

Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

17th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another calendar year, I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to you all. What a year it has been! We always recognise that, in sending your children to our school, you are putting your trust in us, not only to educate them but also to care for them. This year, with COVID, this is even truer and so thank you for continuing to trust us despite a global pandemic.

I would also like to say thank you for your continued patience throughout this year when we have often had to make decisions at short notice and with little government guidance. We know it has been hard for everyone and we know that sometimes, the delay in providing you with information has caused more worry for you along with challenges in arranging work plans and childcare.

Thank you that you arranged, at very short notice, to keep your children at home. Home-education is hard so well done to you all for stepping into the role of teacher without any training - it is a tough job! Thank you for engaging in the remote learning and for being patient whilst we got this organised - something no school has ever had to do before.

Thank you for reading all of our messages, risk assessments and updates - which often contained a lot of information! We know there was often a lot of contradictory information around and we frequently only heard the big announcements at the same time you did. This presented us all with additional challenges as we waited for further details to support us in making the best decisions for our whole school community.

Thank you for sending your children back to school in September. As a school, we worked hard to prepare classrooms, playgrounds, one-way systems, playtimes and lunchtimes for the return of the pupils and to ensure that school was as safe as it could be. I cannot thank you enough for the support you have given us in being adaptable and supporting all of the measures that we put in place to keep everyone safe. We could not have done it without you!

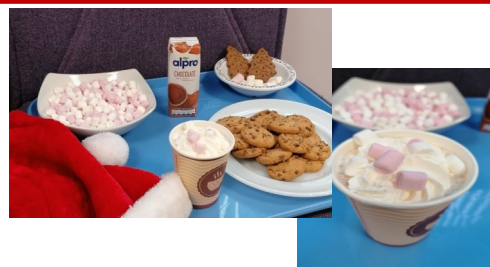
Finally, thank you for your continued support in working with us throughout this term especially when we have not been able to hold any of our traditional events or welcome you all into school. We have missed you!

We hope you all have a lovely, safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on 4th January. Let's hope that 2021 will be a much better year for everyone!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs J Bentley
Headteacher

We would like to thank the PTFA who work tirelessly over the year to raise funds for extra curriculum activities to enrich your child's experience at school. This week the children have enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit while listening to Christmas stories. Unfortunately due to Covid Santa couldn't make it this year, however, the children still had a wonderful time and got to take home a book. All kindly donated by the PTFA. Thank you PTFA, you are all amazing!



Diary dates

17/12/2020 Last day of term

29/12/2020 Last day to order meals for first week back

04/01/2021 First day back of Term 3

Learning profiles

Learning profiles are coming home today.

We hope that you enjoy sharing your child's learning from the term.. Please return these profiles along with your comments by 8th January.



PE days Term 3 2020-2021

Please see below new PE days for each class. We rotate these PE days to ensure each class gets a chance to experience a different sport from outside coaches we have come into school over the course of the year.

Thank you for your support.

<u>Class</u>	<u>PE Days</u>	<u>PE Days</u>
Oak	Wednesday	Friday
Maple	Monday	Thursday
Willow	Monday	Wednesday
Chestnut	Monday	Tuesday
Rowan	Monday	Friday
Silver Birch	Tuesday	Thursday
Hazel	Monday	Thursday



Please activate ParentPay to keep up to date with communications. ParentPay will be replacing parent hub soon. Please contact the office should you require another parent activation letter.



Thank you for all your lovely, positive comments you kindly took the time and trouble to write.

We have made this wonderful display with your comments. The staff have very much appreciated reading them all.

Thank you!

Today we have said a sad farewell to Mrs Hutchings, a lunch time supervisor who has spent many years with us.

We would like to wish Mrs Hutchings all the best for the future.