



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you know, there is always so much to think about as Christmas approaches and it is a busy but enjoyable time in school. It won't be too long until we are in December and so I thought it would be useful to outline some of the key activities that will be coming up over the next few weeks and to issue some reminders.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in today's non-uniform day. The donations we received reached a fantastic £195.55 so well done everyone!

COVID-19 update

As winter approaches, please remember that children who have any of the 3 symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, high temperature and/or loss of taste or smell) should not attend school and, if symptoms are present, should seek a PCR test. We do know that regular cold and flu symptoms will be doing the rounds but, especially now that we are seeing positive cases within the school community, we need to ask everyone's support in remaining vigilant. We are aware that COVID-19 can also present with a wide variety of additional symptoms so do request that children do not come in to school if they are unwell. Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

Christmas cards

As in previous years, the children are welcome to bring Christmas cards for their friends and we will be operating our Christmas post box this year. The post box will be in the school library and the children can post them in the box from Monday 29th November until Wednesday 15th December. We do still ask that the children don't lick the envelopes when sealing but close them by sticking or folding them over. Many thanks!

Christmas craft

Traditionally, each child has produced an item of Christmas craft to help raise funds for the PTA. Each class will shortly begin the process of planning and making their craft and these will be available to bring home on the last day of term. Donations of £1 for your child's craft item are very much appreciated and these can be brought in to school at any time between now and the end of term.

PTA Christmas Fair & raffle

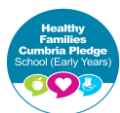
You will have already received a letter from the PTA explaining the arrangements for our PTA Christmas fair and raffle. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting these two fundraising events as all contributions go towards resources and events for the children. **Please note that on Thursday 2nd December 2021, as the Christmas fair is running in the hall, we will be providing a school packed lunch for those children who normally have school meals.**

M&M Productions 'Snow White' – Friday 3rd December 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming M&M Productions back into school to perform their Christmas pantomime 'Snow White'. Their previous performances have been thoroughly enjoyable and we can't wait to see what they have in store for us this year! The PTA have also kindly offered to provide some refreshments on the day to add to the experience! To be able to make the event happen, we would very much appreciate donations of £3 as a contribution towards the cost of the booking and this will be added to School money shortly for those able to contribute. We do appreciate that there is quite a bit to pay for at the moment so are very grateful for all donations.

Christmas lunch and parties – Wednesday 15th December 2021

We will be having a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December and this will be followed by Christmas parties in our classrooms. The children are welcome to wear non-uniform on this day and come in their party clothes!



Christmas jumper day – Thursday 16th December 2021

For the last day of term, the children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, accessory or outfit to get us in the festive spirit as part of our second non-uniform day!

Christmas performance

The children are currently undergoing rehearsals for their relevant Christmas plays and performances. I know many of you will be wondering whether you will have the opportunity to come in and watch in person. As I am sure you can appreciate, there is much to consider and circumstances change on a weekly basis. We are currently reviewing risk assessment measures and are engaging with Public Health advice. As soon as I am able, I will be writing with an update and I fully appreciate your patience at this time.

Menus for the last week of term

As the last week is a slightly different one, there will be some changes to the normal lunch menus. The options for the final week of term will be as follows:

Monday 13th December – meatballs & pasta

Tuesday 14th December – fish & waffles

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas lunch

Thursday 16th December – sausage in a bun

Dates for the diary:

Monday 29th November 2021 – Christmas card post box opens

Thursday 2nd December 2021 – PTA Children's Christmas Fair

Friday 3rd December 2021 – M&M Productions Christmas Pantomime 'Snow White' in school

Monday 6th December 2021 – Year 6 swimming lessons start

Wednesday 15th December 2021 – Christmas lunch and parties

Thursday 16th December 2021 – CFM Cash for Kids Christmas Jumper Day & school closes for Christmas at normal time

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – School reopens for the Spring Term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher