

## Newsletter – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Christmas 1914

As I said yesterday, "Wow! Weren't your children just amazing!" It was wonderful to hear so many lovely comments about the performance yesterday - and very much appreciated they were as everyone had put in so much time, effort and skill to making the play such a success. What I would have said at the end was how very proud I was of your terrific children and how they should all feel so proud of themselves; but I was slightly too emotional (as I know many of you were) and nobody wants to see a blubbing Head at Christmas time! Thank you again to all of you for the work on costumes; to all staff for their commitment to rehearsals and prop work; special thanks to Miss Trofa for the amazing music and for putting the whole thing together and to Mrs Scowen and Arthur for creating such fabulous sets. And, of course, a huge thank you to the children - from pre-schoolers to Y6s, from the main characters to the chorus line, every boy, girl, soldier, nurse, teacher and little old lady of them ... you are all MASSIVE STARS!

### PTA

Thanks again to the brilliant PTA for organising the refreshments, raffle and last week's cake and toy sale. Also, thank you for donations to wear Christmas Jumpers today (it's not too late to donate if you forgot!!). All in all, when the final amounts have been added together, it looks as though somewhere between £450 and £500 will have been raised for the school. Amazing!

### Good Bye Mrs Fee

As I said a couple of weeks ago, Mrs Fee will be leaving us at the end of term. In her short time at High Bick, Mrs Fee has been a fantastic, engaging, motivating, fun driving force for the children in Class Two. There are 30 little individuals in that class and she understands what makes them all tick. Her skill and expertise as a teacher has meant that they have all had the best possible start to the year and I know that they will all be sad indeed to see Mrs Fee go. The same is true of us as a staff. Hannah has had such a positive impact on our work that we too will be very sorry to see her leave. We all wish Mrs Fee well as she embarks on new challenges and hope that she is able to have more time with her family. Thank you for all you have done at HB this term.

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

It's been a very long and hugely productive term - one in which the children have worked hard and learnt a lot. Despite the seasonal (and in some cases rarer) illnesses, the children have 'battled on' and can now look forward to a well-earned holiday from school! On behalf of all our staff at HB and Mrs Nicholas and the rest of TEAM, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully Santa will come to all and I will see you back here on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019!**

**Please remember our Christmas Carol service with congregational singing – 2.30pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> in the church. All are welcome to attend.**

Best Wishes, Rob Norton

### Week Commencing 07/01/19

Monday: Non Pupil Day  
 Tuesday: First Day of Term  
 Wednesday:  
 Thursday:  
 Friday:



### 2018-2019 Term Dates

#### **Spring Term 2019**

First Day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
 Half Term – W/C Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
 Last Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Summer Term 2019**

First Day – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
 Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
 Half Term – W/C Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
 Non Pupil Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
 Last Day – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

### 2019-2020 Term Dates

#### **Autumn Term 2019**

First Day – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
 Half Term – W/C Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
 Last Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Spring Term 2020**

First Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
 Half Term – W/C Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
 Last Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Summer Term 2020**

First Day – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
 Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
 Half Term – W/C Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
 Last Day – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### **Happy Birthday!**

Happy birthday to  
 Eli for the 21<sup>st</sup>, Adam  
 for the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ollie S  
 for the 25<sup>th</sup>, Eric for  
 the 1<sup>st</sup> January, Eloise  
 for the 5<sup>th</sup>, Amy for the 7<sup>th</sup> and  
 Archie for the 9<sup>th</sup>.

