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NEWSLETTER 09

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We hope those of you who came along to watch this year's infant nativity, 'Christmas Counts', really enjoyed the children's performances.



Having the confidence to get up on stage, to sing out loud in front of a large crowd and to remember the lyrics to so many different songs - at such a young age - just shows how talented the children at our school are. It was clear that the children greatly enjoyed their moment in the spotlight - and it is magnificent that they have been able to put a smile on so many people's faces - as they performed to the whole school (on Monday) before their two afternoon performances (on Tuesday and Wednesday).

While the stage has now been put away, I'm sure the memories that these children have created will live long in the memory of the proud parents, grandparents and other family members who were able to come along and watch.

Thank you to all of the staff who helped make this such a success. Choosing a suitable script and making sure there are enough parts for every child in Reception, Year 1, The Fawns and Year 2 takes a lot of time. Rehearsing the songs, choreographing dances and supporting the actors to learn their lines (and stage directions) also takes time - whilst sorting out costumes and setting up the hall demands even more team. However, we are blessed to have such a fantastic team of adults who work at our school (and who make all of this happen) - their encouragement, hard work and effort has not gone unnoticed!

All of your donations will be forwarded to Alder Hey Children's Hospital before Christmas!



Christmas Craft Night

This year's Christmas Craft Night was an intimate affair with just a small number of families taking part - to design and make a Christmas card and Christmas tree decoration.

Nevertheless, those that came along produced some beautiful designs and had a really pleasant and relaxing time. It was great to see some former pupils, who are now in high school, taking part in this family event too.

These events are open to families with children of all ages - so, if you did not come along this time, please consider doing so next time.

Next Week

On Monday the children in the older classes will be taking part in their chosen Golden Activity - to recognise their hard work and committed attitude over the last 7 weeks. In the afternoon, the children in Year 6 will be competing in an Interhouse Dodgeball Competition - to determine which team (house) will go into the new year in the lead of the Inter House Sports Cup.

On Tuesday we are inviting the children to come into school wearing a Christmas Jumper - as we will be having a Christmas Lunch (with crackers and a Christmas Dinner). If your child does not usually have a hot school meal, but would like to have a Christmas Dinner, please book a meal on School Spider. (The children do not need to wear their school uniform with their Christmas Jumper. They can dress in non-uniform.)

On Wednesday, the school closes at 1:45pm. As this is earlier than normal, it is vital that ALL children are collected by an adult from school.



Sorry To Hear You Are Leaving Miss Little!

On Wednesday we will also be saying 'goodbye' to Miss Little...as she will be leaving our school to embark on a new career as a Case Worker in one of our neighbouring authorities.

Miss Little has done a phenomenal job in The Fawns and has also got to know many of the other children throughout the school. While we know she will do a great job in her new role, she will be greatly missed by the staff and children at Halton Lodge Primary School. We all wish her the very best of luck for the future!

The school has been able to recruit a new SEMH Behaviour Support Assistant, who will start working in The Fawns, at the start of January. Mr Patten will be coming into school to meet the children in The Fawns on Wednesday - and parents/careers of these children are also welcome to pop in to meet him when they collect their children at 1:45pm.



PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle

Today we have made the draw for the Christmas Hampers. Thank you to everybody who has supported this initiative: donating a prize, assembling the Hampers, selling raffle tickets and buying raffle tickets.

The lucky winners are:

1st Green Hamper = BLUE 364 (AH 812084)

1st Yellow/Gold Hamper = YELLOW 370 (AH 861752)

1st Blue/Purple Hamper = GREEN 40 (AH 868829)

2nd Green Hamper = PINK 451 (AH 863306)

1st Red/Orange Hamper = PINK 382 (AH 863305)

2nd Red/Orange Hamper = BLUE 56 (AH 812084)

2nd Blue/Purple Hamper = PINK 238 (AH 868806)

2nd Yellow/Gold Hamper = GREEN 366 (AH 868172)



If you have won, we would be grateful if you could come into school to claim your prize as soon as possible.

Please remember our school reopens, in the New Year on Wednesday 4th January. We all look forward to seeing you back at school then!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a fabulous New Year! Merry Christmas!

January

- Wed 4 Jan School reopens
After School Clubs will restart on Monday 9th January!
- Mon 9 Jan Alcohol Awareness Workshop for the children in Year 6
- Mon 9 Jan Inter House Competition (with Mr Reid) for children in Year 1
- Thurs 12 Jan Tobacco Education Workshop for the children in Year 6
- Mon 16 Jan Inter House Competition (with Mr Reid) for children in Year 2
- Wed 18 Jan 3:30pm to 4:45pm – Inter School Athletics Competition for up to 6 children in Year 5 & 6 at The Grange Academy
- Thurs 19 Jan Family Learning: Introduction to Number in Reception and KS1 (from 09:00 to 11:00) – Part 1 of 3
- Thurs 19 Jan Year 5 pupils taking part in a Creative Workshops at St Chad’s
- Mon 23 Jan Inter House Competition (with Mr Reid) for children in Year 3
- 25 to 27 Jan Year 6 Residential Visit to Robinwood
- Thurs 26 Jan Family Learning: Introduction to Number in Reception and KS1 (from 09:00 to 11:00) – Part 2 of 3
- Thurs 26 Jan Year 5 pupils taking part in a Creative Workshops at St Chad’s
- Mon 30 Jan Inter House Competition (with Mr Reid) for children in Year 4

February

- Thurs 2 Feb Family Learning: Introduction to Number in Reception and KS1 (from 09:00 to 11:00) – Part 3 of 3
- 2 to 3 Feb Year 3 Residential Visit to The Delamare Centre (Foxhowl)
- Mon 6 Feb Inter House Competition (with Mr Reid) for children in Year 5
- Thurs 2 Feb Year 5 pupils taking part in a Creative Workshops at St Chad’s
- Mon 6 Feb Inter House Competition (with Mr Reid) for children in Year 6
- 6 & 7 Feb School Health Team in school carry out Vision Checks (for children in Year 1), Hearing Checks (for children in Reception and Year 1) and Height & Weight Checks (for children in Reception and Year 6) over the two days.
- Wed 8 Feb 1:30pm to 3:00pm – Inter School Athletics Competition for up to 8 children in Year 1 & 2 at The Grange Academy

Half Term = 20th to 24th February