



# Old Hutton C of E School

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## End of Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic, hardworking term we have all had! As we now look forward to the rest of this final week and a well-deserved holiday, here is a news round-up and some information points to share with everyone:

### Staff news

During this term we said goodbye to **Ms Lucy Ramsbottom** as she moved on from our team of teaching assistants and After School Club leaders to a full-time role in adult special needs support. We welcomed **Mrs Susie Sampson** and **Miss Tallia de Castro Rodriguez** as new part-time teaching assistants; Mrs Sampson is also assistant leader of the After School Club. Class 1 has also enjoyed having **Miss Catherine Chant**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student in teacher training from the University of Cumbria, on placement with them this term.

### Job opportunity

We will be in need of an additional **After School Club assistant leader on Wednesdays and Thursdays** – to begin at some point next term (to be confirmed). This role involves working alongside our other ASC leader, Miss Dixon, to support pupils in activities and providing a healthy snack, from 3:20-5:20pm. Ideally, you would need a teaching assistant or other relevant qualification or experience and the post will require a DBS check. Please get in touch with school for more details if you would be interested in joining our after-school staff team.

### Governor news

Following the retirement in January from our Governors of **Mr Simon Willis**, who has also been our Chair of Governors for the last 5 years, we have now appointed **Mrs Claire Toone** to the post of Chair. Many thanks to **Rev Angela Whittaker** for stepping up into the role of Acting Chair for a short interim period this term. Thanks also to **Mrs Jules Natlacen** for her work over the last 2 years as Clerk to the Governors; she has now stepped down as Clerk and is taking up the role of Foundation Governor (church appointment). There will be a special presentation to Simon in thanks for his many years of Governor work and support for our school at the End of Term Concert to be held in school this Friday (see below for more details) – all welcome.

### Car parking safety news and reminders

We are very much aware that traffic congestion and parking outside school at the beginning and end of the school day continues to be a challenging issue. You may have spotted our local police/traffic officer, **PCSO Martin Boak making a visit** in February to review the situation for us. He agreed that we are doing the best we can to alleviate problems through our initiatives to encourage earlier morning drop-offs at our **full or half Breakfast Club (from either 8am or 8:30am)** or our popular **Monday 8:30am Weekly Mile Running Club** and our **car share buddies scheme** organised by parent Sam Scarr (contact Sam at [willsam23@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:willsam23@hotmail.co.uk) if you are able to join). Our research into the possibility of extending the car park and/or providing additional bus transport has so far been unhelpful. PC Boak recommended the best option may be to create an additional gateway through the hedge into the school field from the road on the hill down from Kendal, so enabling safer access into school via the field rather than the road. Governors are now looking at this in more detail. In the meantime and as always, please can we remind everyone to show consideration to others, including our neighbours in the village, by **driving slowly and cautiously in the school vicinity** and **avoiding parking in front of all the private properties opposite the school. It is dangerous and illegal to park on the yellow zigzag lines in front of school.** Please try your best to park sensibly and always take extra care of the children and yourselves when

getting in and out of vehicles, crossing the road and walking to and from school at these busy times. Please can we also remind drivers, in the interest of reducing pollution and harm to health, to **avoid parking with engines left running in the car park and/or school vicinity**. Thank you.

### **Sports and adventure events news**

Pupils have enjoyed and excelled in a wide range of sports and PE activities this half term. A HUGE well done to **Class 4** for giving a brilliant and very emotional dance performance, inspired by the recent World War I centenary, alongside pupils from lots of other local schools in the special 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Dance Platform** event held at The Brewery in Kendal last week. We were so proud of them!

Congratulations to Miss Harrison for her fantastic choreography! A big thank you also to all who came along to support on this very special evening. Another HUGE well done to our **Y5/6** swimmers – and Miss Harrison – for their excellent efforts in the **Swimathon** event at Kendal Leisure Centre. Amazingly, over 250 lengths were completed between them! Thanks to their speedy swimming, we will soon have raised money towards our ‘Learning Pod’ appeal – the pupils’ choice of cause for sponsorship this year. Thanks also to all who came to cheer them on. Earlier in the half term, a large group of our **KS2** pupils were enthusiastic participants in the **Windermere School Cross-Country** race. A special well done to Ellie (Y6), who was our highest-placed runner at 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Thanks again to Miss Harrison and all parents who supported the pupils. Class 3 also participated in the **Kendal Schools Y3/4 ‘quick-sticks’ hockey tournament** and Class 2 had lots of fun taking part in the **Kendal Schools KS1 gymnastics event at QKS**. Despite tough competition from larger schools, some of our teams and individuals won in their matches or categories – well done everyone! Thanks to Miss Harrison for teaching and with Miss Dawson, Mrs Hopkins, Miss Dixon, Mrs Sampson, for accompanying these groups, as well as all parents who also helped us out again with transport and support.

### **Music events news**

Class 3 were practising hard in their weekly class music lessons this term to get ready for their performance in the annual **‘Big Play’ concert** for local schools at The Brewery yesterday – which sounded fantastic! A HUGE well done everyone! Many thanks to Mrs Hulme, Miss Dawson, Miss Dixon, Mrs Shiels and everyone who has helped to teach and support them and to all families who came along to enjoy this special musical event with us. We are also very lucky to have so many keen and talented young musicians in school who enjoy lessons with our peripatetic music teachers, on keyboard/piano, accordion, strings, voice, drums, guitar, flute and fife. To showcase some of the work they do, we are holding our own special **End of Term Concert in school this Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, at 1:15pm in Class 4**, in place of the usual Easter Service (which will be held later this year – see below); this should form a lovely musical end to the term – all welcome! On Monday we also enjoyed hearing from **Mrs Sampson and her euphonium** – both in collective worship and outside school! This has been a special treat and promoted Mrs Sampson’s offer to pupils of **brass lessons starting next term** – see the additional letter for more details of this exciting new venture, which will enable us to further extend the range of musical instrument teaching we have in school and we hope some pupils will be keen to sign up!

### **Book-focus events news**

This term, we have had an even-more-than-usual focus on all things to do with books! Much of this has developed around our **new library re-furbishment**, which was completed very appropriately on **World Book Day** earlier this month. We made the day into an extra-special event through dressing up as and researching non-fiction books and characters, with pupils and staff amazing us with their fact-finding skills and outfits! All KS2 pupils also got very creative designing fantastic posters to advertise the library, the best of which have been chosen to display. Many thanks to Claire Mansfield and Amy Onyango, our very own parent authors of the Feltnarn Friends series, who came in as special guests to officially open the new library. A HUGE thank you to everyone who generously **sponsored a new library book** (or more!) - thanks to Mrs Cowan’s beautiful bookplates and the organisation skills of our Year 6 pupils, these are all now on display and in use on the shelves. Do call in to visit our lovely new library soon to see for yourselves! The whole school is also very excited to be taking part in a **special project with our friend, local author-artist Claire Griffel, writing, illustrating and publishing our very own book!** This term, everyone has taken part in art and writing workshops and lessons to develop ideas and get the book underway, with Class 4 now in charge of putting it all together, with the publishing date in May. Our pupils have planned for the book, through story, art and a non-fiction section, to teach its readers about aspects of Geography and RE, different cultures and the moral importance of our Christian Values. It will also be translated into French and shared with our link school in Senegal. We hope that proceeds from sales will go to support our link work. As part of our RE work as well as our books focus,

earlier this term we held a very successful whole-school **multi-faith day with a focus on Holy Books**, including workshops led by NISCU, Rev Angela, Mr Patel and Hassan, as well as our own staff and pupils of the Collective Worship Committee. Further study of Christianity and The Bible in RE has focussed on our entrance hall display of **'The Big Frieze'** – using art to inspire and develop our learning. Class 2 also enjoyed an exciting **visit to The Quaker Tapestry** in Kendal last week, which again made learning in RE and local history come alive through story-telling and creative art/design work – many thanks to all at the Tapestry, Mrs Hopkins and our other staff and parent helpers who enabled this visit to happen, as well as the PTA for helping to fund it. Class 3 are looking forward to their own Quaker Tapestry workshop this Friday, where Class 2 pupils and visiting artist Josh of Ragtag Arts, will further develop ideas from the Tapestry with them in school.

### **Other visits, events and fundraising**

Thanks to an exciting **visit from local astronomer, Stuart Atkinson**, Class 2 found out lots more about their Space topic this term. As a result of special invitation letters from pupils, Stuart spent a busy morning in school sharing a space tour with the help of his newly published book for children, 'A cat's guide to the night sky' and cute cat puppet, Felicity! The whole school enjoyed taking part in world **Down Syndrome awareness day** last week by wearing odd socks and taking part in a very informative, special assembly led by Mrs Nelson and some extremely confident young pupil helpers! £33.25 was also raised towards our learning pod. We had a very successful **Number Day** early in the term doing lots of Maths activities across school and raising £489.90 for the NSPCC. Thanks to the School Council pupils also for organising our **Comic Relief Day** activities, which also raised £107.64 to be shared between our learning pod and the Red Nose charities.

### **Learning Pod news**

As noted above, we have this term begun fundraising and planning for a **new 'Learning Pod'**. This will provide a much-needed new, exciting outdoor/indoor learning space for the teaching of 1-1 support work and small groups and be sited on some of our current yard space near to the front entrance. We are currently getting quotations from various local 'pod' designers, including some fantastic ideas such as a living roof, which will make the building both eco-friendly and even more educational. The estimated cost is approximately £10,000, including lighting and heating. We will let you know more information when available and hopefully, the pupils will be able to help us choose the final design! The PTA and pupils will be fundraising towards the pod project over the rest of this year and Governors have agreed to use some of our capital and sports/health and wellbeing funding to help fund it, as well as research some additional grant funding.

### **School grounds news**

As Spring has finally arrived, it has been lovely to see the school grounds coming back to life! Many thanks to our caretaker, Dave Nelson, for keeping things looking tidy. Huge thanks also to the work of Mrs Nelson, Mrs Sampson and Miss Davies, plus some additional pupil help, for **beautifully re-planting the tubs and planters at the front of school and around the grounds**. If you look carefully, you will also spot the fantastic **pebble art created by Mrs Sampson and pupils** – but please can we remind everyone that the pebbles are to enhance our grounds and pupils' learning, not to be removed off site!

### **PTA news**

Many thanks to the PTA and all who supported or helped out at the popular **Movie Club** and **Cake Stalls** this term. Don't forget to send in money for the **Mothers' Day Stall** to be held on Friday this week; gifts will be priced at £1, £2 and £3 and please send any money in a named purse or envelope – thank you.

### **Lent events news and looking forward to Easter**

We have been enjoying a variety of Lent-themed activities in school this half term, beginning with fun **Shrove Tuesday pancake-making** and a special **Ash Wednesday service** impressively organised and led by our pupil Collective Worship Committee. As Holy Week and the Easter weekend fall after the holiday this year, we will be holding our annual **decorated egg competition for the whole school**, making **Easter gardens** and decorating Easter biscuits in Classes 1 and 2 and holding a special **Easter Open The Book service** in church all during the first week back in school – week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> April. For the Easter egg competition, please send in your entries to school any day that week, for judging on the Thursday (there will be a small prize for the winning entries in each class) – all designs welcome for a decorated egg, the more egg-citing and egg-travagant the better!

## Uniform

**Just a reminder that uniform is available to order online all year round** – please see the school website at [www.oldhuttonschool.org.uk](http://www.oldhuttonschool.org.uk) (prospective parents' page, school uniform policy) for the link to use or go directly to [http://www.conistonshop.com/Old-Hutton-CE-Primary-School\\_118/school/index.php](http://www.conistonshop.com/Old-Hutton-CE-Primary-School_118/school/index.php). Any questions, please contact Angela in the school office.

## Pupil collection arrangements reminder

Please can all parents/carers ensure that they let us know – ideally by email or phone call to the office - well in advance of any changes to pick-up arrangements for your child/ren at the end of the day. It is **essential for safeguarding reasons that we always know beforehand exactly who will be collecting your child, whether they are on the bus or in an extra-curricular club or After School Club**. Please also ensure that you let us know any changes in advance relating to permissions or transport/collection arrangements for events happening outside school hours or at different venues. Thank you.

## Plans for next term

Please see the **attached diary dates** for events planned so far next term – more updates and details will follow during the Summer Term – there are many exciting things coming up to look forward to! There will be whole-school focus on the themes of **The Lakes/our local area** (including weather, rocks/fossils and plants) and **Creation**; and Class 4 will also be studying Invaders/Settlers (Saxons/Romans) and Forces. If you have any ideas or resources to share or support our learning in these topics, please let us know.

With best wishes from,



**Andrea Walker**  
Head teacher

**Diary Dates** (more details to follow for many of these events later in the Summer term)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Quaker Tapestry arts Workshop in school for Y3&Y4 - morning

PTA Mothers' Day stall - morning

End of Spring term Concert with presentation to Simon Willis, retiring Chair of Governors, in school – 1.15-1.45pm – ALL WELCOME!

**TERM ENDS AT 2PM**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

KKS 'moving up evening' for Y5s & parents – 5.30-6.30pm

SCHOOL BEGINS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF SUMMER TERM

Easter egg competition all week – please bring in entries by Thursday

**No extra-curricular clubs this week**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Special Easter Open The Book led by Y6 in Church 2.45pm-3.15pm - ALL WELCOME!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Extra Curricular Clubs begin this week

Cyclewise begins all week for YR5 pupils

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Ski competition KS2 3.00-7pm at Kendal Ski Slope

Governors Finance meeting Governors 9am

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Stone age/Iron age workshop for Class 4 – all day, in school

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Class 4 Residential Information meeting for parents – 3.30-4.30pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Class 3 Residential - Hawkshead

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Y6 SATs week

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

QKS Moving up information evening for Y5s & parents - 6pm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class 4 SATs party afternoon
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Dance Arts Award for Y6 starts weekly
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	HALF TERM
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2 <sup>ND</sup> HALF OF SUMMER TERM
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>NO FOOTBALL CLUB</b> School photos – groups – 9am
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	QKS 'Getting ready evening' for Y6 Y1 Phonics test week Y4 Tables test trial week
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Class 4 Residential – Whithaugh Park
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Scholastic Book Fair starts in school for one week KKS Y6 parent/pupil evening 5.30 – 7.30pm
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Moving up morning/day for whole school QES Y6 Moving up morning Governors meeting 6.30-8.30pm
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	YR5 KKS musical at the Brewery
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME! Pupil Parliament
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class 1 & Class 2 Farm visit
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Y3/Y4 Olympic day at KKS
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	QKS Y6 Induction Day and Evening
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Multi Faith Day for whole school – Creation
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME! Leavers' Service in church 1.15-2.15 – ALL WELCOME! Followed by Leavers' Tea in Village Hall 2.15pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>TERM ENDS AT 2PM</b>

### **School Year dates 2019-20**

#### **Autumn Term 2019**

Staff training day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Spring Term 2020**

Staff training day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### **Summer Term 2020**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Good Friday Holiday: 10<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Monday Holiday: 13<sup>th</sup> April

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May