



Newsletter 6

23rd November 2017

This term's core value: Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers

December is suddenly upon us next week so I'm afraid this letter is full of Christmas reminders, but you can never be too prepared! It's going to be a lovely, fun and sparkly time!

Before we get on to all the Christmassy things, I have a surprise for you.....

Animal care day Tuesday 28th November

We have organised an animal care day on Tuesday 28th November. We have a pony group coming in with real live ponies, Mrs Mabbitt is bringing her donkeys, and we have a guinea pig breeder coming to talk about looking after guinea pigs. We also have a company called 'Repsmiles' who are bringing their snakes, lizards, turtles and all things reptile to talk about and handle. If you child has any allergies connected with any of these animals please let us know and we can make alternative provision.

Staff changes

We welcome Bethan Connelly and Amelia Booth to our kitchen staff along with Stephanie Owen to our Happy Hedgehogs staff.

Sponsored read and sponsored listen

Thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored read, we raised £306.00 to spend on Usborne books for the school. All children who took part will be getting a certificate.

Children in Need

Thank you to all of you who donated for our 'Spotacular' event last Friday. We raised £143.69 for Children in Need.

Red Kite Radio Takeover

The team from Red Kite Radio will be in next Wednesday 29th November to pre-record the 'Takeover Show'. We are aiming to provide a show to rival Nick Grimshaw. We plan to have singing, jokes, interviews, quizzes you name it, we're going to do it. We will let you know when this will be broadcast as soon as we know.

Tights!

Big drama.....we have a shortage of tights! If you have any spare tights at home please send them in for our supply (children's school ones that is!). Also if you have put spare clothes in PE bags please can you





change spare socks over to tights (girls of course) so that if they do have an accident or get muddy they are a bit warmer.

Mrs Collett's Sparkly Christmas tree!

Every year I like to have an exceptionally sparkly tree in my office! If any children would like to make me a sparkly decoration for this tree, I would be most grateful (no pressure though mums and dads, this is only if you are bored on a Saturday afternoon!). I always keep the decorations from previous years at Haddenham St Mary's as they are very special.

Christingle - Sunday 3rd December

You will have received an invite in your child's book bag to the Christingle service on Sunday 3rd December in St Mary's Church, please join us if you can, it is a lovely event. The children have been practicing their Christmas carols and they sound beautiful! Remember to tie your hair back if you have long hair, speaking from experience!

Christmas post box - From Monday 4th December

The post box will be in the shared area outside the Rainbow Classrooms from Monday 4th December onwards. Children may post their Christmas cards during the school day. Please address with the recipients full name and class for delivery on the last day of term.

Treble Clefs Christmas tour

We are very excited to tell you that the Treble Clefs will be going on tour! On Saturday 25th November at 11am they will be singing at the Christian Aid coffee morning in the Methodist Church in Haddenham. On Friday 1st December at 11am they will be singing at the Tythe Barn in Haddenham. If you are able to walk to and from the Tythe Barn with the Treble Clefs please email the office. On Monday 4th December The Treble Clefs from Sunshine Classes will also be going to Abbeyfields in the village to sing to the residents. At all venues the Treble Clefs will perform their repertoire of Christmas carols and a few of their favourite songs, please do come along to listen if you can at the Methodist Church or the Tythe Barn.

Mix 96 Toy Appeal

Local radio station, Mix 96, are once again running their Christmas Mix 96 Toy Appeal. They are asking people to buy an extra toy to donate, which will be given to children who might otherwise receive nothing this Christmas. For information on the charities benefiting from this appeal and how your donations will help them log onto Mix96.co.uk. You can bring the toys to school and then they will be taken to Haddenham Garden Centre, our nearest collection point.





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(Psalm 119.105)

Makeup artists please!

We need makeup artists for our Christmas productions of 'It's Chr-i-i-istmas' and 'Follow the Star' in both the morning and the afternoon on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday performances and also for our performance to VIPs on Friday 8th December. Please let the school office know if you would like to help and are suitably qualified in the makeup department! A seat will be reserved for you if you are coming to watch the performance on the day you help.

Christmas jumper day - Thursday 14th December

National Christmas jumper day for 'Save the children' is on Friday 15th December. However we are going to the pantomime that day (oh no we're not) and we felt that children may get a bit hot in their chunky knits. Therefore, we will be holding a Christmas jumper day on Thursday 14th December. Please send your child in to school on this day for a suggested donation of £1 towards the charity. Children do not need to wear their uniform on this day. We realise that we have had a few charity mufti days this term but thought this was a worthwhile charity to donate to and a fun activity!

Musical Santa Stroll

The school travel plan team is holding their annual 'Santa Stroll' on Friday 15th December; please dig out your children's Santa hats in preparation. Rainbow children and children who have joined us this year, will be given a Santa hat by the PTA in time for the stroll, please keep these safe for each year's stroll. For those of you new to school, we meet at 8.40am at the Catholic Church in Haddenham (on the corner of The Croft and Crabtree Road) and walk to school together in a long crocodile. The children can then put a leaf on our special advent tree when they arrive at school.

Enjoy the 'run up'.

Best wishes

Mrs Karen Collett
Headteacher



Haddenham St Mary's Church of England School

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Haddenham St Mary's Church of England School Calendar

Buckinghamshire Term Dates 2017 - 2018		
Autumn Term 1 2017	Wednesday 6 September 2017	Friday 20 October 2017
Autumn Term 2 2017	Monday 30 October 2017	Tuesday 19 December 2017
Spring Term 1 2018	Thursday 4 January 2018	Friday 9 February 2018
Spring Term 2 2018	Monday 19 February 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018
Summer Term 1 2018	Monday 16 April 2018	Friday 25 May 2018
Summer Term 2 2018	Monday 4 June 2018	Friday 20 July 2018

Haddenham St Mary's INSET Days 2017 - 18		
Monday 4 September 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017	Wednesday 3 January 2018
Monday 23 July 2018	Tuesday 24 July 2018	

Calendar of Events: Autumn Term 2017	
Saturday 25 th November	11:00am Treble Clefs at Christian Aid Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28 th November	Animal Care Day
Thursday 30 th November	Sky Classes visit to Neasden Temple
Friday 1 st December	8:40am Fitness Friday Walk to School from the Catholic Church 11:00am Treble Clefs sing at the Tythe Barn
Sunday 3 rd December	4:00pm Christingle Service in St Mary's Church
Monday 4 th December	9:15am Collective Worship in Church - all welcome 11:00am Sunshine Treble Clefs to sing at Abbeyfields
Monday 11 th December	9:30am Rainbow and Sunshine Christmas Production 1:30pm Sky Christmas Production
Tuesday 12 th December	9:30am Rainbow and Sunshine Christmas Production 1:30pm Sky Christmas Production
Wednesday 13 th December	9:30am Rainbow and Sunshine Christmas Production 1:30pm Sky Christmas Production
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th December	8:40am Santa Stroll from the Catholic Church with refreshments Whole School Pantomime visit to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	9:15am Nativity Service in Church - all welcome 3:05pm Break up for Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 3 rd January	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th January	Back to school for Spring Term

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