



The Huntington Buzz



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Early Years Update

This term we have enjoyed learning about space, robots and programmable toys.

We have started going to the Willows every Wednesday morning, we've been getting to know the environment, weeding the planters and tidying the bug house. We've enjoyed observing small changes in the natural environment and noticed signs of Spring including; new buds and leaves growing on the trees. A recent report from the Early Years Alliance tells us outdoor play is more important, now, more than ever! Being outside encourages essential physical fitness, helps reduce stress and anxiety, builds confidence and resilience, supports social and emotional skills and provides a well earned break from the demands of everyday life. Being outdoors, in green spaces, can improve concentration and working memory. Please visit <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/benefits-outdoor-play-early-years> for more information.



To improve our outdoor learning space we are kindly asking for donations for our garden and den building equipment.

We would like:

- Large sheets or blankets
- Large plant pots
- Any cuttings or bulbs of any bee friendly plants such as lavender, alliums, honeysuckle
- Any cuttings or herb plants such as Rosemary, thyme, chives etc.

If you have any of these and can donate them either hand them to the EYFS team or the office team.

Thank you

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st April - 9.05 - Year 2 and 3 - Spring Performance (Parents Welcome)

Wednesday 2nd April - 2.30 - Year 2 and 3 - Spring Performance (Parents Welcome)

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April - Easter Holiday (School reopens on Tuesday 22nd April)

Monday 28th April - EYFS and KS1 - Dentist Program begins

Friday 2nd May - Friends of Huntington Primary Disco

Monday 5th May - BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 23rd May - Rainbow Day

Monday 25th May - Friday 30th May - Half Term (School closed)

Friends of Huntington Primary: Making a Difference!

We have had another fantastic year, enriching our children's learning experiences in many ways. With the incredible support of our parents and community, we've achieved some amazing things together!



This year, FoHPA funded the refurbishment of our school's library, creating a bright and inviting space for all. We also donated £2,000 to fill it with essential core texts and other engaging titles for all ages. In addition, each year group received £300 to enhance their classroom environments. FoHPA also supported the development of the outdoor classroom area, including purchasing a special reading chair and sourcing vital materials. This was all on top of our usual yearly activities, like funding the year 6 leavers' hoodies and providing a branded water bottle to welcome our new starters into EYFS!

Beyond the financial contributions, FoHPA brought our community together with fun events like the school discos, summer and Christmas fairs, our first-ever scarecrow trail, and the popular curry & quiz night. Look out for more news on upcoming events, including the Parvin quiz (26 April), the next disco (2 May) and the summer fair (5 July). We also have some new, exciting things planned - watch this space!

However, we're a group of volunteers. We all have day jobs and all of this is only possible with your support. To continue making a difference for our children, we urgently need more help! Please consider joining FoHPA and helping us create an even brighter future for our children and Huntington Primary Academy. Whether you can only spare a few hours or can take on a more regular commitment, your contribution will always make a real difference to our school. Get in touch to find out more: friends.of.huntington.primary.academy@gmail.com!



THANK YOU!

In EYFS and Key Stage 1 we are beginning to work with Clifton Moor Dental Surgery to offer free dental check ups in school for the children. Following this announcement we are incredibly grateful to Mrs McQuillan (one of our Year 1 parents) who has secured for us some free personal care products from the local York company H&A. The children will be bringing home a free toothbrush and toothpaste to try at home.

METAL WATERBOTTLES

We have had a couple of accidents recently involving metal water bottles. These become very heavy when full of water and are also easily damaged. Moving forward, we would like to encourage children to bring plastic bottles to school. We recognise these do not keep the water as cool but are much safer, particularly when the children are carrying them around more often in the summer for example to PE sessions and outside at lunch time. Thank you for your support with this.



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SPRING DISCO
2nd May



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>

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ECO NEWS

Every Year group in school recently planted a tree sapling in our fenced off area on the school field. The saplings will hopefully grow into Rowan and Hazel trees over time and leave a super legacy from our current pupils.

Our Eco Warriors are also working on a Healthy Living project with York University Sustainability Clinic. The students are devising a plan using our wonderful new raised beds enabling every pupil in school to grow their own vegetables this year.

Thank you for the postage stamps - we have sent another batch to the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. Please give used postage stamps to your class Eco Warrior who can take them to Mrs Jackson (Y1).

Please keep sending in clean plastic lids to school. Since joining Schoolcycled we have collected a total of 32,570 Earth points for purchasing planters for Buzz club. Thank you so much to everyone for the effort! If you would like to know more about the company here is the link

<https://mygroupltd.com/schoolcycled/>

Remember we are also a collecting hub for York City's Changing Room Project for children's unwanted sports kit. Please see the list below of acceptable unused/pre-loved kit which will be sorted and shared by the foundation with local children who would like to take part in sport, but do not have the appropriate kit. If you are having a sort out of any sports kit on the list please place them in the blue bin located in the front porch of school.

Accepted Items:

- Boots and Trainers
- Boot Bags
- Shinpads
- Shorts
- Tracksuits
- Hoodies

