

Hutton Henry CE Primary

What's Going On?

Reminders

School uniform

Please check at home in case you have uniform belonging to other children. It is easy for children to take home the wrong uniform in error and we have a number of families looking for specific items.

Head lice

In an effort to reduce head lice, we have asked that children with longer hairstyles come to school with their hair tied back. This is based on advice from our school nurse. Although I am sure this is very frustrating for some children we have made this request to support those families who find head lice a recurrent and annoying problem.

Text Messages

Please be aware that the text messaging system we used for school does not have a standard reply service, therefore any text messages that you send us are not being read.

Dates

We break up for our Christmas holidays on December 18th and return to school on January 5th

This term has once again been full of lovely events and exciting experiences. We appreciate the support families have given to ensure the success of each event.
Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Christmas

We started the Christmas celebrations with Christmas Art and Craft Day which was a lot of fun. All of the children enjoyed making their cards and calendars and taking part in crafts planned by staff members in the afternoon. Well done to all of the children for their Christmas card designs, we had some fantastic designs and appreciate all of the effort the children made. The winning designs received some Christmas prizes.

The children managed to deliver a wonderful Christmas Nativity. It always takes a lot of hard work but staff and children put in 100% effort to make our play a success. We hope you enjoyed watching it and I think you will agree that the venue was a huge improvement from the limitations of our school hall last year. Thank you to the Hutton Henry Village Association for supporting school and giving us access to the Village Hall.

In the true spirit of Christmas, the school council were keen to raise funds for 'Cash for Kids Mission Christmas' Appeal. It is an initiative aiming to provide Christmas presents for children who may otherwise miss out. Thank you for the donations of presents and for your support to fundraise through tuck shops, quiz and the Christmas Jumper Day. We have raised over £100 so far with more coming in everyday. We will ensure the gifts are donated in plenty of time for Christmas.

Thank you to Friends of School for kindly funding the whole school to go to the pantomime at Billingham Forum. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon watching 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. It is always a really enjoyable experience and helps us all to get in the Christmas mood.

Friends of School once again held a well organised Christmas Fair. They raised £587. This money enables us to fund a range of activities and resources for all of the children in school. Thank you to all who volunteer their time to make the fairs such a wonderful event.

Open Afternoon

Our Open Afternoon in November gave the children an opportunity to share the work they had been doing on their most recent topic—Toys, Fun and Games. The school looked fantastic, with high quality work on show throughout the building. Once again open homework projects were original and creative. It is lovely to see the work that the children have done, often with the support of their wider families. A real learning experience outside of the classroom. The winning projects were: Abbie Shears, Sarah Hannant, Nathan Wheatley, Emily Moore. Each winning a gift voucher.



RE

The RE have had a busy term. They organised 12 boxes to go to the Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal.

They have also helped to organise the light party and they have chosen our schools Christian Values.

International Committee

The International Committee took part in a Christmas Decoration Event hosted in a local primary school. It was an opportunity to make Christmas Decorations alongside children from other schools. Isobel Payne and Beth Teahen represented school at the event and the decorations they made are displaying on our Christmas tree.

Sports

The Sports Committee have been busy running playtime games this term.

Well done to all pupils who have taken part in the Cross Country and the Gymnastics Festival.

Next terms clubs will be Dance for years 1,2 and 3 and also Playmakers for Junior pupils.



Eco Committee

The Eco Committee have been working very hard to ensure we are all aware of how we can save energy. Look out for a leaflet to follow.

The Eco Committee have also done a very good job in ensuring our feathered friends have plenty of food throughout the year and especially during these cold winter months.

Equalities Committee

The Equalities Committee is a new committee for this school year. This term they have made blue ribbons for the whole school to raise awareness for anti-bullying week.

Thank you for the responses to our Parent and Homework Questionnaires. We have analysed the information you provided and it has helped us to make some changes to address as many of the suggestions as possible. Some parents were keen to have access to children's targets even after homework books have been handed in. In response to this, the hand in date will be extended so books can be at home for longer. We will continue to send reading books as well as passwords for online reading as some parents preferred real books. In general the amount of homework was seen as appropriate (82%) so staff will continue to provide a wide range of experiences home including regular spelling and reading as well as password information for online reading, grammar and maths. A weekly piece of additional homework will be issued and open homework will be termly. Targets will be available in homework books to support parents who wish to provide further activities at home. We aim for this range of homework to suit everyone's needs and enable parents to do as little, or as much, as they see appropriate for their child's needs. Congratulations to Mrs Nord who was the winner of the questionnaire prize draw.

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