



Hickling Church of England V.C. Infant School

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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope the Christmas shopping is going well and not proving too stressful!
The school looks lovely and festive and preparations are well under way for next week's Nativity performances. The sound of angelic singing is heard regularly at the moment!

Our Advent Federation day was a huge success and the children behaved wonderfully. We have so many more children now across our three schools that Catfield was packed to the rafters! We were also joined by two of our governors, Mrs Russell and Mrs Young and finally by Mrs Lenton who is our Diocesan Support officer. She visits us termly and this is just a little bit of the letter she sent me following her visit:

'What a fabulous day yesterday. Thank you so much for all your hard work. The children were obviously getting so much fun from the activities as well as learning about Advent. I was very impressed and really enjoyed talking to the children. Seeing them altogether was a joy - it gives the children an opportunity to form new friendships and gives all the staff a chance to work and plan together. I felt strongly that this is the way to go for small schools.'

A pretty ringing endorsement for our Federation days. A big thank you to the staff who put a lot of time and effort into making sure these days run smoothly.

Miss Arnold has been such a busy bee at working to raise the profile of our little school and it was wonderful to see the two recent articles in the local press. Well done Miss A!

This will be our final newsletter before we break up so just a few reminders:

- Federation panto at Catfield on Monday 11th
- Nativity performances - 10am Wednesday 13th
- Christmas lunch is Friday 15th

We would be really grateful for any support to get the stage down and loaded into my truck after the nativity and also any support at school after this to unload and put it away! We will give you a cup of tea and a biscuit first - honest :-)

Please remember that the first day back at school is Thursday January 4th 2018. Feels a bit funny to be writing that!!

A very happy and peaceful Christmas and new year to you all.

Ms Nutbeam/Ms Wones

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre preparation on Monday 18th December at 2pm. You can come along on the day, have fun and bring along your spare change! Your help and ongoing support is always appreciated. We have put two boxes in the entrance for donations to Tombola and Raffle. If you have anything at home or see anything suitable please bring them in. We are also going to have a 'pre-loved' teddy stall and book stall so if you have anything you would like to part with, send them our way!

Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast

On Monday 11th December in the afternoon we are going to Catfield School to see the pantomime – Beauty and the Beast. You do not need to do anything for this – we just wanted to let you know we were going!

Christmas Crafts – LINKS

On Friday the 8th December from 1:30pm we are going to have a Christmas Crafts LINKS afternoon in conjunction with the churches in the village. As well as the normal teachers there will be other members of the community with Christmas crafts for you to make with your child. We hope this will be a lovely community based experience! All welcome as usual.

Nativity

On Wednesday 13th December at 10am we will be doing our Nativity 'It's a Cracker' down at the church in the village. The Pre-School will also be singing a song before and during the play. If you would like to know more about the Nativity – please just ask!

Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of school, Tuesday 19th December we are going to go around the village singing!! We are going to go to Hickling House and sing some songs for them. We are also going to go to Lunch club at the chapel and perform for them too. We hope to spread Christmas cheer and smiles at this festive time of year.

Last Day Party Lunch

On the last day we are going to have our annual Christmas Party lunch. School will be providing pizzas and sandwiches. We will put up a list of food we would love donations of. Last year we had quite a lot left over so this year the list might be a bit smaller!!

Date	Event
8/12	Christmas Crafts LINKS
11/12	Federation Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast (Catfield)
14/12	Flu Vaccinations
15/12	Christmas Lunch
18/12	Christmas Fayre from 2pm
19/12	Christmas Jumper Day Singing around the village School Breaks Up!
4/1	Back to School!
10/1	Visit to Norwich Puppet Theatre
18/1	Norwich Puppeteers Visit School
19/1	Norwich Puppeteers Visit School
9/2	Break up for February half term