



Hunslet Moor Primary School
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Dear Parent/ Carer,

We hope the summer term has started well for your children, we are conscious it often proves to be a busy one and so wanted to take the opportunity to highlight a number of events on the horizon and also to update you on a proposed change to the school day for the next academic year.

Up and coming events during Summer 1

Event	Date
Parent coffee mornings- everyone welcome!	Every Wednesday 8.45am- 9.30am. Starting Wednesday 11 th May until the end of the school year
KS2 SATs week	Week commencing Monday 9 th May
Pyjamarama day!	Friday 13 th May
KS1 SATs week	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th May
Phonics check	Summer 2 – 6 th – 10 th June
Tables check	Summer 2 – From 6 th June
Queen’s jubilee celebrations- ongoing series of events	Thursday 19 th May- celebratory school lunch
Half term	Monday 30 th May- Friday 3 rd June

Further date for your diary...

We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school for a face to face parent consultation. Appointments will be available from 3pm- 5.45pm, a letter will follow with further details. During the meeting we will be sharing your child’s end of year report and so it’s really important that you attend.

- July 13th and July 14th Parent consultations for pupils in Nursery to Y5
- July 18th and July 19th Parents consultations for Y6 (due to Y6 residential the week before)

Proposed changes to the school day for Reception- Year 6 from September 2022 onwards

We appreciate the next academic year seems some way off, however we have been reviewing a number of aspects of school life in preparation for the start of 2022/23. This has included giving further thought to the

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timings and length of the school day for children in Reception through to Year 6, resulting in us wanting to consult with you in regards to making the following changes.

We would like to explore the option of making changes to the school week for Reception- Year 6 pupils from September 2022. Below is an illustration of how this could look.

	Start time	Finish time	Lunch break
Monday	8.55am	3.30pm	45 minutes
Tuesday	8.55am	3.30pm	45 minutes
Wednesday	8.55am	3.30pm	45 minutes
Thursday	8.55am	3.30pm	45 minutes
Friday	8.55am	1.30pm	45 minutes

Why are we proposing this change?

There is no 'set' length for the school day or expectation for start and finish times. We would like to finish later on a Monday to Thursday than the current finish time as increasing the length of these afternoons and weekly number of teaching hours would be advantageous in enabling us to better organise the teaching and learning of foundation subjects and the wider curriculum. Through talking to some parents they have told us for their own personal reasons, they would welcome an earlier finish on a Friday and a later finish on the other days. Furthermore, some examples of how an earlier finish time of 1.30pm on a Friday could also support are through:

- Enabling teachers to take their PPA entitlement during this time and in doing so result in them not having to take their release on a weekly basis, during the school day. The majority of teachers being able to take their PPA at the same time offers a value opportunity for collaboration such as the sharing of practice, planning etc.

- Friday afternoon's being freed up to offer the opportunity to provide further extended curriculum experiences such as after- school clubs and tuition.

We appreciate that you may identify pros and cons to the changes we have suggested. We would really like to hear about your thoughts on the proposed changes. Please could you share your thoughts through completing the questionnaire below.

Please can all questionnaires be returned to the main school office by Wednesday 25 May, 8:30am

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We are holding a parent focus group on **Wednesday 18th May 2.30pm- 2.50pm** where myself and Mr Crawford will be available to hear your thoughts and explore them further with you.

Following on from the consultation, all outcomes will be reviewed and we will let you know of any consensus of outcome in the week commencing Monday 6th June.

We really value your thoughts and opinions and so are very much looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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