



Newsletter

9th February 2024



Message from the CEO

Dear Parents,

We understand the importance of keeping you informed about the current staffing situation at Hutchinson Memorial First School, so we wanted to provide some clarity on the current situation. As you may be aware, Mrs. Snee is currently of work due to illness. To ensure continuity in leadership, Mrs. Cairns, our Executive Headteacher, is temporarily assuming her responsibilities. Rest assured, we will keep you updated on Mrs. Snee's return to work as soon as we have any developments.

On another note, we are pleased to inform you that since Mrs. Owen's departure, we haven't had a vacant teaching position. Miss Johnson, a qualified Early Years teacher who is already familiar with both the children and the wider community, has seamlessly stepped into this role. However, I regret to inform you that Miss Johnson is currently unwell. In her absence, Miss Grady is providing continuity of care and education for the children until Miss Johnson's return.

We understand that this can cause some disruption but we hope this update provides some reassurance that we are working closely with the school to ensure its smooth running. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We value your understanding during this time.

Best regards,

Kerry Rochester

CEO

Online Safety Newsletter - February 2024

To read the online safety newsletter for February, please click [here](#)



NSPCC Number Day

Last Friday our school took part in the annual NSPCC 'Number Day' fundraiser!

We came to school dressed for digits and took part in some fun maths activities throughout the day. With your donations we managed to raise a total of **£83.50**, which will go towards funding the NSPCC's vital 'Speak out Stay Safe' programme. Thank you all so much for your support!



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World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March and we hope you'll join us to celebrate across the school. We are celebrating World Book Day this year because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

Dressing up or bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy. We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other.

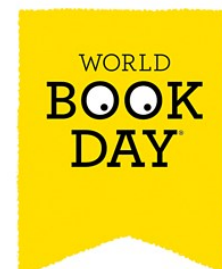
We are aware that the cost of living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we have organised the following to make sure that our World Book Day is fun and inclusive for all.

- We encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume!
- If you don't wish to dress up as a book character, simply come to school wearing your pyjamas or comfy clothes!

We have a range of exciting activities/workshops planned in school next term that are focused around World Book Day, which you can view on the next page under the 'Upcoming Dates' section.

When we return after half term we will be distributing our £1 book tokens, which you can use in your nearest bookseller by swapping it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day again this year, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you!





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Upcoming Dates for the Diary - Spring Term 2

- **Monday 19th February** - School reopens to students for the second half of the Spring term.
- **Friday 23rd February** - Laches Wood Consent Deadline
- **Monday 4th March** - Andy Tooze 'The Poet from the Peaks' to visit school
- **Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day
- **Monday 11th March** - Bringing Books to Life Workshop
- **Thursday 14th March** - Hedgehogs Class Trip to Warwick Castle
- **Monday 18th March - Wednesday 20th March** - Scholastic Book Fair in School
- **Friday 22nd March** - School closes for Easter Holidays
- **Monday 8th April** - School reopens to students for the first half of the Summer term.



More dates to follow as the term progresses

Tesco 'Stronger Starts'

Have you spotted us in Uttoxeter Tesco?

Our wonderful PTFA have managed to get us a slot in store as part of Tesco's 'Stronger Starts' community grant scheme. We are hoping to receive some funds to create a cozy and comfy reading area for our children to enjoy reading all of their favourite books in, along with a range of brand new books we have had in school this year!

So if you're popping into Tesco's over the next couple of months please make sure to pop your voting chips into our slot!



All of us staff at Hutchinson would like to say a huge thank you for your support this past half term and we wish you a safe and restful break.

We'll see you back in school on Monday 19th February!



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Spring Term 2 After School Clubs - Hunt4Sport

BOOK 4 SESSIONS AT JUST £16.95

£5 PER 1 SESSION

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

LATE PICK UP 2.50

T SHIRT PRIZES FOR HIGHEST PARTICIPATION

After School Clubs

MONDAY - MARTIAL ARTS

JOIN KICKBOXING, BOXING, AND KARATE CLASSES FOR A FULL-BODY WORKOUT THAT BUILDS FITNESS, CONFIDENCE, AND MENTAL WELL-BEING. SOFT EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED, AND THE CLASS HAS A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 15 KIDS.

TUESDAY- FOOTBALL TEAM

OUR FOOTBALL SESSIONS GUARANTEE A FUN TIME, PERFECT FOR SCHOOL EVENTS OR OUR OWN GATHERINGS. GET READY TO BECOME A CHAMPION ON THE PITCH!

WEDNESDAY- NETBALL TEAM

GET YOUR THROWING AND CATCHING SKILLS POLISHED WITH THESE NETBALL DRILLS! IMPRESS YOUR TEAMMATES AT THOSE SCHOOL MATCHES OR UNLEASH YOUR INNER NETBALL NINJA AT OUR NEXT EVENT!

THURSDAY - GYMNASTICS SQUAD

ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A GYMNASTICS SUPERSTAR? BRACE YOURSELF FOR A WILD RIDE OF BALANCING ON BEAMS, LEAPING OFF HIGH EQUIPMENT ONTO SOFT AND BOUNCY MATS!



3:30-4:30



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