



Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

What a lovely St. Andrew's Day celebration we enjoyed yesterday! It was great to see so many visitors in school during the morning, and the work the children produced including many different types of fish, origami boats and prayers were beautiful. We are glad so many parents and families were able to join us for this special day in the school year.

Margaret Ingham, our school's Bishop's Visitor, was very impressed with our Y5 and Y6 classes following both their day in church last week and their advent prayers written yesterday morning - their behaviour, effort and work were all excellent. The stained glass windows made in church are on display in St. Andrew's Church now, please do pop in to take a look and vote for your favourite.

Helen Hilton
Interim Headteacher



Attendance Award!

This week Rockstar went to Year 3 for 97.9%

This weeks House points

572

548

444

279

Farm Kitchen Ordering Deadline

Due to how Christmas falls this year we are bringing the ordering deadline forwards for the first week of Term 3 to ensure we can get the orders processed and products into kitchens before the start of term.

The cut off for orders for Wednesday 3rd January—Friday 5th January will be **3pm on Tuesday 19th December**. Please remember to get your order in by the end of the last day of term.

Thank you.

There are still a few Year 1 and Year 2 canvases left for sale in the office £2 each

Bedtime Stories

Tuesday 5th December

3.30pm-5.15pm

Don't forget to bring your PJ's with you to change into after school (Christmas ones, if you have them)

Christmas Lunch

If your child would like Christmas Lunch from the Farm Kitchen on Friday 15th December please return your form and money to the Office by 9am on Tuesday 5th

Clubs update

Please note that there will be no further Netball and Multiskills sessions this term.

All other clubs will finish 14th December

Decorations for Millview Medical Centre

The medical centre ask if the children would like to make a Christmas decoration of any sort to be displayed in the surgery. Patients and staff will love to see them and we hope it will give a real community feel to the surgery and have the children's decorations displayed from the village. There will also be two prizes one for KS1 and one for KS2 for our favourites. Please bring them in to school by December 13th, or drop them straight in to the Surgery.

Parent Survey

Governors would like to know your views about our school. It is important that EVERY parent has an opportunity to share their views and so we encourage everyone to complete the short survey by clicking on the link below. Please complete by 15 December. The results will be used by Mrs Bentley and the Governors to inform their priorities and plans from January onwards. If you have difficulty completing the survey online, please ask for a paper copy. Thank you

<https://goo.gl/forms/9eS8qCCTdeaai9Oh1>

News from the Governing Body

We are delighted to welcome four new governors to our Board this term.

Margaret Ingham, Richard Chillcott, Dan Whyment and Sharon Alleary bring a wide range of skills and experience to our school governance and we look forward to working with them over the coming year.

We also welcome our new Clerk to the governing body, Mrs Jo Ingol.

Update from the PTFA:

Rec and KS1 Christmas Play: We will be serving refreshments from the Children's centre from 5.00pm, £1.50 for a mince pie and a drink (tea, coffee, or hot chocolate).

Christmas Fair: Thank you to everyone that has returned slips and offered help for the fair—we will be in touch after our next meeting to let you know where we need your help.

Chocolate Tombola: Please bring all your donations in by December 8th—the more we have, the bigger the Tombola will be!

Our **next meeting** is on Tuesday 12th December at 9am in the Children's Centre, everybody is welcome to attend.

Santa's Postbox will be in the foyer near the Office from December 1st.

Pop your cards for the school community in the box and the elves will deliver them!

(Please mark all cards with a full name and Year group for safe delivery)



Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th December—Bedtime stories with Santa

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December—KS1 Nativity, 6pm in school

Friday 15 December—Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch, carol service in church, PTFA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 19th December—End of Term 2

Flu Immunisation (YR-Y3)

If your child did not receive their flu immunisation, please ring the School Nurse Team on 01476 590805 (select option 5) to arrange an immunisation.

Thank you

Start of school day

We politely remind all parents that children are expected in school by 8.40a.m. every day. Over the past few weeks we have seen a rise in the number of children arriving late which means they miss registration and start of lessons. If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child to school please come and talk to us. If children arrive late on a regular basis we will ask you to come and meet with us to discuss how the situation can be improved.