HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Learn to Live, Live to Learn"

A Very Warm Welcome Back!

What a wonderful week it has been! It has been an absolute joy to welcome every single child back through our gates this week, and to see our school buzzing again with energy, laughter and that unmistakable energy of a new school year beginning. On behalf of all the staff at Huntington, I want to say a huge welcome back to all our returning families, and an especially warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for the very first time.

This year promises to be one of our most exciting yet. We have a new EYFS provision, new opportunities, and a whole school community ready to learn, grow and achieve together. Whatever this year brings, I know that with the effort of our brilliant staff, the support of our families, and the enthusiasm of our children, it is going to be a fantastic year for Huntington Community Primary School.

Wonderful Beginnings: Our New EYFS Provision

This September we are enormously proud to open our brand-new EYFS provision, Seedlings, home to our Nursery and Reception classes. **I would like to give a very special mention and heartfelt thanks to Mrs Hardisty and Mrs Thomson, our joint EYFS Leads,** whose vision, dedication and tireless hard work over the summer have made this amazing new provision possible. From designing a rich and stimulating continuous provision to preparing every last detail of our new classrooms and outdoor learning areas, their commitment has been exceptional, and it shows in every corner of Seedlings. I would also like to thank our PTA for their much-appreciated donation towards the costs of the new equipment, this is a great example of parents and school working together to make our school even better.

Our youngest children have started their Huntington journey in a space designed especially for them to explore, play and learn, and it has been a genuine pleasure to see them settling in so happily this week. Thank you, Mrs Hardisty and Mrs Thompson, from all of us.

Open Days: Reception Places for September 2027

Do you know a family with a child starting school in September 2027? We would love to welcome them to look around!

Open Day date(s) and time(s):

Saturday 12th September 9.30am-12pm

Tuesday 22nd September 9.30am-11.30am

Monday 28th September 1.30pm-3pm

Book your visit-call us on 01244506450 or email admin@huntington.cheshire.sch.uk

Please do share this with friends, family and neighbours – word of mouth is one of the very best ways for new families to discover everything Huntington has to offer.

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What a Fantastic Start!

I have to say a huge well done to every single child. Walking around school this week, I have been so impressed by how smart everyone looks in their school uniform – you have all made us so proud, looking every inch the confident, ready-to-learn Huntington pupils that you are.

Just as impressive has been everyone's attitude and behaviour since returning. Children have come back into school with excellent manners, real enthusiasm for their learning, and a genuine kindness towards one another. Settling back into our routines after a long summer break is not always easy, and the way our children have done this – with maturity, positivity and good humour – speaks volumes about them, and about the values instilled at home. Thank you, and well done to you all.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 7 September	Digital Wizards Assembly
Thursday 10 September	Early Help Navigators in School for Parents
Wednesday 23 September	Y6 Stockport Air Raid Shelter Trip
Thursday 24 September	Y2 and Y6 Dance Workshop
Thursday 15 October	Y3/4 Deva Roman Experience Trip
Friday 16 October	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 19 October	Parent/Carer Evening
Wednesday 21 October	Parent/Carer Evening
Monday 26 October	Half term

Every Day Counts: The Importance of Attendance

Attendance really does matter, and I am delighted to say that Huntington's attendance has consistently been excellent – last year our overall attendance was 96.7%, well above the national average of 94.7%. This is something we should all be proud of, and it reflects the value our whole community places on being in school, ready to learn, every single day.

Every day a child is absent is a day of learning, friendship and opportunity missed, and even small amounts of absence can add up significantly over a school year. As we begin this new academic year, we would ask every family to help us build on this excellent record: aim for 100% attendance wherever possible, let the school office know promptly if your child is unwell, and try to avoid booking holidays during term time. Together, we can make sure every child gets the very best start to the year.

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Early Help Navigators

What is the Early Help Navigator Service?

The Early Help Navigators are part of the **Early Help & Prevention Service** run by Cheshire West & Chester Council. They're based in local children's centres and community venues and hold "drop-in" sessions for families to come and talk informally.

They help with:

- Signposting and explaining what local services are available
- Offering advice or a listening ear on everyday challenges (housing, money, parenting, mental health stress, etc.)
- Helping complete forms or applications
- Supporting families to navigate systems (for example, school support, health services, council services)
- Sometimes attending appointments with families (if needed)
- Helping coordinate a "Team Around the Family" (TAF) approach when needed

Typically, their support is short-term (e.g. up to 10–12 weeks) and is aimed at preventing problems escalating. They follow a "whole-family" approach, meaning they look at the broader context, not just individual issues, and aim to build resilience within the family.

Local Drop-In Session in Huntington Community Primary School

The early help navigators hold drop-in session on Thursday 10th September. These sessions are open to all families; no referral is needed. You can just turn up and ask for advice, support or information.

Venue: Huntington Community Primary School

Day: Thursday 10th September

Time: 8.30am onwards

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and here's to a brilliant year ahead.



Mr. David Erne

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