



Hickling Church of England V.C. Infant School

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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1st December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

The run up to Christmas has started in earnest now and our schools have been filled with lots of singing and glitter as we start our preparations for Christmas!

Welcome back to Ms Arnold who has been absolutely floored by the bug. Huge thanks to Ms Wones, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Luther, Mrs Barker and Ms Turner for their hard work.

It's been a busy couple of weeks across the federation: much fun was had on Children in Need days and our three little schools raised about £500 which was brilliant. All three schools got together last week at Catfield to take part in lots of space inspired activities and had a go in the planetarium which was set up in the hall. It really was amazing!

The rehearsals for the nativity are well under way. It is always a lovely event so hopefully we will see lots of you there.

In collective worship we have been thinking about Advent and all the special things we do in the run up to this celebration. We lit our first Advent candles in assembly this week and discussed the meaning of Advent and its significance in the Christian calendar.

A reminder that our wonderful PTA have been organising the Christmas Fair - do come along on the 15th from 2.30pm for some Christmas fun! We have been busy sorting out the library area and hope to use some of the money raised from the fair on new books and comfy seating for the children.

Happy Christmas shopping!

Ms Nutbeam & Ms Wones

Nativity

Please remember if you have been asked to help with your child's costume for the Nativity, these need to be in school by the 5th Dec to enable us to do a dress rehearsal.

After the Nativity in the church on the 14th December we have to take the stage down. If anyone can help with this, that would be great. Thanks

Giving Tree – Children's Christmas Party

We have a lovely golden tree in the lobby which is call Our Giving Tree. On here are some leaves on which we have written things that we would like for the children's Christmas Party. We would be very grateful if you could take a leaf or two and donate the item/s written. Please also fill in the sheet beside the tree and write what you will be donating beside your child's name. This is a new initiative that we are trialling and think it is a nicer way to ask for donations rather than just giving you a list. The children will be having party food for lunch on the last day of term instead of a Norse lunch. If you have any queries please speak to Mrs Holmes on either a Monday or Tuesday. Thanks

Xmas Fayre

Don't forget our Xmas Fayre is taking place on Thursday 15th December at 2.30pm. We are still looking for raffle prizes, bottles for the tombola, anything sweets or lollies etc that can be used for prizes. Any cakes can be brought along on the day. Thanks

Lunch Slips

These must be handed in on a Monday morning. Without these we cannot guarantee your child will get the correct lunch choice. Spare sheets are held in the letter racks near the office. If bus children need further sheets please put a note in your child's book bag. Thank you

Uniform

Could you please ensure everything is named! This also includes lunch boxes and book bags. Thanks

Christmas Cards

The post box for Christmas cards is now in the lobby. I have been asked for a list of children by several parents for Christmas cards, so have put one in everyone's book bag! Thanks



The winner of last 2 week's cake raffles were Max and Henry M.

Diary Dates. These dates are on the website, please check regularly as we will update these as new things are added. Thanks

Date	Hickling
2 nd December 2016	Theatre visit – We're going on a bear hunt
5 th December 2016	Flu Immunisation Years 1 & 2
6 th December 2016	Pantomime at Catfield
7 th December 2016	Guide Dog Visiting during Assembly
12 th December 2016	Christmas lunch
14 th December 2016	Nativity – 10 am at the church
15 th December 2016	Christmas Fayre 2.30pm
16 th December 2016	Christmas jumper day, Children's Party! - Last day of term!

Attendance last week was 98.35% and this term so far is 95.95%.

