



Heckington St Andrew's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week is the beginning of Advent. This is a time of 'getting ready' for Christmas. We are all excited for Christmas and most definitely are getting ready; there are lots of lovely events coming up, planned by us and the PTFA.

The children will be preparing for the Christmas Fair with their Enterprise projects and practicing their carol service songs and readings for the carol service in St Andrew's Church. Not only are the staff helping the children get ready for Christmas, they are already planning next term's learning and it all sounds very exciting!

Upcoming dates for your diary

30th Nov—Coffee Morning
and St Andrew's Day

Service at 2.15pm

1st Dec—PTFA Bedtime
Stories with Santa.

7th/8th Dec—KS1

Christmas Play, details soon

9th Dec—PTFA Cinema Trip

16th Dec—Christmas Lunch
and PTFA Christmas Fair

19th Dec—Christmas Carol
Service in Church

20th Dec—Last Day of
Term

4th Jan—First Day of Term
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Messages or reminders from.....

Reception— Please remember to have your home/school book and reading books in school everyday.

Year 1 and Year 2—Thank you for all your boxes. We now have enough!

Year 3 and 4— Please can children not bring toys into class.

Year 5 and 6— Please can children bring in any unwanted buttons and any old books or sheets of music for their enterprise project.

St Andrew's Day celebrations. WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

You are invited to join the children in celebrating St Andrew's Day. We would like to invite you to spend time with your child joining in with the fun activities they are undertaking to help them think about St Andrew and prepare for the church service in the afternoon. The children will be mixed across Reception Y1 and Y2 into groups and move around activities in the morning. The children in Y3, 4, 5 & 6 will also mix up and move around activities. They will have different experiences throughout the morning. If you could please return the slip below with your preferred time then this will help us to be organised.

The church service will begin at 2.15 pm in St Andrew's Church.

Name of child _____ Year _____ Number of adults visiting _____

Please tick the time you would like to visit:

9.00—10.00am _____

10.30—11.30am _____

Signed _____

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Please can you check your child's hair as we have had a few cases of nits in Key Stage 2. Regular checking, combing and treating, if necessary, is needed to eradicate these unwelcome visitors.

Please remember hair should be tied up with an appropriate hair band that is suitable for school (black or white or green).

After School Clubs

28/11/16 **Ballsports Club** starts (Y1 and Y2, 3.30-4.30)

This is now full, if you would like to go on the reserve list please ask at the Office.

Football Club—cancelled due to home match.

1/12/16 **Homework Club and Arts and Crafts Club**—cancelled due to Bedtime Stories with Santa.

All Clubs finish on Fri 16th

End of Term Projects Exhibitions.

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| Y3/4 | 7th Dec | 9.00—10.30 |
| YR/5/6 | 15th Dec | 9.00—10.00 |
| Y1/2 | 19th Dec | 9.00—10.00 |

Please come and join your child's class at our open sessions.

Bag 2 School

Thank you for your donations.

School Christmas Lunch

December 16th

The Farm Kitchen will be offering a Christmas lunch option on December 16th. The PTFA help to make this a festive lunchtime by providing Christmas crackers for all the children.

Are you or your children interested in playing in the Community Orchestra run at school during the Spring Term? Do you or your children already play an instrument (whatever your standard)? Chris Rogers, our Colourstrings and violin teacher, runs the orchestra from 3.45 to 4.30 on

Thursdays starting on 12th January. It is open to all players from complete beginner up to grade 8 and beyond; even if you only know 2 notes on the recorder, or if you have a flute in the attic that you haven't played since you were 16! Children need to have some level of proficiency on their instrument, but the music can be arranged for any instrument and any level.

This year, we would like to encourage those who play a classroom instrument such as xylophone or percussion to take part as well. Players will read from music, but very simple parts will be available for those who do not read yet. If you would like to take part please return the letter attached by Wednesday 7th December.

A reminder regarding bad weather: we aim to keep the school open during bad weather, the only reasons for closure are if not enough staff are able to get in, or a problem with the premises such as a heating failure. Text Round will be used to inform parents should the School be closed, and it will also be on the school website under the 'Latest News' section. These methods are more reliable than the radio announcements, but local radio will also be informed.

Non-Uniform Days!

A great success. Thank you for all your donations. Our chocolate tombola is going to be a stall not to be missed!



We raised a massive £234.11 for Children In Need.



Thank you for all your donations for this year's Poppy Appeal. We raised a brilliant £120.23!



Attachments

Christmas Play Costume Letter—YR, Y1, Y2

Christmas Play tickets Letter—YR, Y1, Y2

Cinema trip letter—whole school

Orchestra Letter—whole school

Primary Times—whole school