



# Autumn Term

## WELCOME BACK!

We would like to say a very warm welcome to all the old and new children and their families who have joined us this term and hope they are settling in well. Thank you all so much for all the end of term gifts our staff received. We are always surprised at our parent's generosity. It's so nice to feel appreciated!

As you know, we have said a sad farewell to Gill & Hilary but have welcomed four new members of staff to the team. Lucy & Jo have joined our pre-school sessions, Anne assists breakfast club and Joanna, our afterschool club.

Thank you for your child's 'All About Me' booklet. As we begin to talk to the children about them, we will focus on how we are all different, whilst helping Ducklings develop their communication skills and recall information about themselves and their family.

## Dates for Your Diary!

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|   | <b><u>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September</u></b><br>OUTING: Going on a bus     | <b><u>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November</u></b><br>OCCASSIONAL DAY                                       |
|   | <b><u>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September</u></b><br>Hunsdon Celebrates!       | <b><u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br>DUCKLINGS CLOSES AT 1pm                             |
|  | <b><u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October</u></b>                                   | <b><u>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br>Ducklings & Toddlers Xmas Party with Sally Squiggles |
|  | HARVEST: Bring in a tin/non-perishable food                                   | <b><u>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br>Ducklings Christmas Concert                          |
|  | <b><u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October</u></b><br>Photography by Louise        | <b><u>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br>Breakfast with Santa                                  |
|  | <b><u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October</u></b><br>Clothes Swap Party           | <b><u>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – noon finish</u></b><br>END OF TERM                            |
|   | <b><u>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> October</u></b><br>HALF TERM | <b><u>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022</u></b><br>Start of Winter Term                             |
|  | <b><u>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November</u></b><br>School Fireworks Night        |  |

As we slowly come out of restrictive Covid measures, we are still having to follow government guidelines to keep our children, families and staff safe.

If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms – new or continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell and/or high temperature please keep your child at home and book a PCR test or speak with your GP.

We would be grateful that if your child is generally feeling unwell that you strongly consider keeping them at home, until they feel better, to protect other children and staff from possible infection.

Ducklings Pre-School is a charity, and we heavily rely on fundraising to be able to continue running. This is an area we have struggled to achieve since the Pandemic struck. If you have any suggestions of events you would be interested in attending, please let us know your ideas!



### Our next collection for Bag 2 School is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



Sign up and nominate Hunsdon Ducklings Pre-school as your cause and start generating free cash donations with each online purchase you buy through The Giving Machine

#### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Hunsdon Tittle Off  
Hunsdon Village Hall  
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW...  
Get your concoctions brewing !!!!

## STIKINS®

Label your children's clothes and possessions with Stikins personalised labels.

Order through [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) and use the fundraising code 10330.

#### CLOTHES SWAP PARTY - SAT 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Hunsdon JMI School Hall 7pm - 10pm

Help raise funds for a defibrillator for our school premises and Herts & Essex Air Ambulance.

Have a nose and grab some great quality clothing for you and your family whilst catching up with friends.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW £8

LICENSED BAR & RAFFLE



We are planning on having a Christmas raffle with some exciting prizes. If you or anyone you know would be able to source or offer prizes, we would be ever so grateful for your donations.



## THIS TERM .....

We have a very exciting curriculum planned for this term.

All details can be found on your **Show and Tell letter**, or on the **Hunsdon Ducklings 'Curriculum and Information' website** page.

### **DAY TRIP – GOING ON A BUS**

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**



**As part of our Wheels on the Bus topic**, we are going to take the children on a bus to Stanstead Abbots, have a little play in the park, and then get back on to return to school.

Please can you complete the permission slip on the last page of this newsletter and return by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September so that we can arrange appropriate numbers of staff.

If you would like to accompany us on the trip, please discuss with a member of staff.

Parents/Carers, you are more than welcome anytime to make an appointment to come and have a chat and see your child's learning journey.



Louise Photography will be visiting Ducklings on the morning of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 8am. If you would like your child to have their photo taken with siblings that attend the school, please arrive before 8.15am. Louise will also be popping down to Toddlers for our younger members to be papped.

### **Reminders**

If your child will not be attending Ducklings, please could you notify us via the Ducklings landline on **01279841044** or by email **info@hunsdonducklings.co.uk**. Please could you not notify staff on their personal mobiles in the evening or at weekends.

Could you also ensure your child comes with a **spare set of clothes**. It is really helpful if any clothing, water bottles and lunchboxes are **labelled with your child's name**.

Please bring your child's **welly boots and raincoat** in if it is raining or likely to rain. We like to try and get out for a run around, unless it is very heavy rain or particularly windy. If they have the right outdoor clothing, we can keep them as clean and dry as possible.



### **Hunsdon Celebrates – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2pm to 10.30pm**

Hunsdon Playing Fields

#### **!!!! HELP WANTED !!!!**

We will be running a tea & coffee stall on the day and are **looking for volunteers to help set up, serve and bake cakes**. Please pop in and let us know if you are available so we can allocate a time slot for you. We'd greatly appreciate all cake donations by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

BBQ – Licensed Bar – Tea Tent – Raffle – Live Music – Children's Entertainment

**DAY TRIP – Going on a Bus      Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

**We will be taking the children on the #351 bus to Stanstead Abbots on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Once there, we will have a little play in the park and then get a return journey back to the setting in time for our lunchtime session.**

**We aim to go rain or shine, so could you please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather on the day.**

**Please could you complete the permission slip below and return to the setting by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September:-**

**I do/do not give permission for my child to attend the Going on a Bus Day Trip.**

**Signed .....**

**I will/will not attend with my child on the day.**

**Signed .....**

**If you decide that you do not want your child to attend the trip, you are welcome to change their morning sessions to the afternoon. Please discuss this with a member of staff.**