Asda does the rest. The money raised will be donated through. Provided by schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started. Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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UNIFORM

Please make sure your children have suitable clothing, including a coat for the colder weather. We will be encouraging them to wear them when they are outside, particularly our younger children.

Please ensure hats and gloves are labelled as these are easily lost. However we will make sure these are removed before entering the classroom.

All children should now be wearing red jumpers/cardigans for PE.

We have lots of opportunities for children to wear festive clothing over the next few weeks, however please can we ask that additional items such as Santa hats, excessive hairbands and flashing items are saved for these days. They can become distracting in lessons and so the children will be asked to remove them. We ask for your support in this matter and that they are not brought to school in the first instance.

We have noticed a number of dangly earrings also being worn. These can be very dangerous in school. Earrings should be a small stud type only.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

As with all schools, our school site is a non-smoking/ smoke free zone. We ask that this extends to vaping.

Our school grounds begin as soon as people enter the first set of gates into the 'waiting' area before the school playground. It is important this is also smoke free and vaping free at all times.

Please support us with ensuring this is a clean space for all our children and parents. We will ask parents to leave the area if they are smoking or vaping.



SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER
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NON SCHOOL UNIFORM - 6th DECEMBER IN RETURN FOR DONATIONS OF:

- Chocolates
- Bottles
- Soft Toys
- Books
- Bric-a-brac
- Jam Jars - filled with small items (toys, stickers, stationary and wrapped sweets)