



Old Hutton C of E School

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Start of Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas holiday. Welcome back to school and the start of another busy term – please find the latest school news, events coming up and reminders to note below...

Sponsor a book!

We are very excited to begin 2019 with a new initiative to launch our special focus on books and reading this term: **sponsor a book!** This is part of our new library refurbishment project, which was begun in the summer holidays and last term, with the school library being re-roofed (no more leaks!) and decorated; all the old, sun-/rain-damaged and out-of-date books removed; and the library service visiting to set up a brilliant new Dewey classification system, which was also explained to our new Y6 librarians! All this work has created a super new library resource for everyone to use, but one which is now in need of plenty new books to properly support our teaching and learning across the curriculum. We would really welcome your help with this! Therefore **we are asking every family if you would like to sponsor one (or more!) of the new non-fiction books we have just purchased at £5 per book. In exchange, we will place a special bookplate with your child/ren's and/or family name in the front.** We have 111 new books, so there are plenty for everyone! **Please complete the attached slip and send in to school by Friday 25th January**, if you would like to take part. Our Y6 librarians will then catalogue the books and we can all start to enjoy using them! Our new library will be officially 're-opened' at a special event to which parents will be invited as part of our World Book Day celebrations later this term – more details later.

Pupil news

We said a sad goodbye to **Chloe** (Y6) and her family at the end of last term. The school roll is now 101 pupils.

Staff news

We also said goodbye and thank you for all her hard work to **Miss Sally Robinson** who had been with us as a temporary part of the teaching assistant team last term and left for a full-time post. In her place, we welcome **Mrs Sarah Hartley**, who will be working as a 1-1 TA in Class 3 every morning and **Miss Sam Dixon**, who joined us during last term, will now work full time as a 1-1 TA in Class 3. There are also changes to the After-School Club team this term, with **Mrs Katrina Awesome** leaving this post to concentrate fully on her role as provider of our Awesome Family Lunches and lunchtime supervisor. We would like to say a huge thank you to Katrina for her hard work taking such good care of the pupils attending ASC over the last 2 years. **Miss Sam Dixon** has now replaced Katrina as assistant ASC leader. Sadly we will also be saying goodbye to **Miss Lucy Ramsbottom** at the end of this half term. Lucy has been with us as part-time TA & ASC leader for the last 2 years and been a key part of our school team – we will all miss her! More details to follow soon about the recruitment of a new TA & ASC leader.

Governor news

We are also saying another goodbye this term to one of our longest-serving governors, **Mr Simon Willis**, who has also been Chair of Governors for nearly 5 years. He has decided to resign from the governing body due to taking on new roles in his job as an outdoor education advisor in North Yorkshire. We are all extremely sad to lose him, as he has been an excellent support and guide for the school community and has worked very hard in so many different ways for OHS over the years. We are planning to say a formal farewell to Simon during a special assembly at some point during the term, to which all parents and governors will be invited – more details later. Until the governors elect a new Chair, hopefully later this term, our current Vice-Chair of Governors, Rev Angela, is stepping up as Acting Chair. We will also be appointing a new governor and will keep you informed of this process.

Fundraising news

A huge thank you to everyone for helping us **raise a wonderful £374 over last term** through various events and collections to go to our chosen charity, **'Help for Heroes'**. We were thrilled to hear from parent and Governor Claire Toone that the **NatWest bank**, where she works and who invited our school choir to go along and sing carols before Christmas at their Kendal branch, have **very kindly agreed to add on another £250 to our funding and so our total has now reached £624!** Thank you Claire and NatWest!

We have decided that the majority of **this term's fundraising events will be focused for a change on our own school's needs: new books for the library and the provision of a pod!** The pod will be a much-needed additional, exciting teaching and learning space for small groups, with lighting and heating, situated in the area outside but close to the main school building (either to the front or side of school) – watch this space for more 'pod news' coming soon! Any fundraising ideas very welcome!

Plans for the term

Across the whole school this term, we are focusing in different ways on the Science-based theme of **Space** together with additional History study of **Famous People (Class 1 and 2), Ancient Egypt (Class 3) and Stone Age to Iron Age (Class 4)**. Our Christian Value focus is **Courage** and in RE we are studying **Holy Books** (linking to our cross-curricular books/reading focus), with a particular focus on **Christianity/The Bible**, plus a special multi-faith Holy Books day in February and visits to the Quaker Tapestry. At the beginning of February, we will further develop our book theme through a new venture with our author and artist friend, **Claire Griffel**, which will hopefully result in our pupils working together with Claire in English, Art and French, **to write, illustrate and publish our very own book!** We plan to also include some work from our twin school in Senegal – a very exciting project to look forward to! Any ideas or resources to help us with any of these plans will be welcome! If you wish to see more detailed plans for our teaching, please get in touch with individual teachers.

Car parking safety reminder

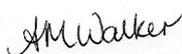
We remain very much aware of the fact that traffic congestion and parking outside school at the beginning and end of the school day continues to be a very challenging issue. As a priority, we are continuing to monitor this and our Governors are working on further ideas to improve the situation; the local and district councils are also supporting us, for example, by getting the speed warning lights fixed outside school and investigating provision of additional car parking space and/or bus transport. In the meantime, please can we remind everyone of the parents' **car-share buddies scheme (contact Sam Scarr on 07917716070); to make use of breakfast and after-school clubs when you can (especially the daily 8:30am drop-off, Monday Weekly Mile and our many free extra-curricular clubs)** which will also ease congestion; and to always 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.

Another parking-related issue which has been raised recently is the **problem of cars being parked with engines left running** for some time in the car park and school vicinity. Please can we ask that parents do try to avoid doing this. The Highway Code and motoring organisations such as the RAC advise that a car engine should not be left running unnecessarily while parked. This is because of the air pollution which is caused by fumes emitted from an idling car, harmful both to health and the environment. It is especially to be discouraged near to schools due to the fact that children are more vulnerable to damage from increased emissions. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Uniform

Just a reminder that uniform is available to order online all year round – please see the school website at 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. Any issues, please contact Angela in the school office.

With best wishes from,



Andrea Walker, Head teacher

Please return this slip by Friday 25th January to the school office along with payment.

I would like to sponsor books for the new library and enclose cash/cheque (payable to Old Hutton CE School) for £.....

Name Date

Name/s I would like mentioned on the bookplate/s

Diary Dates for Spring Term 2019 (more details to follow for many of these events later in the term)

Monday 14th January	Weekly mile run starts weekly 8.30-8.50am – meet in the village hall Chess & Draughts club starts weekly, Y5&Y6 lunchtime NO FOOTBALL CLUB
Tuesday 15th January	Sports Fitness club starts weekly, KS1&KS2 3.30-4.15pm Homework club starts weekly, Y5&Y6 lunchtime
Wednesday 16th January	Class 3 swimming weekly 9.00am – Leisure centre Eco Club starts weekly, KS1&KS2 lunchtime Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME! Warhammer club starts weekly, KS2 3.30-4.30pm Dance club starts weekly, KS1&KS2 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 17th January	Mindfulness colouring club starts weekly, KS1&KS2 lunchtime
Friday 18th January	KS1 Gymnastics Festival at QKS – TBC Choir starts weekly, KS1&KS2 lunchtime
Monday 21st January	Football club starts weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 23rd January	NO ECO CLUB Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Friday 25th January	RSPB Big Birdwatch weekend
Monday 28th January	Safeguarding staff meeting – all teachers & TAs – 3.30-5pm
Wednesday 30th January	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Thursday 31st January	PTA movie night
Friday 1st February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 4th February	Claire Griffel in – writing a book event/week SEN Staff meeting – all teachers & TAs – 3.30-5pm
Wednesday 6th February	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Monday 11th February	NO FOOTBALL CLUB Staff 1 st Aid training for some teachers, TAs & lunchtime staff – all day
Tuesday 12th February	Whole-school multi-faith event: Holy books focus - TBC
Wednesday 13th February	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Thursday 14th February	Governors training session – 5.30pm
Friday 15th February	PTA cake stall after school
Monday 18th February	HALF TERM
Monday 25th February	SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2 ND HALF SPRING TERM Weekly mile run continues weekly 8.30-8.50am – meet in the village hall Chess & Draughts club continues weekly, YR5&YR6 lunchtime Football club continues weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 26th February	Sports Fitness club continues weekly, KS1&KS2 3.30-4.15pm Homework club continues weekly, Y5&Y6 lunchtime
Wednesday 27th February	Class 3 swimming continues weekly 9.00am – Leisure centre Eco Club continues weekly, KS1&KS2 lunchtime Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME! Warhammer club continues weekly, KS2 3.30-4.30pm Dance club continues weekly, KS1&KS2 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 28th February	Mindfulness colouring club continues weekly, KS1&KS2 lunchtime
Friday 1st March	Choir continues weekly, KS1&KS2 lunchtime

Monday 4th March	Staff 1 st Aid training for some teachers, TAs & lunchtime staff 3.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 5th March	Full Governors finance meeting 9am Full Governors meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day – library ‘re-opening’ & other book events – more details to follow
Saturday 9th March	Swimathon at Kendal Leisure Centre
Monday 11th March	NO FOOTBALL
Wednesday 13th March	KS2 Cross Country Race – more details to follow
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day – more details to follow
Monday 18th March	Staff 1 st Aid training for some teachers, TAs & lunchtime staff 3.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 19th March	Brewery Dance evening Y5&Y6
Wednesday 20th March	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME! Parents evening - TBC
Thursday 21st March	Y3&Y4 Quicksticks Hockey Festival at QKS
Monday 25th March	Open Afternoon – 1.30-3.30pm Parents evenings – timings TBC later
Tuesday 26th March	Big Play concert at Brewery Y3&Y4 YR5 Moving up evenings at KKS some time this week
Friday 29th March	End of term Concert – more details to follow TERM ENDS AT 2PM

School Term dates – 2018-19

Spring Term 2019

Tuesday 8th January – Friday 29th March

Half Term Holiday: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Summer Term 2019

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July

Good Friday Holiday: Friday 19th April

Easter Monday Holiday: Monday 22nd April

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May