



Hackwood News

3rd December, 2021



Dear Families,

Happy December! The cold weather is definitely upon us as we enter winter. We made the most of the snow in school and the children enjoyed making snowmen. We hope that you managed to have some fun in the snow as families too.

Mrs Binoy continues to be absent from school until the start of January. Thank you for the well wishes.

You may have seen Mrs Beeston who works across all the Harmony Trust academies as Head of Safeguarding on the school gate. She is supporting the academy whilst Mrs Binoy is absent so please feel free to speak to her if you have any queries. Myself and Miss Morley are also available to speak to.

We are pleased to share that next week our long awaited for trim trail will be arriving. This is something that the children will be able to make use of for years to come and is part of our plans to develop our grounds further. We are also looking forward to getting playground markings in the new year, these can be enjoyed both at play and lunchtimes as well as in PE lessons.

Best wishes,

Mrs T. Rolfs

Executive Principal

Thank you

Thank you for your generosity with the fundraising that has taken place this half term. We have raised £146.60 for our Harnessing Technology Maximising Learning (HTML) initiative and £141.50 for Children in Need.

Trips

We have been busy planning and booking trips and visitors from the remainder of the school year and will soon be able to share information for each year group. This is an important part of our curriculum offer. All our trips will be linked to our curriculum such as the Year 1 seaside visit, Year 5 Space Centre and Year 2 Wildlife Park visit. More information to follow in the new year.

Adaptations to Christmas Plans

We still hope to continue our Christmas and winter activities over the coming weeks but with the new covid variant we have made some adaptations to how we manage risk.

In summary:

The **Nativity** performance will be split into Nursery or Reception rather than all children together and there will be 2 performances for each class (see below). This is to minimise numbers in the hall. We ask that only two parents/ carers from each family attend . Where possible please keep younger siblings at home. Adults will be asked to social distance and wear masks (unless exempt).

The performances will be recorded and sent out to families so those who choose or need to stay at home can also enjoy the performances.

For the **Christmas Carol Walk**, depending on numbers we may need to have two 'waves' of carol singing so we can allow for social distancing, whilst still enjoying the experience.

The updated flyer will be sent out early next week so you can book your places at the events.

Please note that all these plans are covid permitting but we really hope to run the events as planned.



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 14th December Reception Nativity 9.30am

Tuesday 14th December Nursery Nativity Songs 10am

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner Day (and Christmas Jumper Day)

Thursday 16th December Reception Nativity 9.30am

Thursday 16th December Nursery Nativity Songs 10am

Thursday 16th 2,30pm-Christmas Carol Walk

Monday 20th, Christmas Disco– KS1/Reception 3.30-4.30pm, KS2 4.45-5.45pm

Wednesday 22nd December- End of term party in class– children can wear your own clothes.

Thursday 23rd December– School Closure Day (Queen's Jubilee)

HOLIDAY

Monday 10th January– First day back in school

