Huntington Community Primary School

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A Message from Mr Erne

Dear Huntington Families,

What a fortnight it has been at Huntington. I have spoken before about being in my listening phase as your new Headteacher, and I mean that sincerely — but weeks like this one remind me that there is so much to celebrate whilst I am listening.

Our Year 3 children returned from Robinwood full of stories and well-earned pride. Our Year 6 children sat their SATs with a composure and quiet determination that genuinely moved me. And our PTA — ever generous — arranged an ice cream van to mark the occasion in the best possible way.

Alongside all of that, our Geography Explorer Challenge is up and running, National Numeracy Day is on the horizon, and the school is buzzing with the kind of purposeful energy that tells you something special is being built here.

We are heading into the final stretch before half-term, and I want to say this simply: Huntington is a wonderful school. I see it every day in the way your children carry themselves, in the dedication of our staff, and in the warmth of this community. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Enjoy the weekend — and do look out for the emails about the Explorer Challenge and our Big Number Natter!

Warmly,* Mr David Erne *Headteacher, Huntington Community Primary School

Dates for the Diary

Fri 22 May	INSET Day — school closed to pupils
Mon 25 May	Half-term begins — school closed
Mon 1 June	Children return to school after half-term
Fortnight from 1 June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check window
W/b 8 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
17 June	Nursery Sports Day
18 June	Rec/Y1 and Y2 Sports Day
26 June	Nursery and Y1-Y5 class photographs
17–19 June	Year 6 Residential Trip

National Numeracy Day-20th May

One of the things I have noticed most since joining Huntington is the behaviour of our children. *In classrooms, in corridors, at lunch, and on the playground — the conduct I have observed has been genuinely impressive. Children are kind to one another, respectful to adults, and committed to doing the right thing. That does not happen by accident. It is a reflection of the values your families instil at home and the culture our staff work hard to sustain every day.*

It is important to me that we recognise this. Too often, behaviour only gets mentioned when something goes wrong. I want Huntington to be a place where doing the right thing is noticed, named, and celebrated.

That is why I have introduced two new ways of acknowledging our children each week.

Every Friday at our whole-school celebration assembly, I will be presenting ***Headteacher Awards*** *to children who have been spotted by staff trying their very best — in their learning, in their relationships, or simply in the way they go about their day. Staff across the school are actively looking out for these moments, and I love that this is already becoming part of our weekly rhythm.*

I have also asked every class teacher to send home a ***Postcard*** *each week to one child in their class — a personal note to acknowledge something brilliant they have done. If one lands on your doormat, please do make a fuss of your child. They have earned it.*

There is so much to be proud of at Huntington. I am delighted to be here to celebrate it with you.

Year 3 Residential Trip

Our Y3 children had a wonderful residential trip to Robinwood. They took part in a full range of outdoor activities and challenged themselves over the three days. You should be very proud of the way in which they conducted themselves, their respectful manners and positive attitudes were commended by all staff. I would also personally like to thank all of our staff who took time away from their families to ensure our children had an amazing experience and helped them to create so many happy memories.

PTA News

Our fantastic PTA work tirelessly to enrich the lives of every child at Huntington. Here is what is coming up:

- **Friday 15th May – Bingo (5:00–7:00pm)**
- **Friday 26th June – Summer Fair (3:15–6:00pm)**

If you would like to get involved with the PTA, please email (pta.huntingtonprimary@gmail.com). New members are always warmly welcomed!

Geography Competition-Huntington Scavenger Hunt/The Huntington Explorer Challenge

We would love families to take part in this fun, outdoor activity designed to get children exploring their local area while developing important geographical skills.

Why are we doing this?

Geography is about understanding the world around us and there's no better place to start than our own local area - Huntington! This challenge encourages children to be active, curious, and engaged with their surroundings while spending quality time outdoors with family.

Please look out for the email with parent information about how you can take part. We have an EYFS competition and a Y1-Y6 competition.

Year 6 SATs — 11 to 14 May

What an incredible week our Year 6 children have had. From Monday to Thursday, they sat their SATs with a maturity, focus, and quiet determination that made every member of staff immensely proud. Attending SATs Breakfast each morning, I was struck by how composed and ready they were — and by the calm, supportive atmosphere our Year 6 team worked so hard to create around them.

SATs are just one snapshot of everything these children are capable of. What cannot be measured in a test paper is the kindness they show one another, the effort they bring every day, and the remarkable young people they are becoming. We see all of that — and it is extraordinary.

To our Year 6 children: you did brilliantly. Now it is time to enjoy the rest of your final term at Huntington. The very best is still ahead of you.

A huge thank you also to our Year 6 team for the care and encouragement they gave throughout the week, and to our families for making sure children arrived rested and ready. It truly makes a difference.

PTA Treat for Year 6 — Ice Cream Van!

As a special treat to celebrate the end of SATs week, our wonderful PTA organised an ice cream van visit for all of our Year 6 children — and what a well-deserved surprise it was! Seeing the smiles on their faces as they came out to collect their ice creams was a perfect end to a big week.

We are so grateful to the PTA for thinking of our children and for making moments like this happen. They work quietly and generously behind the scenes to enrich school life in so many ways, and this was a lovely reminder of just how much they do.

National Numeracy Day-20th May

Huntington are delighted to let you know that, as a school community, we will be celebrating National Numeracy Day this year. Maths and numbers can sometimes evoke strong feelings, both positive and negative. For some, maths brings confidence and enjoyment; for others, it may bring anxiety or difficult memories. We know that classroom experiences can last a lifetime, and we want our school to be a place where every child and adult feels supported in building positive relationships with numbers. Big Number Natter: Why "Natter" About Numbers? As part of our celebrations, we will be taking part in the Big Number Natter.

Look out for the email with more information about this.