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**'Improving outcomes for all our pupils through high quality teaching and learning'**

## Parent Newsletter – 22nd October 2026

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the school year. For me personally, this has been a very special seven weeks as I begin my journey as Headteacher at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary school.

One of the highlights has been welcoming so many families into school through our *Tea, Talk and Tales* and *Tea, Maths and More* sessions. It has been a pleasure to spend time getting to know both children and families, sharing learning experiences together and strengthening the partnership between home and school. I also loved welcoming parents to school as part of Parents' Evening this term. Thank you for the warm welcome, support and encouragement you have shown.

I am excited about the journey ahead and all that we will achieve together as a school. Looking ahead to Autumn 2, we have lots to look forward to, including our Family Fireworks event, Christmas celebrations and many more opportunities to welcome parents into school to share in their children's learning and achievements.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back for the second part of Autumn term.

**Dacorum Family Services Parent Workshops**
We are hosting two workshops in November by Dacorum Family Services. These sessions are designed to be relaxed and welcoming to parents supporting them with advice and guidance around a range of issues. If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office for further information.

- Monday 9th November 9am -10am Routines & Boundaries – Helping parents with routines and boundaries at home (hosted in school)
- Tuesday 10th November 10am – 11.30am Anxiety & Attendance – Helping Children Feel More confident about coming to school (hosted online or in school)

**Family Firework Spectacular – Thursday 5th November – Please reminder to buy your tickets!**
Once again, our annual Family Firework Spectacular returns to Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School. This year we are also able to fire the stunning aerial shells that burst high above the ground with spectacular effects that you can both see and feel. The display will be fired by Titanium Fireworks and their trained operators. It will take place on the school playing fields on Thursday 5 November at 7:00pm. The gates open at 5:45pm, when refreshments will be available, and the display is fired at 7:00pm. We are looking for parent volunteers to help, please sign up here: Fireworks Display 2026 - Can you help? – Fill in form

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**Changes to KS2 Morning Gate – From Monday 2nd November**

A reminder to parents that the KS2 gates will open from 8.25am from Monday 2nd November.
This is a change as currently the gates open at 8.20am. This will continue until half term.

**Too Good To Go!**

Our next 'Too Good To Go' opening will take place today on Friday 20th November, 3.00–4.00pm in the Myatt Room. We are now collecting winter coats and Christmas jumpers! Our Too Good To Go shop is run by school staff and parent volunteers. Come along, have a browse and help us give pre-loved items a new lease of life! Dates for this term are below:

| Month | Date | Theme |
|---|---|---|
| November | 20.11.26 | Coat and Christmas jumper swap<br>Uniform |
| December | 11.11.26 | Christmas goodies<br>Gifts<br>Non-perishables<br>Uniform |

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Parents**

Interested in learning more about supporting Youth mental health? Our school is hosting Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for parents! Contact schoolsmh@hertfordshire.gov.uk to book a place




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**Prospective Reception Tours**
Is your child due to start school in September 2027? If your child was born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023**, it will soon be time to apply for a Reception place.
We would be delighted to welcome you to our school and show you what makes our community so special. Join us on one of our upcoming Reception tours to meet our staff, see our learning environment in action, and find out more about life at our school. Book your place on one of our tours by contacting the school and please help us spread the word by sharing this information with friends, family, and other local parents who may be interested in applying for a Reception place.

**School Association Help Needed!**
Thank you to the School Association for running the recent Mini and Halloween discos. Without their efforts we would not be able to offer these exciting events. They are always looking for parent volunteers to help at events and to join us on the School Association Team. If you are interested, please come along to our next meeting on **Monday 9th November at 7:00pm in the Myatt Room (next to the main school office).**

**School Lottery**
Welcome to the Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - please see our Facebook page and School Association news letters for specific targets.
https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hobbs-hill-wood-primary-school

**School Association Facebook Page**
To join the School Association facebook page use this link:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/731531916907279/?ref=share

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Miss Hunter
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# Christmas Fair

# DONATIONS

Please see below donation requests to make this year's Christmas fair another great success

## W/C 2nd & 9th Nov

Chocolates & Bottles





## W/C 16th & 23rd Nov

Teddy's & Jars





## W/C 30th Nov

Class hamper gift and anything forgotten from previous weeks,

Colours for the hamper items:

Reception & Yr 6 Red

Year 1 & 5 Green

Year 2 & 4 Silver

Year 3 & 5 Gold



**Friday 4th Dec**

**Please remember your cake and bakes**

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