



HIPPINGS NEWS

As a family we do our best with God in our hearts

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me:

Welcome to our October newsletter.

I can't believe we are almost at Half term! We are beginning to see lots of tired faces around school.

School closes today 20/10/2023 and re opens at 8.45 am on Monday 30/10/2023.

Have a lovely break!

Payments to School

Please may we remind you that all payments for School Dinners, Breakfast Club or Stay and Play must be paid and kept up to date. Please pay using the Eduspot, school pay system. We cannot guarantee places for clubs and school dinners(sandwiches will have to be brought from home) if payments are not made.

Children in Need 23

On Friday 17th November we will be supporting Children in Need. **This years campaign is BE SPOTACULAR!**

We would ,therefore, like the pupils to bring a donation of at least £1 and to wear their own clothes and wear something spotty. We love seeing how creative our families are!



School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children have returned to school dressed smartly and in the correct uniform. **Please ensure that all uniform items are named. We can not return uniform items to the correct pupils if they are not named.**

Please can we remind you that all headbands and ribbons should be in school colours only and must be small in size. Small gold or silver stud ear rings **ONLY** to be worn. No necklaces or bracelets to be worn. Girls school trousers should not be tight legging styles. School rucksacks must be small in size. Trainers and boots are not acceptable footwear. Black shoes only please. PE shorts should not be cycling shorts or skorts.

Attendance & Punctuality

Please make every effort to get your child to school each day and on time – it makes so much difference to their learning and future achievements.

The Government have also made changes to the rulings on taking children out of school in term times. With this in mind please see our Attendance Policy on the school's website. Holidays in term time will be unauthorised and may incur a fine.

The holiday list for 2023/2024 can also be found on the school website.

No Smoking Policy

Lancashire County Council schools are all no smoking zones. This includes E cigarettes. Please do not smoke in the school grounds. Thank you

Asthma

If your child is asthmatic please ensure a spare inhaler is in school and you have completed the asthma plan that is on the website.

Nut Allergies

We have a number of children and staff in school with nut allergies. Could I please ask that products containing nuts are not put in lunch boxes or bags. Thank you.



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Car Parking

We have had a number of 'near misses' where parents have reversed into the school gateways as others are walking past and where parents have refused to give way to each other almost causing an accident. Please be mindful of others and ensure cars are parked and driven safely on the roads around school. Please also be mindful of the local residents and do not park across their driveways etc. **Cars should not drive up Alice Street . This is a cul de sac and cars pulling up at the top are causing issues for people who are walking to school**

Dogs on School Premises

Please can we remind you that **dogs are not allowed on school premises** due to health & safety. This includes dogs being carried inside coats.

Please do not tie your dog up on school property (inside the entrances to school or just outside the entrances. We have a number of children who are scared of dogs and are becoming increasingly anxious when they have to walk past them at the school gates.

Thank you

Scooters/Bikes

Can we please ask that if your child comes to school on Scooters/Bikes they dismount before entering school grounds. It is dangerous for themselves and others to be riding around the playground.

Due to the number of adults and children on the playground before and after school, children should not run around, play games or climb on rocks or benches. This is for the safety of all children.

National Online safety

We are very concerned with the dangers that are present on the internet and so have joined up with National Online safety. This provides lots of advice for keeping children safe in a digital world when using tablets, phones, play stations, X boxes, computers etc. To become a National online safety school we need parents to enrol on the site. Please follow the link below. And help us keep all pupils safe and achieve National online safety status.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/hippings-methodist-primary-school>

Congratulations

Congratulations to our parents and grandparents who have been completing the Triple P parenting course with Child and Family Well Being.

Primary and Secondary School Admissions (September 2024)

For Lancashire resident families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2024 the means of application is via Lancashire's online system at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

(then search "school admissions")

This went live on 1 September 2023. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt for all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed online application.

The closing dates for applications are:

31 October 2023 – Secondary

15 January 2024 – Primary

You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school



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Poppy sale and other items

We will, once again, be selling poppies and other related items after the half term holiday to support the British Legion. Children should bring their donations to school in a named envelope with the amount on and the items that they require.

Snap Bands - £1.50

Key rings and wrist bands - £1.00

Zip tags -£ 0.50

Poppies – a minimum donation of 50p



Wrap Up Lancashire

We are once again supporting the
'Wrap Up Lancashire' Campaign

If you have any coats that you or your children no longer wear then please send them into school or put in our collection box in the entrance. We will be collecting coats after half term too. Please support this worthy charity and have a look over half term to see if you have any spare coats.

Thank you



Bonfire Night.

We know that many families may participate in organised Bonfire nights and would like everyone to have fun and stay safe.



See Saw

See saw is our school platform for homework, Online work and messages from class teachers. Please ensure you are signed up. If you are not sure what to do please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to help you.

FOHS Disco

The school disco will take place on Friday 17th November: Rec and KS1 5.30 til 6.30

KS2 6.45 til 8.15

An email was sent out earlier in the week with a link to book and pay.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhippingsschool/?sk=6w68yRYA>

Tower Wood

Well done to the year 6 pupils who have had an amazing 3 days at Tower Wood in the Lake District. Thank you to the staff who have given up their time to make this possible.

