

**Newsletter**

**Autumn 2**

**2019**



**Carol Singing at Hanslope Primary School**

Following the success of our carol singing last year (despite the weather!) Families are invited to join staff and children for communal carol singing on the KS2 playground on Tuesday 17th December. If the weather is not on our side, we will hold the event in the school hall.

Children should be collected at the normal time and make their way to the playground. Hot chocolate and mince pies will be served from 3.20 for a small donation. Singing will start at 3.30 and last for approximately 30 minutes. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

This year any donations received will be given to The Chilli Children Trust a charity we are supporting through our school website provider Schudio. The charity provides education, medical assistance and support to children with disabilities in Rukungiri, Uganda. The money raised will be used to continue work on building a school for the community.

Please come and join us and enjoy some Christmas cheer!

**KS1 Nativity Performances**

It is the time of year when our Christmas productions are almost upon us. I would just like to share some of the arrangements with you. Our KS1 performances will be on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December. Both performances will be strictly ticketed and only valid tickets for that performance will be accepted. We will be opening the wooden gate (by my office) at 9am, and the audience will be able to get to their seats at this point. This is to allow parents to wait for the performance to begin in the warmth of the school and to avoid people having to go home for a short period after dropping off their child. Both performances will begin as close to 9:30 as possible, as you can imagine getting nearly 80 children in costume and ready is quite a hard task!

No drinks will be allowed into the hall before or during the performances because of the risk of spillages and children slipping.

**KS2 Christmas Play at St James.**

Our KS2 performance is on Tuesday 17th December. The church door will be opened at 9:30 to minimise waiting out in the cold. The whole school will be walking down to the church and the performance itself will not begin until 10am.

If you bring a warm drink to the church, please make sure you take your empty cups away with you.

**Adverse Weather Conditions**

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the prime concern of the school will always be the safety of the pupils and staff. The decision whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parents, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of childcare.

There are certain factors which may lead to the school closing, such as whether:

* there are enough members of staff to be able to provide sufficient teaching
* the severity of the weather conditions is on such a major scale that it is unlikely that many people will be able, physically, to make it into school;
* the school can provide lunch for the children;
* the school grounds are sufficiently safe for children, parents and staff;
* the school has sufficient heating;
* the school has lighting and water across the site
* the external agencies, e.g. police, local government, motoring organisations, etc. are advising against school travel in our region.

If the school is to be open, we will post this on the website as soon as possible and normally by 7.00am on the day, as well as notifying you of this by parent mail and the school website app.

Please be aware that there may be some disruption to the normal school activities due to staffing levels. If, for the reasons outlined above, the safest or most expedient judgement is to close the school a ‘Closure Day’ will be declared and we will post this on the website as soon as possible and normally by 7.00am on the day, as well as notifying you of this by parent mail and the school website app.

We will also notify the Local Authority, local press and radio. When the school is open, we will remain open until the end of the normal school day unless heavy snowfall occurs during the course of the day. All parents are expected to have emergency plans in place so that children are not left in school for prolonged periods of time in the event of a school closure during the day.

**Christmas Jumper Day**

We are going to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 13th December**. All pupils are welcome to dress up in Christmas jumpers instead of wearing their usual school jumper. **The remainder of our normal school uniform must be worn**. We ask children to bring in a minimum donation of £1.00 on this day any money raised will be split equally between Save the Children and our own School Fund.

**Diary Dates**

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Fri 6th December Non uniform (item for FOHS Christmas raffle)

Tues 10th and Wed 11th December KS1 Nativity 9:30 start

Friday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 17th December KS2 Christmas Production at St. James 10am

 Family communal carol singing 3:20pm

Wednesday 18th December Children’s Christmas lunch.

Thursday 19th December (pm) KS1 and KS2 Christmas parties

Friday 20th December Last day of term – finish at 3:15.

 Tuesday 7th January - Spring Term begins.

***Please note all the dates and times shown here are accurate at the time of the publication of this newsletter. Any unforeseen event may happen that could cause alterations to the information listed below; if this does occur we will endeavour to let you know as quickly as possible.***

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