



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The term is getting busier and rehearsals for our Christmas performances are in full swing! The run up to Christmas is always thoroughly enjoyable and there is certainly lots to look forward to. If you haven't already, don't forget to return your requests for tickets for the Christmas plays (Nursery – Year 4) as we will soon be allocating tickets.

Children in Need 2022

A huge thank you for all of our donations to our Children in Need non-uniform day. We raised a fantastic £168 which will be gratefully received by the Children in Need charity.

Christmas lunch and parties – Tuesday 13th December 2022

We are having our Christmas lunch and class parties on Tuesday 13th December 2022. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their 'party clothes' and we are looking forward to a fun day! Any children who normally bring a packed lunch are welcome to order a Christmas lunch on this day and Mrs McCullough will be contacting parents with booking details.

Toy Day – Tuesday 20th December 2022

It has always been a tradition at the school to have a 'toy day' where the children are welcome to bring a toy, game or activity in from home to enjoy in school. We encourage the children to choose something that they are happy to share with others in the class and we do ask that the items are not high in value (e.g. games consoles). This year, our 'toy day' will take place on Tuesday 20th December and will be a lovely, sociable way to end the term.

Year 5 Carol Service – Tuesday 20th December 2022

Year 5 will be leading our Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm on Tuesday 20th December 2022. Seating in the Church will be reserved for the school and for the families of Year 5. Tickets will not be needed for Year 5 families but we are operating on an average of 2 seats per household. If you are requiring any additional seating, we ask that you allow other households to access their two seats first or utilise the standing room at the back of the church.

Christmas non-uniform day – Tuesday 20th December 2022

We always invite the children to wear Christmas outfits on the last day of term and would like to do the same this year. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/outfit/accessory for the day and no uniform items are required.

Events at St Mary's Church, High Hesket

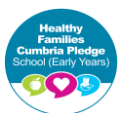
There is an upcoming Christmas event taking place at St Mary's Church which may be of interest to those of you who live locally. On Friday 9th December 2022, the Church is holding a Christmas sing along with refreshments, chocolate tombola, and Christmas jumper competition. Entry is free.

Playtime snack foods

A polite reminder that we do ask that playtime snack foods do not contain any nuts, melon, mango or kiwi due to severe allergies within our school community. Your support with this is much appreciated.

End of term attendance

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are monitoring attendance to ensure we are supporting families in enabling their children to regularly access the learning in school. In accordance with the updated guidance and school policy, we will be issuing letters over the next few weeks to any families where attendance is a concern and will be offering support if required. The Local Authority has also issued a letter to parents regarding unauthorised attendance during term time and we have circulated the letter alongside this update.



Dates for diary:

Friday 2nd December 2022 – PTA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th December 2022 – Year 1/2 performance at 9.15am

Wednesday 7th December 2022 – Year 3/4 performance at 2pm

Thursday 8th December 2022 – Nursery / Reception Nativity performance at 9.30am

Thursday 8th December 2022 – Year 1/2 performance at 2pm

Friday 9th December 2022 - Year 3/4 performance at 2pm

Tuesday 13th December 2022 – Christmas lunch and parties (non-uniform)

Thursday 15th December 2022 – Reception and Year 1 trip to the Sands Centre Pantomime

Monday 19th December 2022 – Year 2-6 trip to Theatre by the Lake performance

Tuesday 20th December 2022 – Carol Service at St Mary's Church, High Hesket at 1.30pm (Reserved seating for Year 5 parents) and Christmas Jumper Day.

Tuesday 20th December 2022 – Toy day

Tuesday 20th December 2022 – Last day of term (normal finish time – no After School Club)

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – School reopens for the Spring term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher