Newstead Hunningley Academy 2026 – 2027 October Newsletter

Key Dates:

As we look ahead to November, please take a moment to note the following important dates in your diary.

- Parents Evening – **9th November**
- School Photographs – **17th November**



Upcoming Menu



Parents Evening

We would like to remind all parents and carers that Parents' Evening will take place on **Monday 9th November.**

Children have been given a slip to take home, which should be completed with your preferred appointment time and returned to school.

We look forward to seeing you all and having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how we can continue to support their learning.

Advice and Guidance

To find out more about when to keep your child off school, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec

News From our Hives

Hive 1

This half term, the children in Hive 1 at Hunningley have been very busy indeed!

They have created their own Barbara Hepworth inspired clay sculptures. They have learnt the skill of using scoring and slip to join clay 3D forms together. When they were finished and dry, the children then painted their creations. They looked amazing!

In science, the children have been exploring different habitats and how animals survive in them. We have observed minibeasts in our local environment, studying what they required in their habitat to help them survive before collecting natural resources to create our very own microhabitat for them in our playground.

We have also welcomed two new starters to our Hive, one being human and the other being a hamster! Masha is our new class pet that the children are loving! They are learning how to care for her needs and keep her happy and healthy. And we are very happy to have a new friend to play with and join our class family.

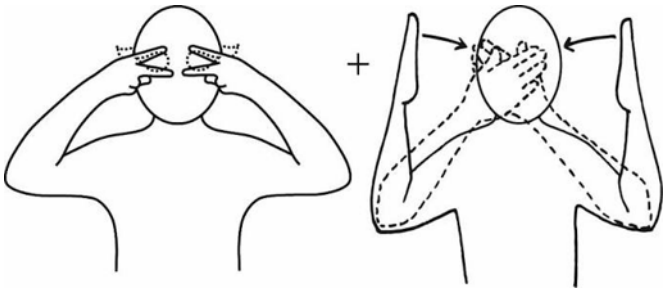
We hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to welcoming you all back in November!

Hive 2

We have had another busy half-term! In Phonics we have continued to learn new sounds and started to practice writing these new sounds in words. In Maths we have been looking at different ways of counting including counting in tens. We have used lots of different objects to help us with our counting. We have been exploring the texture of clay and playdough and creating our own sculptures in the style of Barbara Hepworth. We have extended our creative skills to music where we have been exploring pitch and using our voices and instruments to create high and low sounds. In RE we have been finding out about the traditions of Harvest Festival and the Jewish festival of Sukkot. We have also found the time to finish off the half-term with a bit of spooky Halloween fun and games! Have a happy half-term everyone from Class Team.

Sign of the Week

Halloween



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Events and Opportunities to be aware of:





What to expect

If you're expecting a baby or your baby is under six months, you're invited!

Join us to celebrate with your family (siblings are welcome) and meet the services that will support you and your baby.

Enjoy a photoshoot, crafts, food, a free gift, and more!

Free to attend and no need to book.

From 10am to 1pm



Healthy Smiles this Autumn

Simple oral health tips for Barnsley families



An Autumn message for parents and carers

If your family is celebrating Halloween, we know that is a fun time for children, and sweets are often part of the celebrations. A few simple choices can help children enjoy Halloween while also looking after their teeth.

Enjoy treats, protect teeth

- Keep sweets to one time, rather than letting children snack on them repeatedly throughout the day.
- Offer sweets with or just after a meal where possible.
- Choose water or plain milk between meals.
- Avoid sweets just before bedtime. Brush teeth last thing at night and do not eat or drink afterwards, except water.
- Consider non-food treats too, such as stickers, pencils, a small book or choosing a family activity.





Top tips and useful facts

- Brush twice a day: Brush for about two minutes, last thing at night and on one other occasion.
- Use fluoride toothpaste: Use toothpaste suitable for your child's age. Check the pack if you are unsure.
- Spit, do not rinse: Rinsing washes away the fluoride left on the teeth after brushing.
- Help with brushing: Children up to age 7 benefit from an adult supervising or helping them brush.
- Choose tooth-friendly drinks: Water and plain milk are the best everyday choices for teeth.
- Visit a dentist: Arrange regular dental check-ups. Ask your dentist whether fluoride varnish would be suitable for your child.
- Find an NHS dentist

The most important message

Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, including last thing at night. After brushing, spit out the toothpaste but do not rinse with water.

Lunchbox and snack swaps

- Small swaps can help reduce how often teeth are exposed to sugar during the day.
- Water or plain milk instead of sugary drinks
- Fresh fruit or vegetable sticks
- Cheese or plain yoghurt
- Plain rice cakes or plain popcorn instead of sweets or chocolate bars
- For portions and packed lunch ideas, view the Barnsley Council Packed Lunch Toolkit

Could your child's setting run a Supervised Toothbrushing Club?

A Supervised Toothbrushing Club gives children the opportunity to brush their teeth once a day at school or nursery using fluoride toothpaste, with trained staff supervising. It supports, but does not replace, brushing twice a day at home.

Ask your child's school or nursery: "Do you take part in a Supervised Toothbrushing Club?"

Read the parent leaflet

Your family's healthy smile checklist

- □ Brush morning and bedtime
- □ Use fluoride toothpaste
- □ Spit, do not rinse
- □ Choose water or plain milk between meals
- □ Keep sweet foods and drinks to mealtimes where possible
- □ Attend regular dental check-ups
- □ Ask your dentist about fluoride varnish

Remember

Halloween is one day. Focus on the routine that happens every day: brushing twice daily, using fluoride toothpaste and keeping sugary foods and drinks to mealtimes where possible.



Questions? Contact the Children and Young People's Public Health Team

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