

Hutton Henry CE Primary

What's Going On?



Reminders

Playtime

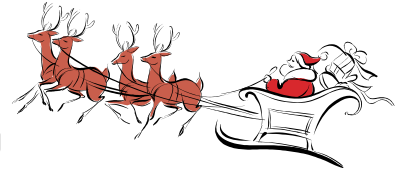
While the weather is cold and wet we do not allow the children onto the grassed areas. The children are keen to continue to play football, which often involves retrieving the ball from the grassed areas. I have asked that children who wish to play football at playtimes bring spare trainers. If children do not have spare trainers in school they will not be allowed to play football. Hopefully this will prevent children getting their school shoes too muddy in future.

Birthdays

It is our school policy that any birthday cakes/ sweets that you may wish to send into school to celebrate your child's birthday are shop bought and individually wrapped. This enable us to check the ingredients. It also saves time if teachers do not need to cut up and distribute cakes in class. As we have a number of children with allergies it is important that we stick to this policy.

We have had a particularly busy half term leading up to Christmas. Even before the Christmas festivities began, we had our SIAMs Church Inspection, we enjoyed a whole school trip to Beamish, our junior class enjoyed a visit from the Blackhall Historic Association to talk about Remembrance Day, WW1 and lots more. Our school topic " Our place in the world" captured the children's imaginations and once again the Open Homework projects were fantastic. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a I look forward to seeing the children again in the new year.

Christmas Fun



Thank you to Friends of School who funded Pantomime tickets and the cost of the coach. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves (and the staff too!). The Christmas Fair raised a brilliant £520 for Friends of School.

We trialled having a joint Christmas party for both classes this year and we had a professional party/ disco company come to provide music, games, puppets, balloons and magic. The children seemed to enjoy it! Thank you to parents for the wonderful food donations they really help to make the parties special.

Thank you to Marie and Lynn, our kitchen staff, for cooking a beautiful Christmas lunch on Tuesday.

Our Nativity showed off the confidence, singing ability and acting skills of our children. We had fun practising it and were so proud of all of the children. Thank you to all those who supported the children to practise their lines.

Things to look forward too!

School finishes on Friday 19th December and children are back to school for the new term on 6th January.

Our next topic title is 'Long long ago' and staff have already got lots of ideas for another fantastic term in the new year.



RE

Our Church School Inspection was carried out in November by Mary Pedley, a National Society Inspector. The inspector observed our RE lessons, Collective Worship and spoke to a group of our children. She was very complimentary about the provision in school and the emphasis we place on the children's well being. She recognised the Christian Values running through the school and how they support the decisions made and the ethos of the school. As always, it is nice when an inspection is over, but we came out of it with some targets to support our next steps in our continued school improvement.



Eco Commitee

The committee have been making bird feeders to hang out around school over the winter months.

We continue to collect information each day about who has walked to school.

This information is gathered each month and children receive badges if they have walked to school or walked a little bit further for at least one day

International Commitee

Grace, Isobel and Sam did a fantastic job of representing school in a Christmas Decoration Swap with other local schools. They presented information on Christmas in Mexico and brought back to school decorations from other schools which have been used to decorate our Christmas tree.

Charity

As usual we have been keenly raising money for charity this term. We collected for the Durham Food Bank for their Christmas Hamper appeal and were able to send off a wide variety of Christmas foods which will be made up and distributed as Christmas Hampers to those in need this Christmas. This Charity was selected by our student council who organised the collection. Christmas jumper day raised £76 including the money raised at our coffee morning. Children in Need raised £30

Donations

Please could you consider sending into school any gym shoes, girls/ boys pants/ school trousers/ skirts that your children may have grown out of. We continually replenish our stock to ensure we can provide clothes and shoes for children who have either forgotten PE kit or dirty/ wet their uniform.



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