



Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move towards the end of November so much has been happening in our school. We have shared much of this with you in separate communications over the term and I hope you have found this helpful. It has been a very a busy and positive term so far, and we are pleased to say we have even more exciting things planned in the lead up to Christmas, which we hope the children will enjoy. Although we continue to have to work with and around some restrictions, we are doing everything we can to enable the pupils to enjoy their learning and the run up to Christmas.

We are again holding two Christmas Jumper Days on 8th and 10th December, and the Christmas Dinner day is taking place on Wednesday 8th December. All of the year groups will be involved with some Christmas singing and other opportunities, and there is a surprise for the children on Wednesday 15th December - more information will follow shortly.

Please can I remind you that the deadline for returning the raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle organised by the Friends of Hampton Hargate Primary School is this Friday, 3rd December.

I will write to you again prior to the end of term and, if possible, provide any updates regarding any changes due to Covid towards the end of term or from the start of January.

Andy Lyons

Headteacher

Attendance Report

Reception	Year 3	Year 6
94.27%	94.12%	95.47%
Year 1	Year 4	School total
94.23%	94.11%	94.48%
Year 2	Year 5	
93.55%	95.54%	

Staff Changes

There are some changes to our staffing at the end of this term that I would like to share with you.

Mr Barker, our Site Manager left us at the end of last week to pursue a career in Sales. We wish him well in his new role and thank him for his hard work and commitment since he joined us in June this year. We are currently advertising for a new Site Manager.

Mrs Pink has reluctantly decided to leave at the end of this term. Although she is not retiring, she has decided to continue in education but not as a fulltime class teacher. Mrs Pink has been with us for 10 years and has worked with a considerable number of pupils, arranging some fantastic residential trips which have provided pupils with their first experiences of staying away from home and working in a different environment. We will miss her hard work, reliability and dedication but wish her well and thank her for all she has done. There are plans in place for the new term and we will share these with 4PP parents shortly.

Mrs Rootham has decided that now is the time to retire. After 19 years working in our school as an amazing Teaching Assistant, Mrs Rootham has decided she needs to slow down and watch some more daytime TV! Mrs Rootham has played a huge roll within our school, supporting pupils and teachers across all year groups over the years, contributing to so many events and activities which have positively impacted our school and the learning for the pupils. We thank her for her hard work and commitment and we hope that she enjoys the slightly slower pace of life from January.

Mrs Burge has been teaching in Reception this term but leaves us at Christmas to take up a permanent post in another school. Mrs Burge has been incredibly hardworking, flexible, cooperative and reliable, and we wish her good luck in her new school.

Miss Razak and Miss Kauser joined us in July of this year as part of the government's Kick Start programme to provide opportunities to explore career paths. Their placements at our school end in mid-December and we would like to thank them for their hard work over the last six months and wish them all the best for their chosen future careers.

Mr Lyons

Headteacher

The Friends at Hampton Hargate

Christmas Raffle

The Friends of Hampton Hargate are pleased to announce that, although we are unable to hold our annual Christmas Fayre this year, we are still able to run a raffle to help raise important funds for the school.

The prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize - £100 Amazon Voucher
- 2nd Prize - £50 Amazon Voucher
- 3rd Prize - Massage Voucher
- 4th Prize - Cupcake bouquet voucher

And many more great prizes!

Raffle tickets have been sent home with your child with each ticket costing 50p. If you wish to be in with a chance of winning one of these fantastic prizes, please return the ticket stubs and money in the envelope provided ensuring that your name and phone number or child's name and class are written on the front. **Please note that each individual stub needs to be filled in.** Envelopes should be handed into your child's class teacher. Please also return any unused tickets to the teacher.

If you wish to obtain additional tickets for yourself, friends or family these can be requested from your child's teacher or the school office.

The last day to enter the Christmas raffle will be Friday 3rd December and it will be drawn on Friday 10th December. Good luck!

Thank you for your continued support

Friends of Hampton Hargate

Anti Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week this year was the week of the 15th November 2021 and the theme this year was 'One Kind Word'. Throughout the week we focused on this theme and took part in various activities around the school. Children were able to come into school in 'Odd socks' for the day to celebrate how each of us are unique. We hope the children enjoyed having fun as well as spreading awareness of the core values Anti-bullying week promotes. An activity all children took part in was making a 'Chain of kindness and friendship'. Each class came up with ideas of how we can stop the friendship chain from breaking.



Sleeps till Santa - Star Radio



This term Year 5 recorded the "Countdown to Christmas" for Star Radio. They worked very hard and had to learn the song, which had a really difficult tempo.

On Tuesday 9th November in the hall, via an internet connection and microphone, we recorded the song with the DJ, Josh Lovatt. We had rehearsed so well that it only took two takes!! We also then had to do some cheering, clapping, talking and also some individual interviews, all of which went really well.

The recording was broadcast on Monday 29th November, and sounded amazing. Well done to all the students on such a professional approach, and for working so hard!

'This is Us' Bridge Update

Our new bridge has been built thanks to Mr Baker and the school community has laid their stones underneath. The river of stones symbolises our community, made of lots of unique and beautiful souls. Many thanks again to Friends of Hampton Hargate for donating this rope bridge. The children are enjoying it very much!



Christmas Post Box

We are really pleased to say that the School Christmas Post Box is back and will be operating from **Monday 29th November** until the end of term, **Friday 17th December**. The post box will be in the corridor by the seating area/tv screen.

Please encourage your child to use the post box during these weeks to deliver their cards to friends and staff. Please ask/help your child to write the following information on the front of the envelope to help ensure their cards be delivered to the correct children:

- **NAME** of the person the card is for! (Include the surname. This helps if there are two children with the same first name!)
- **CLASS NUMBER** of the child it is for. (eg. 2JG)

All cards will be sorted and delivered by the pupils from Year 6.

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day



Our Christmas Jumper days this year will be on **Wednesday 8th December** and **Friday 10th December**.

On **Wednesday 8th December** we will be having our school **Christmas Dinner** and children are invited to wear normal school uniform but instead of a school jumper or cardigan, they can come dressed in their favourite Christmas jumper!

Our Christmas Dinner menu is now available on ParentPay for you to book. Our Christmas menu proves very popular for the children every year, and to help with orders and arranging we would ask that you book your child's meal as soon as possible. Please be aware that there will be **no sandwiches or jacket potato option on that day** so if your child does not want a Christmas dinner please send them in with a packed lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day - The children are also invited to wear their Christmas jumpers again on **Friday 10th December** and this year we have once again decided to raise money for The Alzheimer's Society and are asking for donations of £1 which can be brought in on either day and given to the class teacher (they do not need to pay a £1 on both days, unless you/they want to). This is not a compulsory event and those who don't want to wear a Christmas jumper should come to school in their normal school jumper or cardigan.

PE

10 Minute Shake Up games

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Change4Life have teamed up with Disney to bring you play-along games inspired by your favourite Marvel, Pixar and Disney characters. These 10-minute bursts of fun will really get your kids moving and count towards the 60 active minutes they need every day!

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

POSH Kids Cup

A team of Year 6 pupils competed in the Posh Kids Cup. They played extremely well, winning three games and losing just one. Unfortunately they missed out on the knock out phase on goal difference. We were really proud of the way they competed and the good sportsmanship they showed to the other teams. Well done boys!



Fundraising

FSCI Christmas Box Appeal



A huge thank you once again for supporting the FSCI Christmas Box Appeal campaign this year. We were very happy to be able to send **79** boxes to those in need this Christmas. The shoe boxes are on their way to bring joy and happiness to many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe. Every shoe box makes a real difference to the person who receives it!

Please remember.....

- Activate ParentPay Account
- School Dinner Payments
- Make Payment for trips

Winter Weather

The weather has changed and is a lot colder, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather and bring their coats (and jumpers) with them..... with their names in!



Term Dates and Events for the Spring and Summer Term

AUTUMN TERM 2021 SEPTEMBER 2021

DECEMBER 2021

Tues 7th Dec - Year 2 Theatre trip to see 'The Bear'
Wed 8th Dec - Christmas Dinner day - and Christmas Jumper day 1
Wed 8th Dec - Reception Visit to Hampton Church
Fri 10th Dec - Christmas Jumper day 2
Wed 15th Dec - Surprise event for all year groups.
Fri 17th Dec - End of term for pupils



SPRING TERM 2022

JANUARY 2022

Wed 5th Jan - Spring term starts for pupils
Mon 10th Jan – 6DM and 6AS Trip to Stibbington
Tues 11th Jan – 5AC and 5WV Trip to Stibbington
Wed 12th Jan – 6LS and 5AJ Trip to Stibbington
Mon 17th Jan - Friends of Hampton Hargate Meeting 6.00 - 7.00pm
Thur 20th Jan - Class photo day

FEBRUARY 2022

Fri 11th Feb - Non Uniform Day - SHINE Charity - Spina Bifida Awareness
14th - 18th Feb - **Half-term week**
Mon 28th Feb - Parent Evening (3.30pm - 5.15pm)

March 2022

Tue 1st March - Parent Evening (3/30pm - 7.15pm)
Fri 18th March - Red Nose Day - non-uniform

April 2022

Fri 1st April - End of Spring Term.

Term Dates for 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Autumn Term starts: Thursday 2nd Sept 2021
Half term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th Oct 2021
Autumn Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Spring Term starts: Wednesday 5th January 2022
Half term: Monday 14th - Friday 18th February 2022
Spring Term ends: Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Summer Term starts: Tuesday 19th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022
Half term: Monday 30th May - Monday 6th June 2022
(Children return after half term on **Tuesday 7th June**)
Summer Term ends: Tuesday 19th July 2022

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