

Newsletter – Wednesday 12th December

Christmas Festivities

It's certainly going to be a busy week next week!

Tuesday 18th December – “Christmas 1914”, 2pm at HBCC

Children will be rehearsing during the morning at the Community Centre, and we will be having a picnic lunch there before we start the final set up for the performance. Please can all children bring a packed lunch with them on this day.

Children have been working really hard on this production, and are looking forward to sharing it with you. Pre-school children who are not normally in school on a Tuesday are more than welcome to join us to be a part of this. Please remember that costumes need to be in school by Friday 14th. If you are having difficulty with a costume, please come and see a class teacher before Friday.

During the interval there will be mince pies, tea, coffee and mulled wine available for a donation to the PTA. The hamper raffle will also be drawn at this time – there is still time to buy raffle tickets if you have not yet done so!

Wednesday 19th December – School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Please remember that you need to let Mrs Goss in the school office know by the end of today (Wednesday 12th) if your child wishes to have Christmas dinner on this day. For children in KS2, the cost is £2.30 or one meal ticket. There is no charge for children in KS1 as this is covered by UIFSM as normal, and the cost for pre-school children will be £1.80 as normal. Please note that there will be no sandwich/jacket potato option on this day.

The PTA have organised for Wednesday to be ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ – wear your most Christmassy or Festive jumper. Donations will be collected for the PTA fund.

Thursday 20th December – Christmas Carol Service, 2.30pm in the Church

Please note that this is a service (not a performance) and all carols will be for the congregation to sing as well as for the children! Again, pre-school children who are not normally in school on a Thursday afternoon are more than welcome to join us to be part of this service. It will be a lovely event to finish the term.

PTA Cake and Toy Sale

The PTA are holding a Cake and Toy Sale after school this Friday, 14th December. Cake donations gratefully received!

Age Range Change - Consultation Meeting: Thursday 13th December 3:45pm, Church Hall

Following the expiry of the consultation period there will be a short meeting after school on Thursday to answer any queries or questions anyone may have regarding the proposed change to the school's age range from 4-11 years to 2-11 years.

The proposal is for High Bickington's Governor-run Pre-School for 3-4 year olds to become part of High Bickington C of E Primary Academy rather than operating as an extended service. Whilst we are seeking authorisation from the Department of Education to reduce the age range to include 2 year olds we do not anticipate being able to accommodate 2 year olds within the current setting, but would like to be ready for when the new school is built.

Performance News

Well done to Sophie, who has worked very hard last week rehearsing for and performing in two different shows. She has performed in tap, acrobatic and contemporary dance routines in the ‘Dancing Feet Showcase’ in Braunton, and sang and danced in ‘Rising Stars at Christmas’ in Ilfracombe as part of Make the Move Musical Theatre Group. It is always lovely to hear what children are working on outside of school.

KS2 Climbing

Children in KS2 will have received letters about climbing sessions in the spring term. Please return slips to the school office. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

If your child receives a flu vaccination outside of school, please make sure that you inform the school beforehand – we have some children in school who have an impaired immune system, so it is vital we know this information. Thank you.

Primary School Applications – September 2019 start

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, the Admissions Team are now receiving applications for primary school places (reception year). You can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline until 15th January 2019. More information is available at www.devon.gov.uk/admissions. If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Week Commencing 17/12/18

Monday:

Tuesday: Packed lunch needed
2.00pm Christmas Play
No netball club

Wednesday: Christmas Jumper Day
School Christmas Lunch

Thursday: 2.30pm Carol Service
No Choir Club

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to
Charlie T for the 19th.



Stars of the Week!



Class One (Jeremy Bear) – Kenneth for amazing writing this week.

Class Two – Lily F for having a super attitude to school and working hard all the time.

Class Three – Charlie P for being amazingly helpful around the classroom!

Class Four – Oliver B for always giving 100% effort and for always taking great pride in his work.

To be presented at our celebration collective worship on Friday 13th December, 10.15am in the church – all welcome.

Home Activities and Homework Tasks

Class One – Reading. How many different ways can you make 10?

Class Two – Daily Reading. Mathematics. Year 2: Learn your spellings.

Class Three Christmas Homework – Reading for pleasure and learning times tables (Y3: 3, 4 and 8, Y4:all).

Class Four – Reading and times tables!!!

What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week, and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!



Learning Lions

What did Sprutzilla do?

How can you easily work out your number bonds to 10?

What did you write on your Christmas list?



Exploring elephants

Who came to visit us this week?

Do you know all the song words for the Christmas play?



Inventive Impalas

What have you learnt in maths this year?

Can you write a Christmas story including all the features we have looked at this term?

What have you learnt about in R.E this term?



Challenging Cheetahs

What can you remember about the links between Place Value, multiplication and division?

How are you able to make any piece of your writing more engaging for the reader?

What have you found out from our topic 'Lest We Forget'?

After School Clubs (Autumn Term)

	Activity	Age Range	Venue	Time	Adult in Charge
Tuesday	Netball	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	HBCC	3.30 – 4.45	Claire Turner
Thursday	Choir	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Main School	3.30 – 4.30	Miss Trofa
Friday	KS2 Sports	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Field/HBCC	3.30 – 4.30	Mr Norton

Please note that individual clubs may be cancelled some weeks – please look out for this on the newsletters/weekly board/text messaging system.

Meals W/C 17/12/18

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Casserole with potatoes & seasonal veg Eves pudding & custard	No school dinners – home packed lunch	Christmas Lunch!	Mild turkey curry with rice (V – savoury vegetable rice) Tortilla Chips/Naan Bread & seasonal veg Chocolate sponge with custard	Non pupil day

KS2 School Meal Tickets

Name of child.....

I wish to buy _____ book(s) of tickets at £11.50 each and have enclosed the sum of £_____ in full payment.

Please make cheques payable to TEAM Multi Academy Trust.

Pre-School Dinners

Name of child.....

I wish to book my child in for school dinners on the days below (please tick)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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I enclose £1.80 per day, total £..... Please make cheques payable to TEAM Multi Academy Trust.



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