



15th December 2023



Hauxton Primary School Newsletter



CLUBS

Tuesday

Hockey Club (Mrs Cooke)
3.15pm to 4.15pm *FULL*

Wednesday

Multi Sports Club EYFS/KS1
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Wednesday

KS2 Choir (Mrs Parks-
Connolly/Mrs Hurworth)
3.15pm to 4.00pm

Thursday

Multi Sports Club KS2
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Friday

KS2 Running Club (JS Sport &
Education /Mrs Hurworth)
8am to 8.45am

DIARY DATES

EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Friday 15th December 2pm

School Pantomime Trip

Tuesday 19th December within
school hours

Christmas Lunch and Last Day of Term

Wednesday 20th December

School Opens for the Spring Term

Thursday 4th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this, I'm finding it hard to believe that it's only ten more days until Christmas, and less than a week until the children and staff can enjoy a well deserved break.

I don't think that anyone would disagree that it's been a week of highs and lows following the announcement of January's class restructure on Monday. I really hope that the meetings on Tuesday evening provided reassurance to those of you affected by the changes. I know a number of you were disappointed that the meetings were scheduled with only 24 hours notice. Unfortunately, our only other option would have been to schedule the meeting for Monday 18th December, and I was reluctant to leave it this long, knowing that anxieties would be running high and that you would have questions that needed answering. I have had conversations with a number of parents who were unable to make the meetings and this offer remains for any of you who may still have questions. As promised, I will schedule a follow up meeting in the late Spring/early Summer term so that, as a school community, we can review how things are going.

Thursday morning heralded the hotly anticipated dress rehearsal of the EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play 'Busy, Busy, Bethlehem', with a confident performance to the KS2 classes and the staff and children from the Pre-School. This strong start stood them in good stead for their first public performance on Thursday evening to a packed hall of family and friends. Once again, the children gave it their all; acting and singing with what appeared to be unlimited energy and enthusiasm. Well done to the staff and children of Kingfishers and Owls for spreading some Christmas cheer!

With only three days left of term, there is still a lot to look forward to. On Tuesday, children and staff will be heading to the Cambridge Arts Theatre to watch the 10.30am performance of 'Mother Goose' before returning to school for a late lunch. For ease, we are asking all children to bring a packed lunch which they will eat in the classroom on their return from Cambridge. If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, please ensure that you have booked one either online or through the office for Tuesday as there will be no hot option.

On Wednesday, staff and children will enjoy Christmas Lunch together. At present, only 65 children have booked a Christmas Lunch. If you would like your child to have a hot lunch on Wednesday, this will need to be booked today (Friday 15th). Unfortunately, after today, any child who has not booked will need to bring a packed lunch. Children are very welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, Santa or Elf hat on the day of the lunch.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Mrs Hurworth



On Wednesday, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Lay who will be starting her maternity leave. We wish her and her husband all the very best and eagerly await news of the safe arrival of Baby Lay. Come back and see us soon!

“Being the best we can be.”

School Finances

Following last week's announcement of the class restructuring, due to falling pupil numbers and budget constraints, I have been overwhelmed by the desire to help expressed by families and friends of Hauxton Primary School. Thank you all for your support and understanding.

The HSA has launched a Christmas fundraising appeal and a number of parents have also approached me by email asking about the possibility of making donations, either via a regular standing order or as a one off payment, directly to the school. I will be taking advice from our Finance Officer about how best to manage direct donations to the school and will be in touch again after Christmas to share details with you.

The School have also created an Amazon Wishlist for friends of the school who may wish to consider purchasing everyday consumables needed such as glue sticks, felt tip pens, card etc. The wishlist can be accessed via the following link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3PXSZMA0AJU2A?ref_=wl_share



Ollie's winning design

Ollie's amazing art skills were acknowledged this lunchtime by a visit from Mr Anthony Browne, MP for South Cambridgeshire. Mr Browne had invited primary aged children from across his constituency to design his Christmas card for 2023. We were delighted when Ollie was announced as the winner of the competition and Matyas, as a runner up.

During his visit, Mr Browne talked to the Key Stage 2 children about what it meant to be a Member of Parliament and they had the chance to



ask him questions.

Mr Browne then presented Ollie with his prizes: a House of Lords Teddy Bear, some copies of his cards and a photograph of Mr Browne handing a copy of his Christmas card to the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak.

Well done Ollie! We are all very proud of you.



Class Dojo Test Message scheduled for Tuesday 19th December



Before we launch Class Dojo as our platform for class and school messages in January, we will be sending a test communication on Tuesday 19th December to check connectivity and ensure that messages are being received by everybody. So, please watch out for an update from the pantomime during the day on Tuesday. If you do not receive a post on that day, please let Tara in the office know and we can check your account for you.