



Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 4 on a wonderful Exhibition of work yesterday! The standard of work was very high and the children talked confidently about their learning during this term's project. Visitors and children particularly enjoyed the feast of European food the children had made! We are delighted that Angel's Pizza were so impressed with the children's pizza designs that they have added them to their menu for the next few weeks, beginning with 'Chicken Rhumba'. This is a wonderful real world outcome for the children's hard work and we thank Ozzy and Cara for supporting Y3&4.

Well done also to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children for their fabulous performances of 'A King is Born' this week. They worked so hard and told the story of the First Christmas beautifully through acting, song and dance. Thank you also to members of the PTFA and volunteers who provided refreshments and helped with sound and lighting, their support is very much appreciated. Sale of refreshments raised over £80, and donations from parents and families after the performances raised £160 which will be put towards further new costumes and equipment for future performances, thank you very much indeed.

Next Friday, **15 December** is **Christmas Jumper Day**, everyone is invited to come to school in a festive jumper (which could be a plain jumper decorated with stickers/tinsel etc. it does not need to be a bought jumper) for a donation of £1 for Save the Children. Children should wear normal school uniform except for the jumper, as we will be going to church for our **Carol Service at 2pm**. Everyone is invited to join us for this lovely service. After the service, children will return to school to get ready for our **Christmas Fair**, we hope you will be able to join us from **3.30—5.00pm** for games, raffle, children's enterprise stalls and refreshments.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to complete the **Parent Survey** (please see link on page 2) - it will really help Mrs Bentley to start the new year with an overview of ALL parents' views about the school and how we can move forward as a school community. It only takes 5 minutes to complete but it is so important that we hear everyone's voice, so please complete by next Friday 15 Dec if you can. Thank you.

Helen Hilton
Interim Headteacher

Attendance Award!

This week Rockstar went to Year 3 for 100%

This weeks House points

861

776

750

641

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.

Reception Class Exhibition

Reception Class are super excited to host their first exhibition with authentic audiences next week as they debut their first books as authors to Pre-School on Tuesday. They will be holding their exhibition to families on Wednesday 13th at 2:30-3:15pm.

Music Tuition

Flute lessons finish on Friday 8th December.

Brass, Piano, keyboard and Violin lessons finish w/c 11th December.

Violin and Flute lessons will start again w/c 1st January

Keyboard, Brass and Piano lessons will start again w/c 8th January.

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>

Update from the PTFA:

Bedtime Stories: the children had a wonderful time and this event raised £280. Thank you for your support.

Nativity Refreshments: we raised a wonderful £80—thank you!

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. Chocolatey donations for the Chocolate Tombolo still welcome.

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

Wednesday 13th December—Reception class exhibition, 2.30—3.15pm

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.

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