



Haughton St Giles



Dream to Achieve



Friday 29th April 2022

Courageous & Advocacy Ukraine Donations

This term as part of our *Courageous Advocacy* focus, we have been talking to the children about refugees: who are refugees; why do refugees leave their countries; and the difficulties refugees face. We have linked this to pupils' knowledge of the current events in the Ukraine and our bake sale fund raising for UNICEF last half term.

We are proud to say that, once again, our pupils are keen to do all that they can to support those in need and have asked to take part in further collections/donations.

Therefore, following on from our successful cake sale to raise money for the people in the Ukraine, we are hoping to support a local volunteer who will be taking a van full of necessary supplies to the Ukraine next week. He is asking for specific donations as listed below. If you are able to help by donating any of these items we would be very grateful.

- Toiletries - toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, sponges, shampoo wipes etc
- Sanitary products - towels, tampons
- Medical - painkillers, bandages, first aid kits, over the counter medicines, latex gloves
- Baby items - nappies, food, formula, bottles, bibs, teething gel, Calpol
- Pet food - tinned food, wet/dry food, treats
- Children's soft toys and games
- Cardboard boxes for the van

Please bring your donations into school on the morning of Wednesday 4th May - we cannot accept any items after this time. They do not need to be boxed as they will be boxed accordingly before leaving the country.

Any donations that include medication (tablets or medicine) need to be dropped at the school office.

Y6 SATs Week Breakfast Club

All of our Y6 children have worked exceptionally hard and SATs week is an extremely important time for everyone. As a reward for all their efforts (and an incentive to get all children into school on time, their 'brains in gear' and help them settle) we will be offering a free Breakfast Club, which will run from Monday 9th May until Thursday 12th May.

Breakfast starts at 8:10am and finishes at 8:45am.

Breakfast options available: selection of cereals, toast & jam, croissants, pain au chocolate, fruit juice & tea - along with gluten free breakfast options.

We hope that all children will take advantage of this treat - they deserve it!

Class Curriculum Pages

If you wish to know more about what your child/ren are learning, then why not take a look at the class or curriculum pages on the school website for this half term's learning.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

At Houghton we recognise that we all go through difficult times which can affect our wellbeing. We would like to share the link to free online short courses for adults to support positive mental health for parents or anyone they know who might benefit.

<https://l1tff.com/home/living-life-to-the-full-series/>

Mother's Day Lunches

It was lovely to see everyone on Tuesday & Wednesday and we know the children really loved that you were finally able to join them for lunch. Thank you to Katie and Claire for catering.

PTFA News

DATES FOR DIARY

THE GREAT JUBILEE SCHOOL CAMP: Friday 10th June from 6pm.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the PTFA are organising a family camping night on the school playing fields, so please keep the date free. There will be bunting, barbeque and a bar and camp fees of £10 per adult and £5 per child which will include the first drink and burger. Tickets available after Easter and we hope to get a large proportion of the school community socialising together!

HAUGHTON GIANT CHALLENGE SUNDAY 10TH JULY UPDATE

61 signed up already for the on/off road jaunt through the beautiful Staffordshire countryside. Entertainment on cyclists return and open to all, will include food from the Staffordshire Hog Roast Company, bouncy castle slide, tombolas and coconut shy. We are looking for volunteers to act as marshals on the route, to help man stalls and to assist in setting up at the school and putting out signs along the route on Saturday 9th. Please contact Steve Kingdon on 07843 347540 if you can help.

Diary Dates

- Monday 2nd May - School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 3rd May - School Reopens
- Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May - Year 6 SATs week
- Thursday 26th May - Jubilee Picnic Lunch (more info to follow)
- Friday 27th May - INSET Day (No pupils)
- **Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term**
- Monday 6th June - School Closed
- Tuesday 7th June - School Reopens
- Friday 10th June - PTFA Jubilee School Camp
- Monday 4th July - Wednesday 6th July - Y6 Residential
- Sunday 10th July - Haughton Giant Challenge & PTFA Summer Fayre
- Friday 15th July - No Music
- Friday 22nd July - No Music & the last day of Term

Autumn 2021	Term starts: Thurs 2 nd Sept (INSET day) Fri 3 rd Sept (INSET day)*
	*Children attend Monday 6th September
	Half term: 25th - 29th Oct
	Term ends: Fri 17 th Dec
Spring 2022	INSET day: Tues 4 th Jan
	Term Starts: Wed 5th Jan
	Half term: 21st - 25th Feb
	INSET day: Mon 28 th Feb
	Term ends: Fri 8 th Apr
Summer 2022	Term starts: Mon 25 th Apr
	*INSET Day: Friday 27th May
	Half term: 30th May - 3rd June
	*School Bank Holiday: Mon 6th June
	Term ends: Fri 22 nd Jul

*** Changes due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**