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SPECIAL MENTIONS

None due to Christmas events



CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This week the junior children presented a fabulous Christmas Carol Service to parents and members of the community. It was a very festive and moving event with lots of wonderful singing from the choir and each class. The collection also raised over £128 for Unicef. Thank you to all those parents who came to join us and to the children for giving us such a great experience!

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the parents in school who have supported our book fair so far this week. Overall, our book fair generated £130 of books for the school. This is being spent on updating the library non-fiction section so the children should have more books to pursue their own reading interests in the future. The children who brought bank books really enjoyed spending the money they had saved and we talked to them about how this felt. We are hoping that the children will continue to save a small amount of money each week in the school bank in order to have some money to spend on our specialist Chocolate Fair just before Easter 2017.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Our school looked very festive today with all of the festive outfits around! Thank you to all the parents who sent money in to donate to Save the Children. Overall the school raised £120 from the event which is a marvellous amount for a small school. We will be sending off a cheque in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children have had a great time at their Christmas parties this week playing games and eating a lot of food only an hour after lunch time! We have even had a visit from Father Christmas which just goes to prove that we must have a lot of children on the 'good' list! Thank you to all the parents who sent food for the children for the parties.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch this week with many children having seconds – and some having thirds! However, we are aware of the problems around school lunches at the moment and have met with the providers this week to discuss our concerns. There is a new plan in place for January which should resolve the issues and so we expect rapid improvement. Please do let me know how your child responds to these changes. Thank you

SAFE DRIVING AROUND SCHOOL

Can we please ask parents not to use the entrance to the car park at the beginning and end of the school day to reverse in order to turn around in the road? We have had several near accidents with young children. Please think carefully about how you drive around the children.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Running/Athletics club will commence the first day back, i.e., Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Bruce Dyer will be starting his breakfast football sessions on Wednesday 4th January and the streetdance club run by Team Activ will start on Friday 6th January. Mrs Gallagher will also begin her puzzles/games club on Friday 6th January. The remaining clubs, including choir, will begin during week commencing 9th January. Please ensure you have made any payments that are due before the clubs commence.

BARNSELY MUSIC SERVICE (BMS)

Music tuition begins during the first week of term. Woodwind lessons will take place with Mrs Yates on a Thursday from 12.40pm and guitars/ukulele lessons with Mr Scott on a Friday afternoon. The new violin lessons will commence with Mrs Barber on a Wednesday morning. Payments are set up on schoolmoney.co.uk and these should be made before the first lesson.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of a school meal remains at £2.00 per day and all dinner money should be paid using the 'Top Up' facility on schoolmoney.co.uk. We require 2 weeks' notice if your child decides to change from dinners to sandwiches or vice versa (forms are available in the reception area or via the school website). A reminder that all lunches should be paid for in advance and the cost for a full week is £10.00, however, you may 'top-up' any amount, but please ensure you have enough credit each week. Several parents have arrears building up and we request that the arrears are cleared before the new term begins. Thank you.

SWIMMING – CLASS 3

A reminder that swimming lessons will commence on Monday 9th January 2017. A payment of £12.00 has been set up on schoolmoney.co.uk, which is a voluntary contribution towards the transport costs. Thank you for your support with this.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff I would like to say thank you for all the cards, gifts, good wishes and delicious food sent in for the staff. We really do appreciate all the generosity and kindness we receive from children and parents.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a peaceful and happy Christmas break and we will see you all in 2017! (First day of term is 3rd January)

JAN DATES

- 3rd January – return to school
- 9th January – Y3 children start swimming
- 9th January – family learning day for all classes for assigned parents (maths)
- 11th January – Young Voices concert
- 20th January 9.10am – class 3 parents' assembly

FRIENDS OF HOYLANDSWAINE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by purchasing raffle tickets. The raffle was drawn at the Christmas Carol concert yesterday. We will let you know how much was raised next term.

1st Prize: 1616 – Nicky Rose

2nd Prize: 1701 – Katie Norman

3rd Prize: 1402 – John Jackson (Jack Shaw) *All prizes have been claimed*

