



# HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our school's weekly newsletter which provides key updates, information and gives a flavour of the work and life at Hinguar. The weekly newsletter is posted on our website and is available in larger print on request.

## TEACHER TRAINING DAY – FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

### Clubs for this term

Just a reminder that if fees are not settled by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of clubs your child's place will be offered to another child on the waiting list. **Unfortunately, due to ongoing illness, all of Dan's football clubs are cancelled for next week. Apologies.**

### Magical Maths Club

This new club has proved to be very popular and unfortunately some children have not been able to secure a place in the club. With this in mind, we shall be running another Magical Maths club in March. More details will follow nearer the time.

### Year 6 Assembly

The Year Sixes have worked extremely hard to learn a challenging script within a very short time frame. Their assembly on Thursday afternoon showcased what Year six have learned from the start of the year demonstrated through drama and music. The topics were: Light and Shadow, World War One and Extreme Earth. Mrs Ali is extremely proud of how her Year Six are demonstrating how determined they are to do well and are setting a fantastic example for their peers to follow. Well done, Avocets!

### Communication

As a school, we encourage strong parental partnerships with our staff. We would like to remind parents that if they have a worry or concern to first make contact with their child's class teacher who will ensure they make themselves available after school during the week and are on duty once a week before school. For those parents who due to work or other commitments do not get the opportunity to touch base with their child's teacher on a regular basis in the playground. Please use the following e-mail address to communicate [teachers@hinguar.southend.sch.uk](mailto:teachers@hinguar.southend.sch.uk). The staff on the gate are always happy to pass on messages to your child's class teacher (if they are not on duty) or to a child's key worker.

The following school staff are available as key contacts:

- Mrs. Willis - Acting Deputy Headteacher is available to talk about any concerns or questions you may have.
- Mrs. White – SENCO (Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays) is available to discuss matters regarding specific learning and emotional needs.
- Mrs. Wilson, our Learning Mentor is also available to talk as part of the pastoral team.

Any appointments can be made through the school office. [office@hinguar.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@hinguar.southend.sch.uk)

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## NEXT WEEK'S DINNER MENU IS – WEEK 2

<b>MON</b>	Jacket Potato & Cheese, Sausage Roll
<b>TUES</b>	Sausages, Quorn Dippers
<b>WED</b>	BBQ Chicken drumstick, Macaroni Cheese
<b>THURS</b>	Pizza Day, Garlic Bread
<b>FRI</b>	Beef Burger in a bun, Quorn Burger

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY:-**  
SALAD BAR, A SELECTION OF BREAD ROLLS AND SANDWICHES. MILK, SQUASH, WATER & FRESH FRUIT

## Holiday during Term Time

**Pupils are only in school for 190 days each year.  
There are 175 other days for holidays and other activities.**

80% attendance represents a day of each week / 90% attendance represents 1 day off a fortnight  
National attendance is 97% - Hinguar Primary School is slightly above the national average 97.6%

Each day the children miss school they miss learning opportunities. If a child misses learning due to a holiday the work missed, will be sent home when they RETURN back to school to be completed.

Regards  
Kerri White, (SENCO)

## Request

Year 3 &4 are currently making sock puppets. If anyone has any spare buttons we could have... we would really appreciate them.



## Workshops for this term

The school will once again be offering workshops for our parents this term. A letter has already been sent home detailing the workshops on offer, please return the reply asap. We hope that many of you will be able to join us to support your child and strengthen the home/school partnership. We are only able to run workshops when more **than 6 parents attend**. Any less, and we are forced to cancel the workshop - so bring a friend.

**The next workshop will be on  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9 – 10.30 am:  
Eating  
For Nursery & Reception parents**

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## Times Tables Challenge

Congratulations to Max P who all successfully achieved his Times Tables Challenge.

## Race for the Cake

Each Friday during our celebration assembly we congratulate good attendance. For this week KS1 Alice the Bunny was awarded to Seahorse Class (95.67%) and in KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Sanderling Class (97.33%).

## 100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

Each week all the children who attended school 100% for the week and were 100% punctual each day have their names entered into a 'hat'. The winner for this week's individual Attendance Award was Dylan in Sanderling class and Evelyn in Seagull class.

## Student of the Week

Student of the Week Awards are presented each Friday Assembly to celebrate a child's success in their learning. This may be through a strategy they have applied, a way of working reflecting a 'can do attitude' to achieve or a personal milestone achieved.

## The Fish Award

Children or staff caught being a 'fish' are nominated for the Fish Award. At the end of the week the fish bowls are taken down to Celebration Assembly on a Friday and put into one bowl – where five fish are chosen out of the bowl; the first four are rewarded with a fish sticker the last fish is awarded the fish trophy to keep in class for the week. This week at our Celebration Friday Assembly our FISH Trophy was awarded to Amelie. Poppy, Cleo, Mrs Say and Alfie all received class stickers



## READING CHAMPIONS

Our first reading champion was announced in assembly last week. This was a fantastic achievement, so early in the school year. We have plenty more badges waiting to be handed out, let see who will be next!



If you would like to be awarded a reading champion badge, you must read a selection of books from a variety of genres and a review of ONE book written. Thank you for your support in enabling our children to be Reading Champions and to develop a love of reading. 'Together We Achieve'.

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### Award Board

**Avocet Class -**  
Whole class  
**Sanderling class**  
Maddie P  
**Curlew Class -**  
Esme  
**Heron Class -**  
Thomas  
**Seagull Class -**  
Edward Q  
**Oyster Class -**  
Arthur  
**Seahorse Class -**  
Sienna



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## Snow Procedures

The weathermen are predicting snow this weekend and it is a timely reminder to raise parents' awareness about the school's policy regarding extreme weather or snow procedure.



**The school aims to remain open in the event of snow. However, there are certain factors which may lead to the school closing, such as whether:**

- there are enough members of staff to be able to provide satisfactory care;
- the severity of the weather conditions is on such a major scale that it is unlikely that many people will be able, physically, to make it into school;
- the school can provide lunch for the children;
- the school grounds are sufficiently safe for children, parents and staff;
- the school has sufficient heating;
- the school has lighting and hot water across the site;
- external agencies, e.g. police, local government, motoring organisations, etc, are advising against school travel in our region.

If the school and Nursery is to be open, we will declare this a '**Snow Day**' and will post this on the website as soon as possible and normally by 8.00am on the day. When the school and Nursery is open on a '**Snowy Day**', we will remain open until the end of the normal school day at 3.25pm (KS1) and 3.30pm (KS2 and Nursery).

However, if during the school day weather conditions deteriorate a decision will be made at 2.00pm whether to offer parents the opportunity to collect children from 2.45pm onwards to help stagger pick up time at the end of the school day. All after school clubs will be cancelled including Extendables. This information will be communicated to parents via a text message.

In an exceptional circumstance a decision may be made to offer parents the opportunity to collect their child earlier **and this will be communicated in the usual manner via text and on website.**

If, for the reasons outlined above, the safest or most expedient judgment is to close the school a '**Closure Day**' will be declared and we will post this on the website as soon as possible and normally by 8.00am on the day. The school will also notify parents via our Facebook page, the local radio announcements: Heart FM, BBC Essex and Southend Radio as soon as possible and normally by 8.00am. A full version of our School's Snow Procedure Policy is available on our website

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<b>Key Dates from January 2019</b>	
23.1.19	Year 5 Residential Parent Meeting 2.30pm
<b>25.1.19</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
29.1.19	Eating Habits workshop Nursery-Rec 9am
31.1.19	Year 4 Assembly 2.30 pm
5.2.19	Phonics screening workshop Yr 1 2 pm
6.2.19	Year 4 residential Parent Meeting 2:45pm
11.2.19	Tackling Anxiety workshop Nurs-Yr6 2 pm
13.2.19	Year 2 Assembly 2.30 pm
26.2.19	Yr 6 Sats Revision tips workshop Yr6 2 pm
27.2.19	Cook4Life workshop Nurs-Yr6 1.30 pm
5.3.18	Learning Conferences Rec-Yr 6
7.3.18	Learning Conferences Rec- Yr 6
11.3.19	KS1 SATS workshop Yr 2 2pm
12.3.18	Year 5 Assembly 2.30 pm
14.3.19	Support yr child in the Early years workshop Nurs-Rec 2pm
21.3.19	Yr 4 Multiplication Check workshop 9am
26.3.19	11+ Meeting Yr 5 2 pm
26.3.19	Mother's Day lunch
27.3.19	Mother's Day lunch
4.4.19	Easter Dinner day
WB 13.5.19	KS2 SATS week
24.5.19	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
11.6.19	Father's day lunch
12.6.19	Father's day lunch
19.6.19	Year 1 Assembly 2.30 pm
9.7.19	Reception assembly 2.30 pm
23.7.19	Year 6 Leavers assembly & lunch 10.00 am

## **Parent/Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy.

If you would like to get involved with Hinguar and contribute to supporting our children's education and life of the school this is a more formal opportunity to make a difference. There are no formal qualifications required: all parents have experiences and skills that can help our school community. For more information please visit our school website under the school's governor page.

If you would like to apply for this vacancy the procedure is as follows:

- Visit the office to obtain a Parent Governor Nomination form.
- **Nomination forms are to be completed and returned to the school**
- **Please note no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019, closing date.**
- If there is more than one nomination a ballot will be held.

If you are considering becoming a Governor and would like some further information, please contact our Chair of Governors, Mr Maurice Sweeting, [msweeting@hinguar.southend.sch.uk](mailto:msweeting@hinguar.southend.sch.uk) – who will be happy to talk to you about the Parent Governor role

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