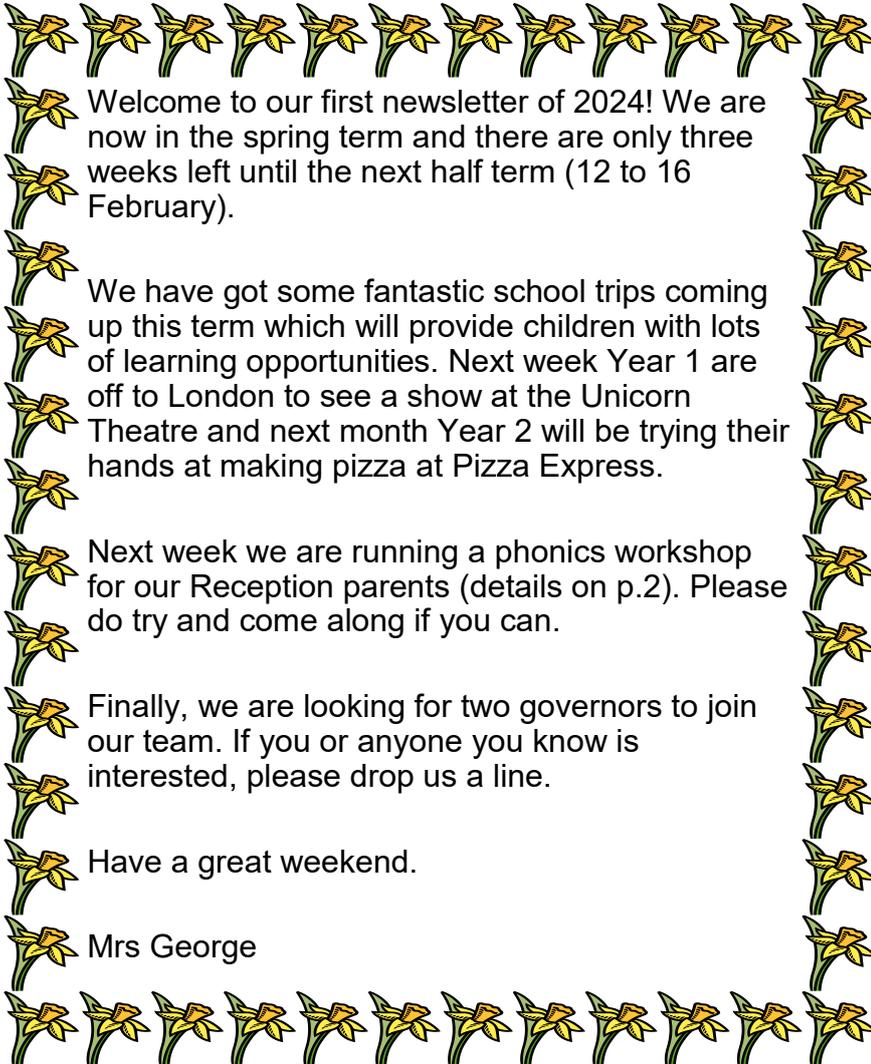




# Hurst Green Happenings

## 19 January 2024



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024! We are now in the spring term and there are only three weeks left until the next half term (12 to 16 February).

We have got some fantastic school trips coming up this term which will provide children with lots of learning opportunities. Next week Year 1 are off to London to see a show at the Unicorn Theatre and next month Year 2 will be trying their hands at making pizza at Pizza Express.

Next week we are running a phonics workshop for our Reception parents (details on p.2). Please do try and come along if you can.

Finally, we are looking for two governors to join our team. If you or anyone you know is interested, please drop us a line.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs George

### Weekly Attendance

The government has set a target of **95%** attendance.

These are our attendance figures for last week:

Whole School: 90.6%

Reception: 85.5%

Year 1: 93.8%

Year 2: 92.5%

Please remember school attendance is mandatory. Holidays should be planned for school holiday times to avoid missing school time.

***If your child is absent, you must notify the school office every day before 9:15am at the latest.***

Please call 01883 712171 and leave a message on the absence line or email [absence@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:absence@hurstgreenschool.org)

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

**Water bottles:** Please make sure you fill your child's water bottle before coming to school as we are seeing lots of empty water bottles which we are having to fill each morning which wastes teaching time. Please also make sure you do not put water bottles in book bags as they can leak and ruin school books; if this happens you will be charged £5 per book so they can be replaced.

**Parents' evenings:** Please make sure you book a parents' evening (via SCOPAY) by the deadline of 9am Friday 8 March. We expect every parent to take part in parent consultations which will take place on Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 March.

### Universal Credit

***Did you know that the school receives extra funding for every child that is entitled to universal credit?***

If you are entitled to universal credit, please let us know ASAP. It means that we can access more funding for the school and for your child.

Please make sure you keep checking Class Dojo. Our staff spend time uploading lots of lovely updates and photos of what your children have been up to. It is a great way of keeping in touch with what they have been learning!



## Charges for missing school books

Each week children are sent home with reading and phonics books in their book bags which parents and carers should be reading with their children at home and recording progress in the yellow reading logs.

Please can you make sure that all books are returned each week so that we can swap them over for new reading and phonics books.

If books are not returned or are returned damaged, there will be a **£5 charge** per book so that they can be replaced.

## Phonics session for Reception Parents



Reception parents are invited into school on **Friday 26 January at 9.15am** to find out more about how phonics is taught in school.

Phonics involves matching the sounds of spoken English with individual letters or groups of letters and helps children learn to read and write. It's an essential part of their early years learning and helps set them up for school and life.

It will be an excellent opportunity for you to find out more about how you can help support their reading at home and we look forward to seeing you there.

On Wednesday 31 January **The Coram Life Education** and **SCARF** team will be visiting our school to deliver fun and interactive workshops to help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

The charity Coram Life Education provides Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools. Workshops are delivered by skilled educators and the SCARF resource is the framework of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education curriculum.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?



We are looking for two governors to join our team.

You don't need any special qualifications or experience and all training is provided, so if you are interested in a rewarding and interesting way of being involved in school life, please let us know!



*We want Hurst Green to be a great place to learn, grow, play and work and we are looking for enthusiastic people who want to make a difference to help us achieve our goals.*

For more information, please contact the school office: [office@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:office@hurstgreenschool.org) or 01883 712171.



## School Fund Contribution

School Fund Contributions are now due for the Spring term for those who are paying termly or have not yet paid.

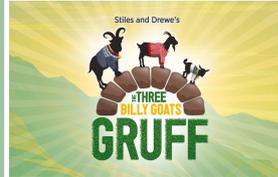
To help us fund extra curricular activities and subsidise school trips, we ask parents for voluntary contributions to help us fund these extras.

Please pay £10 per child (or £30 per child for the academic year) to the School Fund Account (30-91-72, 00184502).

## Year 1 trip to Unicorn Theatre



Our Navigators are very excited about their school trip next Wednesday 24 January to see *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* at London's Unicorn Theatre.



Please make sure you email the office with permission ASAP and pay £5.50 towards the train fare.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2024	
Wednesday 24 January	Year 1 trip Unicorn Theatre
Friday 26 January	Phonics Workshop for Reception parents (9.15am)
Wednesday 31 January	Life Bus Visit (All Years)
Thursday 8 February	HGSA Valentine's Disco
Friday 9 February	HGSA Sponsored Pancake Flip
Thursday 29 February	Year 2 trip to Pizza Express
<b>Monday 12 Feb—Friday 16 Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 5 March	4-4.30 Reception <i>Wild Read</i> at school
Thursday 7 March <b>World Book Day</b>	Come dressed as your favourite book character! 4-4.30 Year 1 <i>Wild Read</i> at school
Friday 8 March	4-4.30 Year 2 <i>Wild Read</i> at school
Tuesday 19—Thurs 21 March	Class trips to Oxted Library
Friday 22 March	Gym session for Year 2 in Bletchingly (TBC)
Wednesday 27 March	HGSA Sponsored Easter Bounce-a-thon
Thursday 28 March	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15 April	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL!</b>
Tuesday 23 April	Reception trip to Surrey Wildlife Trust
Thursday 9 May	Year 1 Natural History Museum trip
<b>Monday 27 May—Friday 31 May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3 June	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 23 July	Last Day

# After School Clubs



Clubs should be booked with the club provider or the office (as applicable).

## MONDAY

**Rugbytots—NEW FOR JANUARY!** (3.15—4.15)

Reception, Y1 and Y2

£6/session

To sign up, please visit:

<https://www.rugbytots.co.uk/Oxted/Class/Details/82256>

Starts Monday 8 Jan 2024



## TUESDAY

**Dance Fitness and Movement** (run by Bastet School of Dance) (3.15—4.15)

Reception, Y1 and Y2

£5/session

To sign up, please contact Jolene on 07894 715655



## WEDNESDAY

**Taekwondo** (3.15—4.00)

Reception, Y1 and Y2

£5/session

To sign up, please contact Coach Hachem on 07747 779717



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**YMCA EAST SURREY**

## Community Wellbeing Team Parent/Carer Workshops

Proud to be part of  
**Mindworks  
Surrey**

The children and young people's emotional  
wellbeing and mental health service

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team invites you to attend our free online workshops for parents/carers:

- ▶ Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries
- ▶ Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

These workshops are suitable for parents/carers with children aged 8+. Our Community Wellbeing team will provide you with information and key strategies to support your child. There will also be time for you to ask any questions that you have via the online chat function.

For dates and times and to book your place, please visit our website:

[www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/](http://www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/)

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**St. Peter's C of E Infant School, Tandridge**  
is seeking candidates for the following position.

**Midday Assistant**

This is a permanent part-time position to start as soon as possible. The role will include assisting in the supervision of children both in the dining area and in play areas to ensure the orderly conduct, welfare and safety of pupils during school lunch breaks.

**Monday - Friday 11.45am – 1.15pm**  
**Surrey Pay SP2 £20,733 p.a. FTE (£3,536 p.a. Pro-Rata)**  
**Term-Time Only (38 weeks per annum)**

For further details, an application pack or a visit to the school  
please telephone 01883 712439 or email:

[finance@stpetersinfant.org](mailto:finance@stpetersinfant.org)

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake a Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure and Barring Service.



## HALF TERM WITH JUMPING JACKS

MON 12TH FEB - FRI 16TH FEB 9AM - 3PM

ALL ACTIVITIES, TRIPS, SNACKS, DRINKS AND LUNCH INCLUDED

OFSTED REGISTERED - DBS - FIRST AID TRAINED - SAFEGUARDING - FOOD SAFETY AND HYGIENE

The Studio, High street, Limpsfield, RH8 ODR - 07852139218 - jumpingjackswacc@gmail.com