

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

15th December 2017



After a week of celebrations it is now time to wish all our families and staff a happy, peaceful Christmas. We have been so proud of the children this week. Their enthusiasm, learning and helpfulness have really shone through. I hope you enjoyed their performances as much as the children enjoyed taking part.

Christmas lunch was a real treat and thanks to our kitchen team and the school staff for their hard work. The Christmas Sale was very well organised by Year 6 and the proceeds were used to buy wrapping paper, Christmas crackers for lunch and other treats for the children.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the collections after the performances and to the Food Bank. The total raised by retiring collections was £235.00.

GOODBYE MR CLARKE

Sadly the end of term also means saying some goodbyes. We shall be very sad to say goodbye to Mr Clarke whose enthusiasm, sense of humour and ability to engage with children and staff alike has made him a very popular member of staff. As well as contributing to the children's learning in class, Mr Clarke has always been willing to lead extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities: animation and film making, football, Band, the Rotary Quiz, Leavers' plays and parties and residential. We wish him success and happiness 'over the border'!

We also say Bon Voyage to the Snellgrove family and look forward to welcoming them back later in the year.

THANK YOU TO THE CHOIR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Choir for their superb efforts this term and for singing at the Christmas Shopping event and our Christmas Fair. Their cheerful singing and smiling faces are a tonic! Thank you also to Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Cross for the time they put into preparing the children and attending these events.

CLUBS NEXT TERM

There will be a limited number of after school clubs for the first half of term. Football, Netball, Hockey, Homework for Y6 and Big Story Club will start week beginning 8th January until 9th February. A letter regarding Multi-Skills Club will come home after Christmas. Normal clubs will resume after half term. Before and After School Childcare will start from Thursday 4th January.

CAN YOU HELP?

Request for good quality second hand clothes – girls and boys' underwear and uniform ages 4-9 years for spares when children have accidents or get muddy. Please may we ask that if your child does get sent home in our clothes, you wash and return them as soon as possible for others to use.

Request for small world play and construction toys for the children to play with in wet playtimes and in Before and After School Childcare.

Also good quality reading books that your child may have outgrown.

Request for help with reading activities in Y1, 2, 3 and 4. We are looking for volunteers who can commit to half an hour or an hour a week for just five weeks to help give some of the children a boost in reading experience and confidence.

LEARN DEVON SURVEY

Just a reminder that you may return the survey to school reception by **Friday 5th January**. All returned surveys will be entered in a prize draw to win two cinema tickets for the Carlton Cinema, Okehampton.



THE CALM BEFORE CHRISTMAS LUNCH!

This Week's Learners of the Week

Florence West
Mason Bending
Lily Rose Callaghan
Zoe Wonnacott
Joshua Wale
George Sivyer
George Mahony
Oliver Mahony



SUPERSTAR WRITERS

Alice West

MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Xmas Fair held on Friday 8th December 2017. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Raffle, Hampers, Tombola, Toys, Books and Cakes Stalls etc. We would like to especially thank Lynn Duthaler for organising this event. She did an amazing job. Thank you also to everyone else for helping in the morning and in the evening. We made an amazing profit of £800 which was brilliant. Thank you from the Hatherleigh



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEWYEAR!

We look forward to seeing you all return to school on

Thursday 4th January 2018



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RESPONSE TO MEAL SURVEY FROM DEVON NORSE

Thank you for completing the survey, it is very helpful to know what the children at Hatherleigh like.

Our menu is changed twice a year, winter and summer, and we try to plan a menu that will suit all our schools in Devon that we supply to. We follow the School Food Standards which have been set out by the Government and we also follow their portion guides. We also trial all new recipes on children before they make the cut. We do recognise that there are things that some children don't like and that we don't add things that your children might like, however we try to tailor the menu to suit the majority. All our meals are homemade on the premises including our pizza, we have had very mixed reviews with some loving it and some not liking it at all and I wonder if this is because it's not like they have at home. The exceptions are things like ice cream, sausages and prepared fish.

The School Food Standards say we are only allowed to serve oiled potatoes twice a week so we serve Roast Potatoes and Chips once a week, this is also the reason that we sometimes offer plain boiled pasta (not something adults like but children seem to love) as we find boiled and mashed potatoes are not very popular. Bread is offered in case children feel they need a little more. Children order their meals in the morning then the kitchen cooks the amount they have ordered, we do not cook extras as this would have a cost impact, however the children should receive what they have ordered each day. Please let me know if this is not happening.

We are aware that some children do not feel they are getting enough and we work locally to try and combat this by increasing the amount of carbohydrates and vegetables we put on their plate.

Hatherleigh offers a sandwich option to the menu to give the children extra choice, there is also salad offered to go with this if the children want extra salad. It would be great to see more children choose the hot option and I will discuss with the staff about samples so the children can "try before they buy".

We have had many parents in Devon who are not happy with the meat free day, although this is a School Food Trust initiative, and we have taken on board your feedback and this will not appear on the next menu.

We wish to cater for all our children so if your child has special requirements please contact me and we will discuss the best way to cater for your child.

I have made a note of the comments around the food and service that we can improve on and will discuss this with the kitchen staff and I hope next time you complete a survey you will be able to say there have been improvements.

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CYCLO X WITH OCRA & BRITISH CYCLING

There is an upcoming event on Sunday 17th December which will offer a great local opportunity to try out and enjoy this sport

There will be events for

Under 8's start 10.30

Under 10 and 12's start 11

Child entry is only £3 –but they will need to bring their own bikes

There are also youth and adult races – see link

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/161618/Tavistock-Cyclo-Cross>

