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Newsletter #10 – Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Club

Key Stage Two Book Club are really enjoying reading the brilliant Floodworld by Tom Huddleston. The pupils love meeting after school every Tuesday to read and discuss the book.

National Dental Survey – Reception and Year One Pupils Only

We have been selected to take part in this year's National Dental Survey. Information sheets and consent letters will be coming home next week to the individual children that have been selected for this, so please keep an eye open for them. When you do receive the consent letter, it is important that it is returned to the school prior to the Dental Team's visit.



Emergency Closure Information

As we near winter, it is important that everyone is aware of how you will be notified if school had to close for any reason. If school was to close before the start of the day we would notify parents and carers by text message, email and by posting a message on our school Facebook page. I understand the importance of providing you with sufficient notice to make alternative arrangements, my aim is to inform you about the closure decision no later than 7.30am on the day of closure. However, please note that in some cases, particularly during severe weather events, it may not be possible to provide advanced notice.

If we needed to close during the school day, you would be notified by text message, email and by a message on our school Facebook page. Staff would stay in school until every child was collected.

I would only make the difficult decision to close to safeguard our pupils, staff and members of our school community.

Reading Volunteers

Could you spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer at Old Hutton, and help us with one of our most important activities? Helping children to become confident, independent readers is one of the most important things that a school can do - and it is an area of our work where parents, carers and other members of the community can make a big difference.

If you are interested and you have any spare time, please come and speak to me.

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

On Thursday 7th December all pupils (and staff) are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in addition to their normal uniform. We will be asking for a £1.50 donation to raise money for "Save the Children" which is payable on ParentPay. In addition to this, we will also be having a special Christmas dinner on that day (other options are also available). All meal bookings that were already made, have been deleted for that day and a new menu has been

uploaded to include the Christmas lunch. Please see the attached poster for what the Christmas lunch includes. Bookings are on ParentPay as normal but the instructions are below for those who may not normally have a school lunch but would like to on this occasion.

Accessing meals on ParentPay from a phone

Once logged in...
Click on the burger (3 lines)
Click on the child's name
Click on the burger (3 lines)
Click on book meals and places

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National Online Safety

This week's National Online Safety update is about music streaming apps and sites. The guide explains what the sites are, the potential risks and how to stay safe.

To sign up for your own free National Online Safety account please follow the link below.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/old-hutton-cofe-school>

Thanks for your continued support.

Nick

Attendance in School

Attendance w/c Monday 30 th October	98.04%
Attendance w/c Monday 6 th November	96.62%
Attendance w/c Monday 13 th November	90.97%
Attendance for the Autumn Term	93.80%

Key Dates

Event	Date
Skip2bFit for all classes	Wednesday 29 th November
Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day	Thursday 7 th December
Break up for Christmas Holiday	Tuesday 19 th December at 2pm

School Year dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 6th September – Tuesday 19th December

Spring Term 2024

Staff training day Tuesday 2nd January

Wednesday 3rd January – Thursday 28th March

Half Term Holiday: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Summer Term 2024

Staff training day Monday 15th April

Tuesday 16th April – Friday 19th July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Nursery applications for 2024/25

January 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2023

April 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 13 January 2024

September 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 24 March 2024

January 2025 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2025

Reception applications for 2024

September 2024 closing date for applications - 15 January 2024

Secondary school applications for 2024

September 2024 closing date for applications - 31 October 2023

For all applications please

visit <https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/iss/schooladmissions.asp> for further information on how to apply.