



HIPPIINGS NEWS

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

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me: Philippians 4 verse 13

Welcome to our **February** newsletter.

What a short half term but it has been packed with lots of exciting events. We are very proud of all our pupils and how hard they are working to reach their full potential.

Newsletters and Diary dates can also be found on the school website at: www.hippings.lancs.sch.uk.

Mobile Phones

In the interest of safeguarding, mobile phones should not be used on school premises.

Your child looks forward to seeing you at the end of the day. Please greet them with a smile and give them your full attention without being on your phone.



Payments

Please may we remind you that all payments for Toast, School Dinners, Breakfast Club or Stay and Play must be paid on Monday mornings for that week. Please pay using the Eduspot, school pay system. If debts are not paid we will have to refuse access to these until payments are made. If you are experiencing difficulties please speak to Mrs Westwell or Mrs Ingham in the office. Please ensure letter responses are returned as soon as possible.

Absence

If your child is absent please leave a message on the dedicated absence line 01254 234089. Emails and Seesaw messages are sometimes getting missed and Mrs Ingham in the office needs to be able to account for every child.

Adverse Weather Conditions

We do not anticipate having to close the school during the winter months. However, in the event of heavy snowfall any closures will be put on the text messaging service, School Website, BBC Radio Lancashire. The decision to close school is never taken lightly, but we do have to consider the safety of pupils and staff (many of whom travel long distances to work).

Winter Weather

In the event of cold weather please can you ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, wellies etc..(all named)



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 **will not be authorised** and will be sent to the authority. This may mean you will be fined.

The holiday list for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 can also be found on the school website.

Food For Thought: If a child has a two week holiday in school time every year of their school life and has the average time off sick then they will miss a whole year of schooling. This is not good for their futures!

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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St David's Day and St Patrick's Day

On Friday 1st March it is Saint David's Day. If your child is in St David's Team/House they can wear yellow on that day. They do not have to wear school uniform if they are wearing yellow.

It is Saint Patrick's Day on March 17th. As this falls at the weekend then children who are in St Patrick's team/house can wear something green on Monday 18th March.

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>

Medical Appointments

Where possible please could you try to make medical appointments outside of the school day. Where this is not possible you will be required to show the appointment confirmation to the office. Please ensure Mrs Ingham in the office knows about the appointment in advance.

World Thinking Day

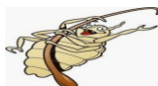
On Thursday 22nd February it is World Thinking Day. The first celebration of World Thinking Day was held on the joint birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the scout and guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.

If your son or daughter is a member of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts they are very welcome to wear their uniformed group uniform to school on this day. We have also agreed that any member of Boys or Girls Brigade can also wear their uniforms to school on this day.



Head Lice Alert!

We have had a number of cases of headlice in school. We do send text alerts out and speak to individual parents if we see them on a child. The best way to get rid of them is to smother your child's hair in conditioner every week (even if they don't appear to have them) and then comb through their hair with a nitty gritty comb (from the chemist). Unfortunately it is very easy to miss an egg and if this happens your child will be infected again within a very short space of time. Your child does not need to stay off school when treatment is taking place





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World Book Day

This Year's World Book Day will be held in school on Thursday 7th March. This year we would like the children to come dressed as a character from one of the books that they have read in class. Please do not feel that you have to go and buy a costume. The best costumes are often home made from items you have at home. Please see the class book lists below.

Reception:

Funny Bones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

<https://youtu.be/gweOq4OT-H0?feature=shared>

The Scarecrow's Wedding by Julia Donaldson

<https://youtu.be/UIHLnnJ-uFc?feature=shared>

Goldilocks and the 3 Bears

https://youtu.be/qOJ_A5tgBKM

Penguin by Polly Dunbar

<https://youtu.be/UCYMMUYRQdc>

Next week we're looking at a Mr Benn tv episode & straight after half term either Hansel & Gretel or The Gingerbread Man...

Year 1:

*Harry the happy mouse

*Supertato

*Lost and Found.

Next half term we will be reading 'Peter Rabbit'

Year 2:

The Way Home for Wilf

Rosa Parks

The Man on the Moon

Mossop's Last Chance (Spring 2)

Year 3:

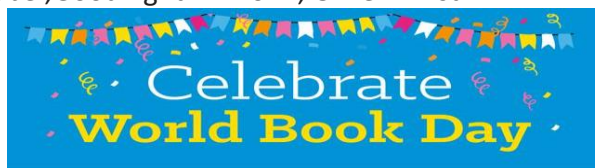
Lancashire Giant, Aesop's Fables, Paddington, The Iron Man

Year 4:

The Secrets of the Loch Ness Monster, Egyptian Cinderella, Pied Piper, Gulliver's Travels

Year 5:

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, Goodnight Mr Tom, Oliver Twist



Year 6:

The Nowhere Emporium, Trash, Macbeth



Scholastic Book Fair

On the 13th, 14th, 15th March we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school. This will be held after school each night in the Year 2 classroom. This is a great opportunity to buy some quality books to share with your children. The World book day vouchers can be used at this fair as well. You can pay by card using a QR code that will be available each night. It would be great to see you there!

Cycling Helmets

Has your child outgrown their cycling helmet?

Reception class are looking for some Cycling helmets for the children to wear when using the Balance bikes and scooters. If you have any that you no longer need please could you pass them on to Mrs O Hare for Reception class.



Little Lambs Toddler Group

Do you have a baby ,toddler or pre schooler?

Why join us on a Friday morning in the community room for our special Sessions of fun, crafts, play, storytime and singing. Every Friday in term time from 9.00-10.30am

