

7th October Newsletter



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Message from Headteacher

Attendance

History was made this week as we presented the new attendance cups for the very first time on Monday morning. The cups are presented to the classes with the highest attendance for the previous week.

The first winner of the Key Stage 1 cup was Mrs Watkins-Smith's class, Flying Scotsman. The Key Stage 2 cup was won by Mrs Millington's class with over 98% attendance last week. The cups will be proudly displayed in the classrooms of the winning classes until they are presented to new winners next Monday.



Pupils were also reminded that we have started our golden ticket awards this week. Every child who is in school every day on time will receive a golden ticket for our prize draw. If a pupil is in school every day on time for four weeks, they would have four tickets in the prize draw so more chances to win. We look forward to giving lots of tickets out over this school year.

The tickets will be organised by our new Punctuality & Attendance Crew who have been recruited by Ms Williamson, our Attendance Officer. Thank you to Ollie, Mollie, Aimee, Isabella, Paisley, Maisy, Ilan, Mahfuz, Charlotte & Leon who applied for this job, completing application forms and explaining why they could help other children to come to school every day on time.

Members of the Punctuality & Attendance Crew (PAC) were presented with their badges of responsibility in Friday's Honours Worship. The PAC members have supported the issuing of the very first golden tickets this week – every child who was in school on time every day during week beginning 26th September received a golden ticket for the prize draw. Over 430 tickets were put into the draw! We think there will be even more golden tickets for this week

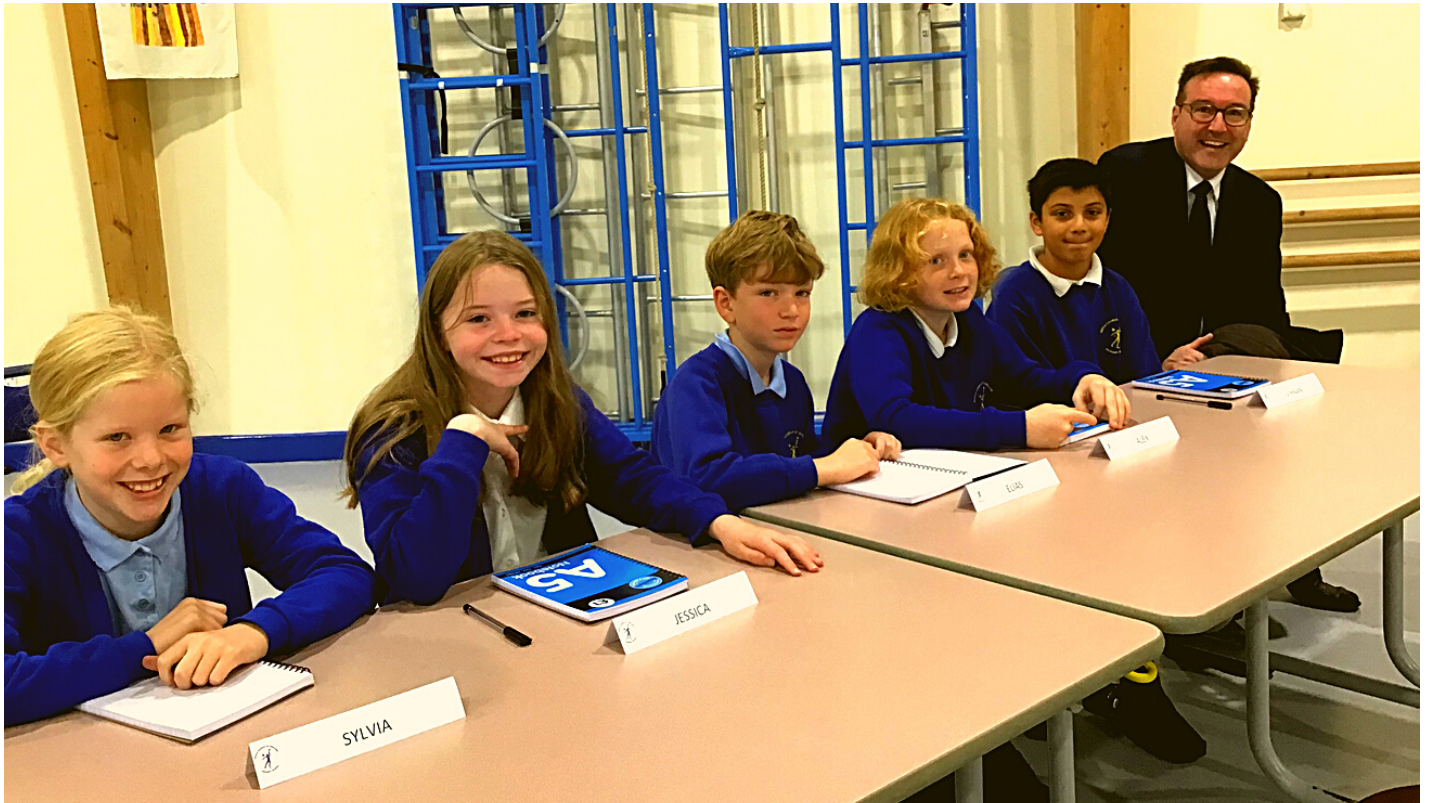
Sending Our Best Wishes

Our school family sends very best wishes to Sam Durdant-Hollomby and his family on his appointment as Vicar of St Barnabas in Hattersley from summer next year. Sam is a much loved, compassionate and dedicated member of our school family and a school governor.

He has made a massive contribution to our school over the last fifteen years and we are all praying for him and his family as they navigate the changes they face over coming months.



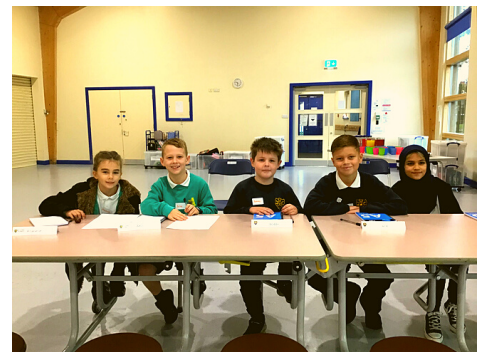
Message from Headteacher (Continued)



We welcomed a very special visitor into school this week. Friend of our school, Chris Matheson MP, attended a conference on Thursday morning. Over the last year, Mrs Watling has coordinated a pupil council which is made up of representatives of children from schools in our local cluster group, including Upton High School, Newton Primary, Acresfield Primary and Mill View Primary School. The children have worked together on joint projects including the toilet twinning charity project and raising funds to support local agencies including Kidsbank.

Mr Matheson MP visited school on Thursday morning to address the pupils and talk to them about issues relating to democracy. Mr Matheson MP answered the children's questions and was impressed by their engagement, knowledge and interest in this area.

The joint school pupil forum has big plans for this year. They are starting work on a project related to children's mental health well-being and school attendance.



We welcomed Mike Burton and Robbie Graham from the Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Club into school on Monday. Cheshire Phoenix are offering our pupils in Year 3 – 6 the opportunity to enjoy a day of basketball training with Cheshire Phoenix followed watching the team in action in a league match against Calendonians Gladiators on 16th October. Please look out for a letter

Parents' Evening

Our Autumn Term Parent's Evenings will take place before we break up for the holidays, starting the week commencing 17th October.

Parents Evening slots can be booked through our website, www.hooleceprimary.co.uk or the School Spider App. Parents and Carers will need to login to the school website or the app to be able to book a slot. If you have forgotten your login details, please click on the "forgotten password" link to reset it.

The slots are available on a first come first served basis. We emailed step-by-step instructions of how to book a slot to all parents and carers earlier this week.

Booking online gives you complete control of booking your appointments and the ability to rearrange or cancel your appointments if needed.

If you have any difficulties or any questions, please contact the School Office for help.

Parent Forum

SEND Parent Forum

Would you like to be part of Hoole Church of England Primary School SEND parent forum?

The forum is an opportunity to meet regularly with other parents who support children with additional needs. We can share ideas, resources and ensure that we are providing the best possible support for children within our care. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SEND parent forum please email: senco@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk to register your interest.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Miss Sprowson

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

We have been made aware that there is a recent dangerous Tik Tok challenge which involves children holding their breath for an extended period. Please discuss this with your child to ensure that they are clear about the dangers and to avoid doing this.

We are constantly updating the school website with parents guides to the various online applications and social networking sites that children might be increasingly using. To help keep your children safe online, please take a look by visiting www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/e-safety

Join the PTA!



We need your help!

Hoole C of E PTA is recruiting volunteers for the 2022
Winter Fair



If you can lend a hand please contact us at:

hoolepta@yahoo.com



AGM

Parents and carers are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Hoole Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will take place at school on Friday 4th November at 9.15am.

Any parents/carers who wish to attend the AGM are welcome to do so. Parents/carers are formally notified that there are two changes to the constitution of the PTA being proposed at this meeting

Amazon Smile

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Letting Their Lights Shine!

We are so proud of all our stars this week.

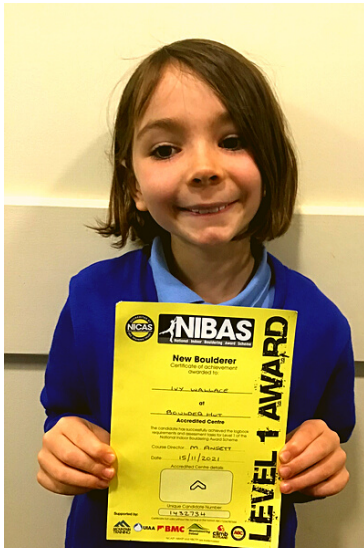
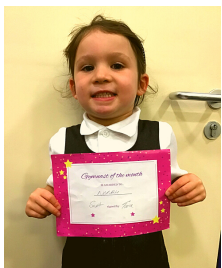
Brothers, Leon and Niall participated at the North Wales Cyclocross last week, sweeping over playing fields and woodland tracks on their bikes.

We have a plethora of mini-marathon runners from last weekend's Chester Marathon. They all ran a mile at Chester Racecourse. Well done to you all!

Year 1's Norah was awarded Gymnast of the Month for her skills and determination.

Year 4's Ivy wowed her instructor and was presented with a Level 1 National Indoor Bouldering Award!

And Year 1's Honey swam an amazing 6 meters unaided!



Let's celebrate!

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Alex W

Niall B

Ruby K

Rosie T

Jack W

Eric B

Freya O'C

Sonny W

Albin C

Elias W

Ruby O

Taylor D

Francesca H-E

Mia B

Key Dates

10th - 21st October

Year 6 Bikeability Courses

11th October

Year 3 Trip

17th - 21st October

Parents Evenings (times/days tbc)

19th October

Harvest Service at All Saints' Church

24th - 28th October

Half-term holidays

31st October

School reopens after half-term

15th November

Whole School Flu Vaccination

24th November

Pupil Photographs

2nd December

PTA Christmas Fair

7th December

Christmas Dinner

7th December

Christmas Jumper Day

12th December

Reindeer Run

14th December

KS1 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church

15th December

KS2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church

15th December - 2nd January

Christmas holidays

3rd January 2023

INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

19th January

Chinese New Year Menu

24th January

Year 5 Viking Day (Class tbc)

COME AND JOIN US FOR

CRAZY CRAFTS

Free
refreshments

Autumn
theme

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER

8:50 – 10:45AM

**THE LEARNING AND SKILLS HUB
at Hoole Primary School**

(School Hall entrance)



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