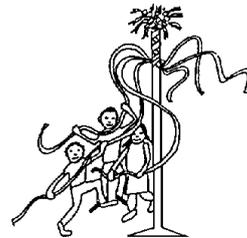


Hardwick Primary School NEWSLETTER



Issue 8: Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

November

Friday 29th

Non uniform day

December

Wednesday 4th

Meeting of Full Governing Body at 6.00pm

Friday 13th

Christmas Fayre at 3.30pm

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

Children in Need

'Thank you very much for your support with our Children in Need activities. The bears enjoyed their day at school, and the

competition was a success with Maddie Jones-White in Year 6 winning. We managed to raise a fantastic £156.07, which will be going to a great cause. Thank you again"
Anna Mcbeath - School Council Coordinator

Lunch

On **Wednesday 27th November at 12.15pm** parents of children in **Year 5** are invited to join us. This is an opportunity for you to meet with the staff and the children, as well as experience the food on offer. If you want to come into school for lunch the expectation is that **you and your child** will have a school meal. Unfortunately, due to the logistics of ordering, **parents will be offered the hot meal option only**. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 you will need to pay for your child's meal at a cost of £2.30. Any parents who join us have a free lunch; there will be no charge for the adult meal. **Please inform the school office by Monday 25th November** if you would like to join us.

PTA

Thank you to the parents who attended the PTA meeting.

On Monday we will be selling "a date in the diary". For £1.00 you can buy a special date in the calendar. The winning date will drawn

at the Christmas Fayre with the prize being a shopping voucher for £50! This will be very useful for Christmas! If you want to buy your birth date, or that of your children, then hurry because once the date has been sold you will have missed the opportunity.

Next Friday we will be holding a non-uniform day. The children can leave their school uniform at home in return for a donation towards the Christmas Tombola. This can be a bottle, a can, unused toiletries, an unwanted gift - all will be gratefully received. We will also be running a Teddy Tombola so if you have any unwanted Teddy Bears, we would love to put them to good use.

On **Sunday 8th December** the PTA will be taking part in the annual Round Table Santa Walk. Volunteers are needed to help collect money from the houses on the Hardwick estate. If you are available to help from 5.45pm until 9.00pm please let Zoe Smith or Clare Taylor know. We receive 60% of the donations collected on that night, which in previous years has been as much as £400. Unfortunately, this event is for adults only, as it involves lots of walking. Volunteers are asked to contact the PTA via the facebook website.

The big event is the Christmas Fayre on **Friday 13th December at 3.30pm**. If anyone can help run a stall, wrap presents, or set up the raffle and tombola, please see either Zoe Smith or Clare Taylor.

30-hour funding in Nursery

Is your child 3 years old before 31 December 2019? Now is the time to check if you are eligible for 30 hours childcare. All 3-year olds receive 15 hours childcare per week (term time). Children of working parents may be eligible for an additional fifteen hours.

Visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk now to find out if this applies to you. If you don't

apply before 31 December 2019 you will have to wait until April 2020 to take up your additional hours. If you are already benefiting from the 30 hours don't forget to re-validate your eligibility every 3 months via your online childcare service account.

Primary School Places

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 then you need to apply for a primary school ready for September. Applications can be made online from 1st November 2019. You will need to have completed your application form **by 15th January 2020**. Our Foundation Stage class has been oversubscribed for the past five years so it is important that all parents complete the application form on time.

Yours sincerely

J M Hawkin
Headteacher