



Hempsted Church of England Primary School

Christmas 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends of the School,

At last, the Christmas holidays are nearly upon us. I hope that you will agree that we have packed a lot of Christmas events into the past couple of weeks. There's been the infant nativities, the junior carol service, the whole school trip to the pantomime, house prize treat, Christmas lunch and the Christmas parties!! We break up tomorrow, with only 3 more sleeps to the big day itself!!



The Nativity

For any parent or grandparent, the Reception nativity is always such an important part of your child's first year in school. This year's class shone on the stage, leaving everyone smiling as they told the Christmas story.



The Key Stage One children retold the nativity story in a more contemporary way, with a lovely performance of 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast'. The children sang, danced and acted with great enthusiasm in front of an audience of proud family members. It was performed with a great sense of fun and energy and enjoyed by all. The final performance on the Thursday will also be remembered for the impromptu ending as the fire alarm sounded at the end of it. Even though it was quickly suspected that the alarm had been accidentally triggered, we still had to complete the evacuation and establish that there was definitely no issue in the building. Well done to everyone for coping in very challenging circumstances.



Key Stage Two Carol Service

Today we will be performing our junior carol services to parents and families. If the practices are anything to go by, the singing will be lovely. As well as some traditional Christmas carols, there will be some more contemporary songs, one of which will be 'Love Shone Down' which seems to be becoming our school song!

Christmas Tree

Thank you to Junior and Edy for doing such a great job of decorating the school tree this year. They should be very proud of themselves!



Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday the whole school had the option of Christmas dinner. It was a great success, with the kitchen serving over 150 meals on that day!

Whole School Christmas Service

Tomorrow morning, we are taking the children down to St. Swithuns Church for a Christmas Service with Nikki. We are very grateful to Nikki and Rachel for making it so special for us.

House Prize

This term's House Tournament was won by Llanthony. Their prize was received on Monday morning with a visit from magician, Colin Dymond. They thoroughly enjoyed Colin's mix of magic and comedy, including a whole host of naughty animals. Thank you to the Friends for paying for this!!



Christmas Party Day

- Children DO NOT need lunch with them tomorrow, CaterCater Ltd are kindly providing the children with party food. This is a very kind gift from them. Thank you also to The Friends for organising the tables and helping to serve the children.
- Another reminder that school uniform **is** to be worn tomorrow.
However, if children wish to wear a **Christmas Jumper or a Christmas accessory then they may.** Please also remember that we are asking for a £1 or 50p donation to our charity, Charlie's.



Internet Safety

If your household, and especially children, are receiving new 'devices' from Father Christmas, then it is worthwhile ensuring that they are safe to use. Please visit the site below for information on how to keep children safe whilst using tablet devices etc:

www.net-aware.org.uk/news/new-device-christmas/

Photographs

I would like to remind you that there are lots of photographs on the class pages on the school website. Please take a look. It's also worth taking a look at the calendar on the website as there are already a number of dates on there for upcoming events.

Musical Instrument Lessons

Mrs Smith still has a couple of places left for piano or violin lessons in the new year. There are bursaries available if finances are a barrier to anyone. If anyone is interested, a letter with further details can be collected from the office.

Community Pantry

Thank you to those of you who donated food for the Community Pantry.

The pantry is run by the community for the community and is topped up once a week with donations.

If you visit the pantry, please only take a few items when you visit so there is enough for others too.

Thank you.

Hot School Dinners

Please could you place your orders for next term's school dinners as soon as possible. It greatly helps the kitchen if we know well in advance what is required. This is particularly important for the first day back!!

Reminder

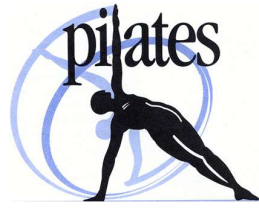
School finishes at **2:00pm tomorrow** and the new term will start on **Monday 8th January at 9:00am.**

Thank you for all your support during the Autumn Terms and best wishes to you all for the festive season.

On behalf of all the staff and children,
*A Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to
Everyone in our School Community*



Mr R Waller
Head Teacher



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