

# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

With a week to go until the end of term, it is certainly feeling very Christmassy at Hunton & Arrathorne School! Christmas songs are filling the air; everyone has experienced the fresh December air in Christmas Forest School and today everyone looked resplendent in their Christmas jumpers! The School Council will total the amount raised for Save the Children very soon – thank you to everyone. I hope everyone has had chance to see Class 2 and 3's Christmas concert on Seesaw; super performances all round!

There are a few more Christmas events to go – please see the detail in the newsletters below. We will also be sending information home over the next week about events which will take place over the next term. A huge thanks to the PTFA for their hard work in selling the tickets for the Christmas raffle – there's some really exciting prizes.

I hope you are also managing to feel Christmassy at home! As always, please do contact school if there is anything you would like to discuss – it is really important we all work in partnership with each other to truly enable our children to 'Care – Aspire – Excel'

Mr Donaldson



### Busy Busy Bethlehem

Class 1 have been incredibly busy preparing for their nativity this year. Mrs Saunders and Mrs Shanley are very proud of what wonderful performers the children are, and I am very excited to have a sneak preview of all their hard work this afternoon.

The children will perform to the rest of the school on Tuesday and the premiere should be online (via Seesaw) on Wednesday. We really hope you enjoy it.

### Christmas Party

Next Thursday will be our Christmas Party day. Children are welcome to come to school in their 'party clothes' all day.

During the morning, teachers have prepared Christmas craft activities. We will then have our party lunch, before heading down to the Village Hall for party fun in the afternoon.

This year, the children do not need to bring any food items. Our thanks to the Friends of the school for their generous donation towards party food.

### Pantomime

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to visit a theatre for the pantomime. We have, however, purchased an online performance of 'Covidella' which we will broadcast on Friday afternoon.

### NEW STARTERS 2021

Are you, or do you know someone who is, looking for a school place for September 2021? Why not give the School Office a call and arrange a socially distanced tour of our wonderful school?

### Around the Classes...

**Class 1:** Class 1 have had a very busy week. We have tried on our Nativity costumes and had our first rehearsal on the real stage! In DT we made some festive mechanisms with Santa popping down the chimney. We have read lots of Kipper books by Mick Inkpen to add to our theme of Kipper's Toybox.

**Class 2:** This week class 2 have been planning how to present the nativity story in a different way. Watch out on Seesaw for the finished product. We also had lots of fun making and trying out some string telephones in Science.

**Class 3:** Classes 2 & 3 recorded a few Christmas items for the parents today. Mrs Flannigan enjoyed playing her glockenspiel in 'Silver Sparkle'. Coco learnt an extra percussion part in about 30 seconds and earned herself a handful of Dojo points for doing so. In Science we've been learning more about digestion; Mrs Ash loved reading the children's writing about it afterwards!

**DIARY DATES**

| Date   | Event                             | Action               |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Class 1 Nativity                  | See Christmas letter |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Christmas Party                   | See Christmas letter |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                             | School Closes – Christmas Holiday | Parents informed     |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                               | School Closed – Training Day      | Parents informed     |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                              | School Opens – Spring Term        | Parents informed     |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February | Parents Consultations             | Details to follow    |

**End of Term**

Hopefully you received the message earlier yesterday. School will remain open next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December when we will break up for the Christmas holidays.

In the event of a child displaying symptoms or returning a positive test within 48 hours of being in school, please do contact school so we can assist with Track & Trace. After 24<sup>th</sup> December, you should refer fully to the NHS Track & Trace service.

For emergency contact please email [covid@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:covid@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk)

The email address will be checked daily should you need to get in touch with us in an emergency.

**Lunch Menu**

Why not try one of delicious school lunches? The menu for next week is below:



| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Cheese & Tomato<br>Pizza<br>Diced Potatoes<br>Mixed Salad          | Chicken & Veg Pie<br>New Potatoes<br>Beans &<br>Sweetcorn | <b>Christmas Lunch</b><br>Roast Turkey and<br>all the trimmings. | <b>Christmas Party</b><br>Selection of party<br>favourites                  | Fish Fingers<br>Chips<br>Vegetable Sticks                            |
| -----<br>Summer Fruit<br>Crumble &<br>Custard<br>or<br>Fresh Fruit | -----<br>Arctic Roll &<br>Mandarins<br>or<br>Fresh Fruit  | -----<br><b>Christmas<br/>Chocolate Log</b><br>or<br>Fresh Fruit | -----<br><b>Fairy Cakes</b><br><b>Fruit Jelly</b><br><b>and Fresh Fruit</b> | -----<br>Pear & Choc<br>Fudge Cake &<br>Custard<br>or<br>Fresh Fruit |
|  |   | Have a super weekend ☺   |   |  |