



December 2009

Newsletter



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We've reached the end of the first term of 2009-10 - it's been a busy one and has flown!

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and all the very best for the New Year.

Take care and we'll see you again in 2010.



You can now keep up to date with upcoming school events on both Facebook and Twitter. To become a fan of the Hunter's Bar Junior School Facebook page, simply search for the school and it will come up with the school logo then click Become A Fan. And for Twitter, login and visit www.twitter.com/hb_juniors to start following us.

If you would like to receive future newsletter by email please send an email to s.gregory@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk including your name and your child(ren)'s name(s).



Xmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped or came and supported the Xmas Fair. A special thank you to Mrs Banks and Mrs Stockley who contributed a tremendous amount of time and effort to make the fair a success.

We're still counting the money and will let you know how much was raised in the next newsletter.

Term Dates

Winter Term 2 (7 weeks)

Monday 2 November to Thursday 17 December

Inset days: Friday 27th November and Friday 18 December.

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January

Spring Term 1 (6 weeks)

Monday 4 January to Friday 12 February
Half-term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

Spring Term 2 (6 weeks)

Monday 22 February to Thursday 1 April
Easter Holiday: Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April

Summer Term 1 (6 weeks)

Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May
Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May
Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June

Summer Term 2 (7 weeks)

Monday 7 June to Thursday 22 July

The final inset day has been arranged for Friday 23 July

Next years dates including inset days inside

For more information on school terms and holidays see:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolholidays

Reminder

School will be closed on:

Friday 18 December

Children should return to school, after the holidays, on Monday 4 January

Sheffield United Ticket Draw



We were lucky enough to be given tickets for Sheffield United's match against Peterborough on Saturday 21 November .

Teachers were asked to nominate one child per class to be entered into the draw and the winners were Rukhsar Aslam in J11 and Ella Kingsman in J1. Many thanks to Zahid Saleem.

Scholastic Book Fair

The recent book fair in school will mean that school is able to buy new books for the library and classrooms.

If you were unable to come to the book fair you might be interested in the Puffin Book Club where you can buy books at reduced prices and school receives 50% commission to spend on books.

It's easy to register with Puffin Book Club and your books are delivered straight to your door. Simply complete the online registration form, select Hunters Bar Junior as the school you would like to earn free books for, and you're ready to start shopping. School will automatically receive the commission you earn from the orders you place online and you can visit your Account page to see how much you have earned for your school.

Delivery is free for orders over £25 and it's not too late to order for Christmas.



www.puffinbookclub.co.uk

Y6 Thornbridge Residential 2009



The Y6 Thornbridge trip is always a real highlight, and this year certainly stayed true to form. In weather that could only be described as brisk, the year 6's excelled themselves in the four main activities, showing great teamwork, courage and enthusiasm and really pulling together to support each other every step of the way. The four activities, caving, low ropes, weaselling and the brand new and very exciting sky ropes each presented a completely different challenge which the children rose to fantastically. The trip was a huge success and the kids can't wait to go back.

School Trips and Events

At Hunter's Bar we feel strongly that enrichment opportunities are a vitally important part of our children's education, and we organise educational visits and experiences knowing it is an essential component of an outstanding curriculum. We recognise that these experiences can make a huge difference to children's learning and achievement. It is really clear, for example, what a difference it makes throughout the year when children are not able to reference their experiences together at Thornbridge or Castleton and these experiences cannot be replicated in school.

We are concerned that the Y6 educational visit to the Victorian Classroom at Springfield School did not go ahead due to both a lack of voluntary contributions and a lack of adults helpers to support the visit. We genuinely want to understand the reasons for this and will be asking for a sample of views. Cost of course is likely to be an issue and we try to keep costs down by regularly subsidising educational visits and sometimes paying the full costs, but in line with the charging policy, asking for payment for enrichment activities is the reality for schools.

We greatly value the support of parents/carers for enrichment activities and also appreciate the help of adults who are able to give their time.

Urdu Writing Competition

In October seven of our children entered an Urdu Writing Competition, which was part of the Off the Shelf Festival in Sheffield. The children tried very hard and managed to win all three prizes in their category! The winners were:

1st: Shahid Qadar J8, £25 Gift Card

2nd Zaira Hussain J10, £15 Gift Card

3rd Zainab Shah J8, £10 Gift Card



Certificates were also presented to Hana Ahmed J5, Aiza Waheed J8, Hassan Ahmed J5 and Maya Tsoneva J4

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Congratulations to everyone who entered and well done for achieving so much!

Mrs Roscoe

School Council Update

School council have decided their roles as follows

Chair	Elsa Moxley
Secretary	Ben Naisbitt
Treasurer	Kasey Brown
Change Action Team	Rosa Israel and Gareth Owen
Newsletter	Ben Naisbitt and Elsa Moxley

The School Council have decided to raise money for Cash for Kids and Water Aid. They have been given a budget of £300 and have decided to spend it on either a school pet, donation to charity, plants for the garden, playground equipment or recycling bins.

Council reps will be asking their classes whether they think Match Attax cards should be banned

Our attendance target for 2009-10 is 96%

This means that every child at our school has an attendance target of 96% or above. What does this mean? By missing 10 days of school this school year your child's attendance will fall below 95%.

We hope you will work with us to help your child have good attendance throughout the year which will allow them to achieve their full potential with their learning.

Thank you for your support – *Every Day Matters for Every Child!*

X-mas Factor Final 2009

Thursday 17 December

The auditions are over and we're all getting very X-cited because the X-mas factor final is almost here. The judges have selected their favourite 8 acts and now its time for school to decide who will be the 2009 winner.

The 2009 finalists are:

Reuben Israel J8

Lydia Fray J10, Amy Chantry J12 Jess Grant J12

Suleyman Ahmed J11

Tom Cooper J8, Bruno Schooling J7, Isaac Wilson J7

Maggie Colvill J11

Cainan Farrah J9

Elsa Moxley J11

Mia Richards Smith J12, Jada Smith J6 and Anthony Windith J7

Lisa Gill J6

We also have a couple of X-tra special acts lined up too.

School Governors, December 2009

You can contact the governing body by writing to the Chair of the governing body, c/o the school.

Chair of Governors

Parent:	Sylvia Yates Diane Wilkinson
Parent:	Sue Whittaker
Parent:	Mike Woolley
Parent:	Farzana Camran
Parent:	Nick Hoare
Parent:	Auriel Majumdar
LA:	Kate Quail
LA:	Richard Deeks
LA:	Steve Randall
Community:	Zahid Saleem
Community:	Yogi Amin
Community:	Vacancy
Headteacher:	Jill Hallsworth
Teacher:	Lynnette Glossop
Teacher	Jacqui Stockley
Non-Teaching staff:	Nicola Sawyer



We value your feedback and welcome your suggestions, there has been a suggestion box in reception for a while and now there is a book for visitor comments.

We hope that visitors to school will use it to leave positive feedback about their visit.

If you have a concern or complaint please let the office staff know so that it can be dealt with quickly.



Wind in the Willows

Fun House Theatre paid a visit to Hunters Bar and put on an outstanding performance with well-painted backgrounds and big life-like head masks!

This is what the audience said:

It was brilliant; they remembered all their lines and did a funny performance.

Ridwan Rabbi, J9:

Interactive and good actors. Emma Woolly, J7:

Fun and good to watch. Lauren Stockley, J8

It was an exciting show and everyone was itching to see what would happen next in the show. It was a big entertainment and everyone enjoyed every second of it.

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By Ellie Bondswell & Courtney Welsh Jones J9



Cross Country

Those who took part in race at Brunswick on 21 November were:-

Tom Blacksell, Maggie Colvill, Nancy Hookham, Stanley Hoare, Ben Naisbitt, Charlie Parfitt, Ruby Downing, Joe Faulks, Joe Fleishmann, Rosa Gamsu, Emma Godden, Elsa Moxley, Matilda Rhys-Kristensen, Ben Singleton, Jasmine Smith, Rory Wilson.

Next race: Saturday 9 January 2010 at Norfolk Park, Mrs Baillie and Miss Saunders will attend.



Class Assemblies

Spring term

Parents welcome

J8: Thursday 21 January

J12: Thursday 4 February

J5: Tuesday 9 February

J10: Thursday 11 March

J7: Thursday 25 March

Assemblies start at 9:00 am and last 20–30 minutes. Please remember to sign in at the office before going to the Hall.

Safeguarding pupils at

Hunter's Bar Junior School

We take the safeguarding of pupils as our highest priority and have a number of policies that we follow. If you wish to view any of these policies please ask at the school office.

We are waiting for updated guidance on checks for adult volunteers in school; requirements from September 2009 related to safeguarding have now changed slightly which I hope will make this easier for parents / adults to help while still ensuring the safety of our children.

If you wish to help in school please ask your child's teacher or at the school office.

2009/10 INSET Day 5

Our wish to close for the same INSET days as the infant school has been affected by polling as the infant school has subsequently been asked to close for polling on May 6th 2010.

We are disappointed about this as Ms Hayes and I have been trying for an alternative venue - which was the case last time. Polling in May falls on the Thursday following the Monday closure for May Day and results in a disjointed week for the children in the week before the KS2 SATs. This has never been helpful, therefore we are keeping to the original plan; our fifth INSET Day on Friday 23rd July.

This will mean that the junior school will be **open** on 6th May and the last day of term for junior children will be July 22nd - when the infant school will be open.

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

(All dates are inclusive)

Term Name and Holiday	From	To
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 1 September 2010	Friday 22 October 2010
<i>October Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 25 October 2010</i>	<i>Friday 29 October 2010</i>
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 1 November 2010	Friday 17 December 2010
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 20 December 2010</i>	<i>Monday 3 January 2011</i>
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 4 January 2011	Friday 18 February 2011
<i>February Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 21 February 2011</i>	<i>Friday 25 February 2011</i>
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 28 February 2011	Friday 8 April 2011
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 11 April 2011</i>	<i>Monday 25 April 2011</i>
Summer Half Term 1	Tuesday 26 April 2011 (May Day 2 May 2011)	Friday 27 May 2011
<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 30 May 2011</i>	<i>Friday 3 June 2011</i>
Summer Half Term 2	Monday 6 June 2011	Friday 22 July 2011

2010/11 Inset Days

There are 5 additional days for staff training each year; children do not attend school on the following days:

Wednesday 1 September 2010

Thursday 2 September 2010

Friday 3 September 2010

Tuesday 4 January 2011

Monday 6 June 2011

These inset dates have been agreed within the Family of Schools which includes Hunter's Bar Infant, Ecclesall Infant and Ecclesall Junior, Greystones, Porter Croft and High Storrs. We hope that this will make it easier for parents and carers who have children at different schools.