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DIARY DATES



National

Term 2

7th Dec- Year 3 Panto

7th Dec- Year 4 Egyptian Day

7th Dec- Year 3 Panto

10th Dec- Christmas Jumper day £1

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Disco

DIARY DATE



Harrowby

8th Dec - Christmas Performance

9th Dec - Christmas Panto

10th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day—£1



Executive Head



Dear parents and carers,

December is here and both schools are looking wonderful with Christmas decorations popping up everywhere! The children at Harrowby have been rehearsing for their nativity for a little while now and I am really looking forward to seeing it on Wednesday 8th December at 2pm. I hope to see Harrowby's parents there. A special mention to Downtown,, who have kindly donated a Christmas tree to the National School for the school hall. It looks splendid and is the centrepiece on the stage in the hall.

Next Friday (10th Dec) is Christmas dinner day at both schools - teachers will be serving the food and acting as waiters that day. It is also Christmas jumper day in aid of the Save the Children charity and children should bring in a donation of £1.00. This is a very worthwhile charity and they support children all over the world. With our money they can: £50 - provide a family in Yemen with enough food for a month or £130 - provide a malnourished child in Ethiopia with medicine and therapeutic food. Thank you for your support.

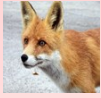
At the National school, the 10th December is also disco day! Years 3 and 4, 3.30 - 4.45pm and years 5 and 6, 5pm - 6.30pm. For years 3 & 4 the tickets will be on sale on the front playground before school on Wed 8th, Thu 9th and Fri 10th for £2.50. The children will be given the opportunity to change into their disco gear at the end of the school day. For the older children, years 5 & 6, they can buy their tickets (£2.50) on the night when they return to school. For both discos, the entrance price includes drinks and snacks - no other money is needed. A big thank you to the Friends of the National (FONS) for organising this - and I know they are still looking for volunteers to help on the night. If you are able to help please let the office know. A big thank you to the staff as well, as they will all be supporting FONS on the night.

Christmas is a busy time for everyone and an exciting time for most, with high expectations promoted everywhere we look. We find that the children are getting tired as we approach the end of term. Please take this weekend as an opportunity to recharge (for you and your families), be kind to yourself!

Peace be with you,
Mrs Comerford



News from Harrowby Infant School



Fox Class - Pre school / Reception

The children in Fox Class enjoyed putting up the class Christmas tree and helping to decorate it.

The children are all starting to feel Christmassy and are practising very hard for their Christmas performance.



Hedgehog Class (KSI)

In Hedgehog class this week the children have been working on Thank you letters for the NHS.

Santa's workshop has now opened in the class room for the children to pretend to make presents and dress up as Elves.



Oh Christmas Tree oh Christmas Tree



The school contributed towards the beautiful display of Christmas trees at St Wulfram's Church, which was open to the public over the weekend. The display of trees and decorations were spectacular.



School Admissions Reminder

School Admissions for Reception age children is now open

Apply via: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

We welcome all prospective parents for a tour of the school. Please contact the School Office (01476 564417) to book your visit on a day that suits you. Children are welcome!



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News from The National School



Year 3

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in year 3!

The children have enjoyed making their FONS Christmas decorations this week. They have also enjoyed making their decoration for our traditional class hoop decorations for the school hall. They all look fantastic!

Year 5

We are so excited about the PGL residential trip next year. Thank you to all who have returned their parentmail consent and made their initial deposit. Please remember there are only limited spaces so please book ASAP.



Year 6

What a fantastic start to the week with the Year 6 Greek Day - it was lovely to see all the fabulous Greek t-shirts which the children had spent time decorating turning them into Greek outfits, I particularly loved the sequins and the Greek mosaics and the wonderful use of pipe cleaners on the sleeves! During the day the children visited the 'apothecary' and enjoyed mixing a variety of herbs and spices to cure any ailments, the classrooms smelt very christmassy with all that cinnamon spice! In addition to this children made Greek thumb pots which we look forward to decorating and painting next week. The children also loved making tzatziki and Greek salad - hopefully they all took home a recipe so they can recreate the dish in time for Christmas.

Advent

The Harrowby and National Schools were privileged to have the Y5 and Y6 Collective Worship Team lead worship this Monday. Sophie, Hannah, Jessie, Layla, Lily, Jacob and Mohammed loved leading the schools and were certainly skilled at it.

It was wonderful to celebrate as we lit the advent candle. We enjoyed being reflective about how Advent is a time of waiting and preparing. The Bible says "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving" Acts 20 v 35.

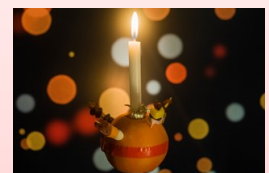
We look forward to next Monday when the Worship Team will lead us in a reflection linked to the Prophets. Later in the term, children from Harrowby will lead us in a Collective Worship reflection linked to Advent and Christmas.



Christingle Service

National School Christingle Service at St Wulframs Church – 9th December at 2pm

Harrowby School Christingle Service at The Church of the Ascension – 16th December at 2pm



We are looking forward to our Christingle Services at our local churches. We are awaiting confirmation, following recent government advice, that parents can attend. Children will be making their Christingles during the week leading up to the event. Many thanks to FONS and the Children's society for sourcing oranges and resources. There will be a silver coin collection as part of the service.



Childcare Club at the National

We made it! We have a Christmas tree up! We are still working on the decorations but will have it prettied up by the end of today. The children have made some more fabulous artwork to replace the Autumn Doodle Art Panel with something festive .

After our experiment making crispy cakes and mug cakes in the ice cube trays, we now have plans for making Christmas gifts in ice cubes trays. It is amazing what you can use an ice cube tray for - check online.

After Travel to Tokyo, we have now signed up for **Bound for Beijing** - a scheme run by Team GB and Paralympics GB to encourage children, schools and families to be more active. We are busy logging activities in the hope of winning prizes. Check it out online as families can sign up too.

If there are any problems or changes to bookings, please use nationalchildcare@thnatrust.org.uk to let me know. For last minute changes or when you get stuck in traffic, behind tractors etc. please ring 01476 563895, and prior to 15:30 talk to the office, or after 15:30 choose CCC from the menu and speak to us directly. Please try to book for Monday by 15:00 on Friday as I have to prepare the register for Monday before the weekend.



Ms Page Senior CCC Supervisor

Chair Leading

On Thursday 2nd December I had the privilege of taking 15 Year 6 girls to the Cheerleading Festival at Priory Ruskin Academy. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and participated enthusiastically in all of the activities. They learnt a routine, a cheer and some stunts. All of their skills were then put into practice for the final performance which looked amazing. Well done girls!



Spelling Shed		Maths Shed	
League winner Spelling Shed		League winner Maths Shed	
Year 3	TC	Year 3	TC
Year 4	PG	Year 4	PG
Year 5	RP	Year 5	TT
Year 6	SG	Year 6	GH

Well done to the following children for receiving their **Times Table Champion** badges!

This means they know all of their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12.

Toby, Jaden, Izabella, George, Mary (year 5)

James, Ben, Mollie, Katrina, Henry, Kian, Daniel, Sophia, Amelia, Minolie, Mohammad, Aiden, Sophia, Adilusiana, Sainash, Joris, George, Olivier, Nicola, Jacob, Mya, Harriett, Joshua, Beatrice, Saryu, Tomisin, Alicja, Piper, Vincent, Nneoma Chloe, Oliver, Ollie, Alfie, Rhys, Tolu, Alfie, Harry (year 6)