



Summer Newsletter – June to July 2022

We've another half term behind us and the Queen's Jubilee made it somewhat of a Royal affair. Thank you to all those that joined us at the Platinum Jubilee Tea Party.

We return to pre-school refreshed and looking forward to a busy time of year as we countdown to the end of term.

Important Reminders

For any children moving up to Oak class in September the children will attend a Transition Afternoon on Thursday 14th July 11am-12pm. On Friday 15th July you have your new parents and children visit/picnic lunch. The school will give more details about this nearer the time.

Please remember that on the last day of term, Friday 22nd July, Ducklings will be finishing at 12pm. There will be **no** lunch club, afternoon session or afterschool club on this day.

Although Hunsdon JMI School return on Friday 2nd September, **Hunsdon Ducklings Pre-school will not return until Monday 5th September**, with breakfast club open as usual from 7.30am on that day.

Dates for Your Diary!

Father's Day Sandwich & Cuppa morning

Saturday 18th June – 9.30am to 11am

Inset Days

Friday 24th June & Monday 27th June

Hunsdon JMI School – Summer Fayre

Saturday 2nd July

Oak & Ducklings' Sports Day

Monday 4th July 9.30am

Bag 2 School Collection

Wednesday 13th July

Transition Day for Leavers

Thursday 14th July 11am-noon

Leavers/Parents School visit & picnic

Friday 15th July 12-2pm

Ducklings Presentation Day

Friday 22nd July 10.30am

End of Term

Friday 22nd July at noon

Hunsdon JMI School Fayre – Saturday 2nd July

Hunsdon JMI School will be holding their annual Summer Fayre on Saturday 2nd July. Ducklings will be running a Nearly New Toy Stall and are asking for donations of any toys/books that your child no longer play with.

Toys need to be in good re-sellable condition.

Please drop off at the porta-cabin by
Wednesday 29th June.

Donations welcomed

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on Monday 4th July at 9.30am on the school field. All Ducklings and their parents/grandparents are invited. We will be running the usual tea/coffee/cake stall on the day. Donations of cake and biscuits will be grateful on the day.

Please complete and return the Sports Day reply slip.

SAVE THE DATE

THE SOUL MAN. Friday 23rd September from 7.30pm, Hunsdon Village Hall. Performing soul classics and playing tracks from rock, pop to garage classics. **Tickets NOW ON SALE £10 per person.**

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lucy, who is now fully qualified having recently passed her NCFE CACHE Level 3 Early Years Educator course.



CONGRATULATIONS – all your hard work has paid off xxx

SHOW & TELL

Each week your child can bring in something relevant to the topic for that week e.g. a book, toy, picture, object or an event which they will share with their peers and staff during the week. If some weeks you do not have anything relevant, please do not worry as we have many resources the children can share.

Week commencing 6th June – Life Cycle of Plants

Week commencing 13th June – What Do I Look Like? / Photography

- Photos of you and your family

Week commencing 20th June – Looking After People – Police

- Draw a picture of someone who looks after you

Week commencing 27th June – Looking After Animals – Vet

- Photos of your pets. Bring in a cuddly toy or a book about your favourite animal

Week commencing 4th July – Sports & Tennis

- An object from your favourite sport

Week commencing 11th July – Sports/recap on Healthy Eating

- Bring in your favourite fruit

Week commencing 18th July – Last week of term

Please visit our website www.hunsdonducklings.co.uk for our Medium Plan, which outlines our curriculum in more detail.

Parents are more than welcome anytime to make an appointment to come and have a chat with your child's key worker about any issues or concerns you have and see their learning journey.



Reminders

Please could you ensure your child comes with a **spare set of clothes**. We do have a few spare sets, but it is always much nicer and easier to put a child in their own clothes if there has been an accident or they have got dirty.

Please can you also ensure your child has had **suncream** applied when the weather turns hot, and that they have **a hat** to put on for outside play. Pop the suncream in their bag and we will apply if extra is required.

Clothes and shoes should be labelled. Labels can be purchased via www.stikins.co.uk – use code 10330

We know that a cuddly toy or favourite cartoon character figurine can be soothing for your child to bring to school, and can sometimes mean getting out of the door on time but can we please politely request that **only one toy is brought into school whenever possible**.

If your child is going to be absent from pre-school or poorly, could you please let us know on the first day of absence either by phone 01279 841044 or email us info@hunsdonducklings.co.uk



As part of our continuing commitment to ensuring our children receive the best education start, we have decided to include a section on our newsletter on Home Learning.

Here, we will advise you of how you can support your child's learning at home through suggested activities or articles for you to read on child development.

At Ducklings, we regularly use cooking as a way to introduce a range of mathematical concepts to the children, as they use their hands and minds to create.

The link below, entitled, 'Five Ways You Can Help Your Child Practice Maths in the Kitchen' summarises five easy activities that you can do with your child at home to help them better their maths whilst helping you in the kitchen.

<https://akribian.com/blog-posts/5-ways-you-can-help-your-child-practice-maths-in-the-kitchen/>

After the support received from various fundraising events, we were able to raise enough funds for a fabulous outdoor classroom.

We'd like to say a massive thank you to Hamlet Builders for creating our wish, that will make such a difference to the children's learning experiences and means we can offer activities both inside and out.



Please complete and return by Tuesday 28th June

Sports Day Monday 4th July 9.30am

Child's name: would like/would not like to attend and take part in Sports Day.

Signed.....

Leavers Presentation Day Friday 22nd July 10.30am

All Ducklings children and parents, whether leaving us at the end of term or not, are invited to our Leavers Presentation Day on Friday 22nd July from 10.30am.

We will be celebrating the time we've shared with those children who are leaving us for Big School, with some tea & cake and a small presentation ceremony.

Please can you confirm below on how many of you will be attending.

Child's name:would like/would not like to attend Presentation Day.

Parent/carer will be attending: YES/NO

If so, how many adults will be attending?

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