



Newsletter 7

7th December 2017

This term's core value: Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers

We're coming up to the exciting time of the much awaited Christmas productions. The stage is up, the costumes are ready on their hangers, the children have been practicing hard and you are really in for a treat.

Christmas Tree Festival

Please pop in to the Christmas tree festival in St Mary's Church this weekend if you can and see our wonderful library tree (thank you library team), the children made these decorations in school with our lovely library ladies. The School Travel Plan also has a tree and the main tree in the Church has been decorated by all the children in school.

HCJS Production

Haddenham Community Junior School has kindly invited our Year 2 children to watch their Christmas Production next Monday 11th December in the morning; we are all looking forward to going.

Christmas Production

As I have said, the children have been practicing hard and we really love to hear their voices and the lines they have spent a long time learning so please leave young children at home (not on their own obviously!!!) we love the younger siblings and usually welcome them but they can be noisy as we know!

We do not charge for tickets for our productions but we do have a retiring collection at the end. This year, this will cover the cost of the programmes and the remainder will go towards our chosen charity which is Great Ormond Street Hospital. We have chosen this charity as one of our pupils is receiving ongoing treatment from them and we all know about the fabulous work that they do.

We are a little short of volunteers to help with face painting for each performance (morning and afternoon), if you are able to help please email the office. On that note, if your child does not want to have or is allergic to face paints please let your child's teacher or the school office know.

The PTA will be providing refreshments at each production and the raffle for the hampers that the classes have put together will be drawn on the last days of the production. Please return raffle ticket stubs and money to school by tomorrow (Friday 7th) to be in with a chance of winning.

Christmas Carousel

The Christian Values Group and church representatives are organising a Christmas craft carousel for the children on Monday 18th December, we thank them for their time. The children will love it and I'm sure you'll love all the things that they make which can come out every year at Christmas!



Christmas Party Monday 18th December

We will be partying the afternoon away after our Christmas lunch on Monday 18th December (let's hope the dancing isn't too vigorous). Please send your children in party clothes on this day. There may even be a special visitor with a present for everyone!

Nativity Service in Church

Please remember that everyone is welcome to our Nativity in the church on Tuesday 19th December at 9.15am. Year 2 children will be acting out the story and the rest of the school will be singing carols. It is a lovely traditional Nativity service.

New recruits

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Anna Karyjewska as our school cleaner and Mr Jack Mitchell to our midday supervisor team.

Red Kite Radio takeover

The team from Red Kite Radio have been in and prerecorded the 'takeover' show. The children sang, told some jokes and a selection of children were interviewed. One of the questions asked was 'what is the most exciting thing you've done in school lately?' Nobody could remember anything despite the fact that the day before there was a two meter long python in school, a bearded dragon, numerous other snakes, ponies, donkeys and a really funny and exciting talk from a local guinea pig breeder! The programme will be aired on Saturday 16th December from 12pm.

Footsteps volunteers

Every year we run a road safety programme for children entitled 'Footsteps'. We need lots of parent volunteers for this and to deliver it you need to have attended a short training session. If you think you could help us out with this please contact Mrs Richardson or Katherine Eccles (Bella Year 1). Details of the training sessions are:

- Wednesday 7th February 2018 - 9:30am - 12:30pm - Old Ceremony Room, Wycombe Area office, Easton Street, High Wycombe, HP11 1NH
- Friday 9th February 2018, 9:30am -12.30pm - Mezzanine 3 County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury HP20 1UY

WOW Day

Our WOW day next term will be on Friday 5th January for all classes. More information will follow next week.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs have now finished for this term. They will start again in the Spring term in the week commencing Monday 8th January. Booking forms for each club will be emailed out next week. We will be running the following clubs next term: Sports Factor Football Club on Monday, Tennis Club on Tuesday, Jazzercise on Wednesday, Sports Factor Indoor Games Club and Craft Club on Thursday and, new for next term, Tumble Jam on Friday.

Staff car park

Sorry this is not festive, but I have seen parents using the staff car park again and walking up the drive. The car park and drive are for staff and visitors only.

So to sum up mums and dads, here is your 'to do' list....

1. Remember to come to the Christmas play - Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th December
2. Remember Christmas jumpers (for a suggested £1 donation) - Thursday 14th December
3. Remember Santa hats - Friday 15th December
4. Remember party outfits - Monday 18th December
5. Remember the Nativity Service - Tuesday 19th December
6. Eat lots of Quality Street or other well known chocolates to help you cope with everything and maybe the odd festive liquid refreshment will help too!

Best wishes



Mrs Karen Collett
Headteacher

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	
Monday 11 th December	9:30am Rainbow and Sunshine Christmas Production Year 2 to HCJS 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	Churches Together Christmas Carousel Christmas Lunch and 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
Friday 6 th January 2017	WOW Day for all classes