

Welcome Back! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break.



Summer Term Curriculum – 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 25th April – Science

Week commencing 2nd May – Science (2)

- Objects that pull/push/spin or sink/float

Week commencing 9th May – Dinosaurs

- Favourite dinosaur book

Week commencing 16th May – Dinosaurs (2)

- Something that is shaped like a volcano, a painting or model of a volcano

Week commencing 23rd May – Planting

- Bring in some seeds for us to grow

Half Term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

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

Dates for Your Diary!

Bank Holiday – No school

Monday 2nd May

CAR BOOT SALE FUNDRAISER

Sunday 15th May – booking essential.
Book your pitch by Fri 29th April

OCCASSIONAL DAY – No school

Monday 16th May

Platinum Jubilee Party Day

Friday 27th May – more info to follow

Dress up in red, white and/or blue

Summer Half Term

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

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



This Term

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.



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.

The document attached provides information on the importance of E-Safety.

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.

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**.

SAVE THE DATE :

Father's Day Bacon Sandwich & Cuppa morning at Hunsdon Ducklings Pre-school



Saturday 18th June 9:30am to 11am

Enjoy some outside play time with your child whilst enjoying some breakfast



E-Safety

At Hunsdon Ducklings we promote the safe use of electronic devices, such as tablets, laptops and phones. Whilst the use of these devices is limited within our setting, we speak to the children about simple points to remember when in use.

Below is a checklist of online safety tips for parents of pre-school children, provided by www.internetmatters.org – a free online resource for every parent in the UK.

- ✓ **Put yourself in control** – Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-based devices.
- ✓ **Search safely** – Use safe search engines such as www.swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be used on Google (www.google.co.uk/safetycentre) and other search engines, as well as YouTube.
- ✓ **Set boundaries** – Start setting rules about when and for how long your child can use devices and start to introduce the subject of internet safety at the same time. Encourage children to use devices in a communal area, keep other devices out of reach and use passwords so they can't go online without asking you first.
- ✓ **Explore together** – Set your homepage to a child-friendly site such as CBeebies and give them a user account which only allows access to sites and apps you've chosen.
- ✓ **Help them learn through games** – Games are a great way for young children to explore the internet and learn about the world around them. Choose safe, fun and educational games free of charge from providers such as Fisher Price or about their favourite characters like Peppa Pig.

Other links you may find useful are:-

<https://www.hertsforlearning.co.uk/blog/keeping-your-children-safe-online-guide-families-children-under-5>

<https://www.hertsforlearning.co.uk/blog/screen-time-under-fives>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>

In conjunction with the school holding a Superhero Day for Arianna on Friday 29th April, we too invite all children that are attending a session that day to wear their favourite Superhero costume. Donations welcomed

www.justgiving.com/campaign/arianna

You can donate by texting 'ARIANNA' and any whole Number up to £20 to 70085



Bags 2 School

Bags 2 School is the same initiative as Phil the Bag, just a different company who offers us more money per kg.

We continue to collect unwanted textiles such as clothes, shoes, bags, old sheets etc, **but please no duvets or pillows**, and we send them away and earn money per kg. If you have any unwanted textiles, please bring into Ducklings in a bin bag. This is a great ongoing scheme and would be most grateful if you could donate anything.



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