

Hardwick Primary School NEWSLETTER



Issue 11: Friday 13th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

December

Wednesday 18th

Christmas Performance for children in Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2 at 2.30pm

Thursday 19th

Christmas Performance for children in Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2 at 9.15am
(Adults only)

Christmas performance for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 11.00am

Christmas performance for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 2.30pm (Adults only)

Friday 20th

Christmas lunch followed by a film.

School Closes

January

Monday 6th

School Reopens

Reading Raffle

The following children were successful in the reading raffle:

Book Fair

Club Awards

Apologies to Jessica Monk who won the Club Award for Hand Puppets. Her name was missing from the list.

Headteacher's Award

As always at this time of year, one child from each class is chosen to take part in a visit to the Christmas Pantomime at the Oxford Playhouse. This year they went to see "Beauty and the Beast". The following children have worked hard all term;

FSU	Archie Ward
Year 1	Hashim Sharaz
Year 2	Alec Neville
Year 3	Asher Reid-Evans
Year 4	Madison Preece-Beales
Year 5	Ali Haidar
Year 6	Juwariya Ali

Thank you to Mrs Brain and Mrs Tiganov who accompanied the children and to Mr Hagger who drove the minibus.

Dementia Friends

On Thursday 12 children from Years 5 and 6 visited the care home to meet with the residents as well as listening to the author Lawrence Prestidge. The children had read

the books before the visit and were delighted to meet him talk to him about his work.

A small group of residents will be visiting school on Thursday 19th December to watch the Key Stage 2 children perform and then enjoy a cup of tea and a mince pie with the Dementia Friends.

PTA

Thank you to all those parents who took part in the Santa Walk on Sunday. We will let you know how much has been raised.

Tonight, we will be holding our Christmas Fayre. I hope that many of you will be able to join us for a mince pie and a cup of tea. It is usually a very festive occasion and we will have a special guest hiding in his grotto.

Christmas in School

The post box is still available for children to post their cards. Please make sure that the recipient's name and class are clearly marked on the envelope.

On **Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm** the children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing "Mend the Manger". On **Thursday 19th December at 9.15am** there will be a second performance. **This performance is for adults only.**

Also, on Thursday at 11.00am and 2.30pm the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing "The Amazing Advent Calendar". Once again, the residents from Green Pastures Care Home will be joining us for the early performance. **The performance at 2.30pm is for adults only.**

For all the performances seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Younger sibling can attend the performance on Wednesday and the one at 11.00am on Thursday, but **I would respectively remind you that older siblings will not be able to attend due to limited space in the hall.**

This year Simon Drake, who is a professional photographer, will be taking photos of all the children individually as well as taking shots during the performance. They will be on sale to parents on **Thursday**. They will cost £10 for one; £25 for three or 5 photos for £40. I appreciate that sometimes it is difficult to take photos during the performance so this may be a good chance to have a superb record of the event.

Katherine House

At the end of the Christmas performances there will be a collection for Katherine House Hospice. As you are aware this is a local charity which offers respite care for families coping with a relative who is terminally ill. I am sure that you will all agree that this is a worthy cause.

Christmas in Nursery

Dates to remember: **Nursery will be closed on Friday 20th December."**

Becky Tyler - Teacher in Nursery

Christmas Lunch

This will be on Friday 20th December. There will not be sandwich or jacket potato option.

The cost is £2.30 for those in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It is free to those in FSU, Years 1 and 2. Nearly all the children have the traditional lunch on this special day.

In the morning the children in Key Stage 2 will be decorating their tables. They are encouraged to bring small decorations from home. For obvious reasons candles are not allowed. However, Christmas crackers and party poppers will all help to make it a festive occasion. The children in FSU, Year 1 and 2 will make hats in school, to wear for lunch. There will a selection of prizes for both the best hats and the best table decorations.

After lunch we will all enjoy a film in the hall. School will finish at normal time.

As Christmas Lunch is on Friday, we will be serving Fish and Chips on Wednesday.

Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 20th December we will be having a non-uniform day. We are aware that many of you donated toward the tombola at the Christmas Fayre. We will not be asking for a donation on this occasion.

Lost Property

On Tuesday 17th December at 3.15pm there will be a display of lost property outside the Key Stage 1 classrooms. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of the day.

Swimming

The children in Years 1 and 2 have now finished their swimming lessons. They will resume next term.

Enjoy your Christmas preparations.

Yours sincerely

J M Hawkin
Headteacher