

Hugo Meynell School Newsletter

'Aiming High; Supporting Dreams'

Thursday 1st April 2021

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School Menu for w/c Monday 19th April is 'Week 1 (New Menu)'

Attendance and Lates



School Target 2020/2021:	97%
Attendance This Week	97.24%
Attendance Year to date:	96.96%
Lates:	0



Covid Testing

We would like to remind parents about the government guidance regarding testing for Covid. There are two tests available to check if you have got Covid:

- A PCR Test (for people who are displaying symptoms)**
 Get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of the following symptoms – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. If someone in your household develops Covid symptoms, you should all isolate at home until you get a negative test result. During this time, the children in the household should not attend school. PCR tests are mainly used to confirm coronavirus cases in people with symptoms who are already self-isolating. They can still find positive cases even if someone has stopped being infectious.
- A Rapid Lateral Flow Test (only for people who have no symptoms)**
 Around 1 in 3 people with COVID do not have symptoms but can still infect others. Rapid lateral flow tests help to find these cases. If someone can no longer infect others, rapid lateral flow tests are less likely to return a positive result.

The following link provides more information about which test you should have.

<https://www.gov.uk/getting-tested-for-coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR0J-n5MNgeHqicnqtObCJN19lqFUwhv0j9BcSXUFLtXf1JQo-gykF0p04>

ParentPay

A polite reminder that all ParentPay balances should be paid weekly or monthly if you pay with childcare vouchers; please ensure that your account is brought up to date before the start of the next term.



Swimming

Year 6 will start their swimming lessons on **Friday 23rd April**; please ensure that children remember to bring their swimming kit to school on that day.

Thank you

We would like to thank Ashley Methodist Church and Market Drayton Methodist Church for delivering individual gifts for each of our staff. What a lovely, thoughtful gesture, which was very much appreciated by everyone.



PTFA

Thank you to everyone who took part in the "Guess the number of eggs in the jar". We really do have some accurate estimators at Hugo as there were two children, who correctly guessed that there were 97 eggs and 6 children who were only one egg out!

The 2 winners decided that, rather than share the eggs in the jar, their names would be drawn to see who would win the contents of the jar and who would win a large Easter egg along with some other chocolate goodies. The lucky winner of the jar was Jimmy Bagguley in Year 5 with Ollie Hollins in Year 3 winning the Easter egg prize. Runners up prizes went to Tom Hollins and Harry Garnett in Year 6, Ethan Pickerill in Year 4, Joseph Groom and Eleanor Davies in Year 3 and Joshua Smyth in Year 1. Thanks to all those who took part, over £100 was raised. Well done everyone.



Little Owls

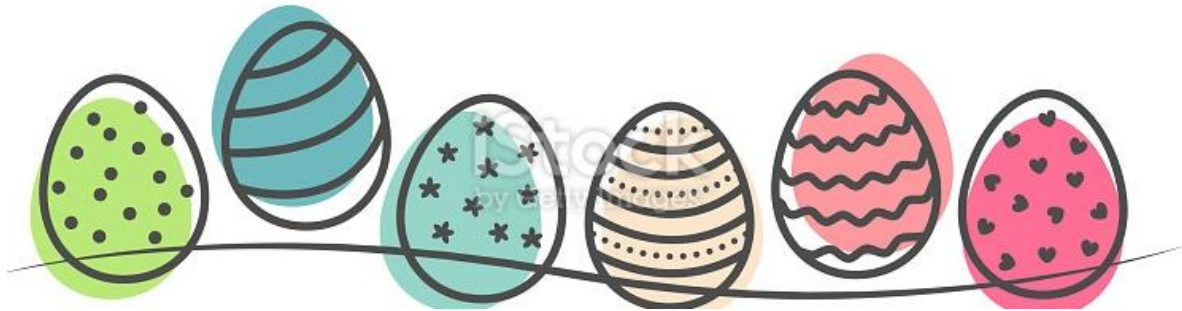
We have spaces available in Little Owls for both morning and afternoon sessions. If you would like to book any sessions for your child please email littleowls@hugomeynell.staffs.sch.uk or contact the school office.

In addition to lots of games, toys to play with and books to read, the craft activities for after Easter are:

Monday – Queen Colouring **Tuesday** – Crown Colouring **Wednesday** – 3D Garden
Thursday – Design a Garden **Friday** – St George Colour by Number

End of Term

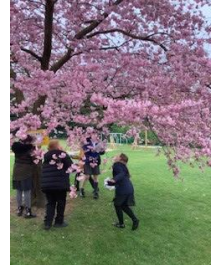
School will close today for the Easter holiday and will re-open on **Monday 19th April**. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.



Messages from Mrs Gleave

It's certainly been a Spring term like no other, starting with remote learning before the full return of all children from 8th March. It has been great to have all the children back in school, learning with their friends. They should all be proud of how they have approached their return and their learning, as we are of them. Thank you to our parents for the support you have given whilst home learning was in place and to the staff, who, as ever, have done a fantastic job. Today, we bid farewell to Mr Benford, who after 10 years of service at Hugo Meynell, retired. He was both touched and thankful for the gifts and kind words he received from the Hugo community and he will be missed.

Our Spring term ended today with a whole school Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children searched high and low for eggs with letters on to decode an Easter message, whilst also trying to find as many eggs as they could with chicks, bunnies and lambs on. There was a real hubbub of excitement and it was lovely to see the children getting out and about within our school grounds.



The message to the children on the eggs was 'Happy Easter #teamhugo'. The Hugo Meynell community is very much a team and so from all of us to all of you, we hope you have a lovely Easter break.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 19th April.

Until then

Mrs Gleave



Community

Fordhall Community Farm

Please see the attached posters for information about the events that are happening at Fordhall Community Farm over Easter.

Easter Dragon Egg Competition

The Fairy Forest at Taggedale Brook is getting ready for Easter and a Dragon Egg competition is now open. Please see the poster attached to the newsletter for further information.



Eccleshall Rugby Club



Calling all 3 - 13 year olds

**Open House Training
Sundays April - May**



Come and give RUGBY a Try

**9:15 - Year 4 and below
10:45 - Year 5 and above**

For more information contact Chris Roberts 07703 233739

Rugby based activities for Boys (upto Y8) and Girls (upto Y6), come on, Get Your Boots On

Baden Hall, Eccleshall. ST21 6LG



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

Date	Event
April	
Thursday 1st	School Closes for Easter at 3.15pm
Monday 19 th	School re-opens for the first half of the Summer Term
Friday 23 rd	Year 6 Swimming lessons