



Hugo Meynell School Newsletter

'Aiming High; Supporting Dreams'

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School Menu for w/c Monday 15th March is 'Week 1'

Attendance and Lates



School Target 2020/2021:	97%
Attendance This Week	99.58%
Attendance Year to date:	96.92%
Lates:	2



Welcome Back

It has been lovely to have all the children back in school this week and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new children and their families who have joined us.

Thank you for your support with respecting our procedures at the start and end of the day. Adults maintaining a social distance around the site is an important part of our risk assessments in keeping the site safe.

Home Testing

The Government has now included families and households of children or staff who attend school in their wider home testing programme. Twice-weekly asymptomatic testing of staff is already taking place at Hugo Meynell and we hope that our parents will also choose to take part in the testing programme. This sort of testing means that asymptomatic people, whose children might otherwise continue to attend schools, are identified in order to self-isolate. This will help to minimise the spread of coronavirus and keep our community safe.

Home kits can be collected from one of the following testing sites:

Regional Drive Through Testing Sites:

Beaconside in Stafford

BET365 Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent

Local Testing Sites

Keele Science and Innovation Park

Ryecroft Car Park, Newcastle

Anyone aged 18 or over can collect two testing packs which contain seven tests each. The sites will be open each day from **1.30pm to 7pm** and you do not need to make an appointment. Please do not visit outside of these times as testing of symptomatic people will be taking place.

If you are unable to collect from the testing sites then there is also the option to order a test kit online by clicking on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.



Comic Relief

On **Friday 19th March**, to mark the start of Comic Relief, in support of this year's superhero theme, we would like the children to come to school **either dressed as their favourite superhero; in a superhero outfit for the hero they would like to be, or they can wear their own clothes.**

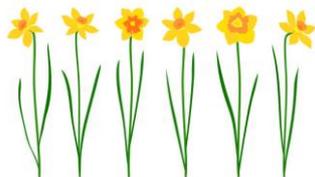
As with many things, we are having to find different ways of doing things in light of Covid and the current restrictions that are in place. One of the changes is that this year, we will not be accepting cash donations in school. Instead, a link will be sent to you to make a donation through ParentPay (further details to follow next Friday). As always, the children are really keen to support Comic Relief. However, instead of selling red noses and holding a cake sale as we would normally do, on Red Nose Day, each class will decide on the way that they would like to raise money. Further details of what each year group has decided will be provided next Friday and whatever activities the children decide upon will be completed in the last week of this half term. This means that although our Comic Relief fundraising will be taking place a little later than usual, the children will be engaged and actively involved in the fundraising process.

Special Menu

AiP will be serving a special themed menu for Comic Relief on **Friday 19th March**. This will replace the published menu on that day and is available to all pupils in school. If your child would like to have the themed lunch, please ask them to order it on the day during morning registration. The menu will include a choice of laugh out loud burger or silly sausage hot dog (vegetarian options also available), jacket potato with various fillings, baked beans or peas along with a red nose biscuit for dessert. The menu costs £2.15 per child except for children in Reception and KS1 and those in receipt of free school meals.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

A reminder that orders for leavers' hoodies should be placed online with Smart School Uniform no later than **Sunday 28th March**. Please click on the following link to place your order <https://www.smartacademyuniform.co.uk/the-hugo-meynell-leavers-hoodies>.



Mother's Day

We have been unable to welcome our lovely mummies into school this year like we would normally do to celebrate Mother's Day but instead we have arranged for each child to bring a daffodil and chocolate home today. Thank you to **Asda, Market Drayton**, for providing these. We hope you have a lovely day on Mothering Sunday.

Little Owls



If you wish to contact Little Owls directly please email littleowls@hugomeynell.staffs.sch.uk. Please note you can now also contact Little Owls by dialling the main school telephone number and selecting option 3. There is an answer phone when they are not there. Little Owls will no longer be using their mobile number.

The activities next week are:

Monday – Patterned Shamrock **Tuesday** – St. Patrick's Mindfulness **Wednesday** – Split Pin Leprechaun
Thursday – Shamrock Hat **Friday** – 3D Pot of Gold

Messages from Mrs Gleave

The much-awaited return to school for all children this week has been a real success and I would like to thank all of our families for working with us and for supporting our onsite procedures.

I am so proud of the children for the way that they have approached coming back to school. It has been fantastic to see the classrooms filled with children again and for face to face teaching and learning to resume and it has been wonderful to see the joy and happiness of friends being reunited. School certainly feels complete again.

As well as being reacquainted with each other, this week, the children were introduced to our new vicar, Father David. As we are currently unable to meet him in person, last week, during their live Teams sessions, the children came up with five questions they would like to ask him, which Father David answered in a Zoom session with each class over the course of the week. We learned that he has a cat called Socrates, his favourite colour is red and that he likes to eat Cornish pasties.

We are all really looking forward to welcoming Father David into school and to working with him over the coming weeks, months and years.

You will see from the main messages that Comic Relief is next week. We are doing things slightly differently this year so will not be collecting money on Red Nose Day itself. Although the children would very much like to support Comic Relief, please be reassured that you will be able to donate as much or as little as you would like.

One thing we would like all of the children to do this weekend, is to choose a joke for our whole school Giggle-a-thon on Red Nose Day. This should be brought in to share with the class next Friday. Each class then needs to decide on the two funniest jokes, ready to present at the virtual Giggle-a-thon. The winning joke – and therefore class – will be the one that makes Mrs Scott, Mrs Redfern and myself laugh the most.

As we head in to the start of the weekend, I would like to finish by wishing all of the mums, mummies and special ladies in our lives a lovely Mothering Sunday. The children are thankful and appreciative of all that you do for them and they are all in agreement that they want to make the day a special one for you 😊.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend.

Until next week

Mrs Gleave



Spring Term 2021 Diary Dates – Parent Copy
(Updates in Red)

Date	Event
March	
Friday 19 th	Comic Relief
April	
Thursday 1 st	School Closes for Easter at 3.15pm
Monday 19 th	School re-opens for the first half of the Summer Term