

2nd December Newsletter



Message from Headteacher

The school was used as a polling station on Thursday for a local by-election.

We took this as an opportunity to hold our own ballot on two important issues in school – our class names and the school badge.

The House of Hoole, our School Council, organised an election to gain opinions on these important issues. Children from Reception to Year 6 visited our school polling station to cast their votes once their identities had been checked and ticked off by our election officers. Children cast their votes and placed them into ballot boxes.

Parents/carers also voted on this issue via School Spider.



The class names have been in train names for many years. I understand that the original idea behind this links back to the train station which used to be located in Hoole. The school badge was devised by Mrs Sharman, a former headteacher.

Our vote counters counted the votes on Thursday afternoon and returning officers will announce the results early next week.

We hope that this has helped children to understand what happens when adults attend polling stations and how the democratic systems works.



Message from Headteacher (continued)

Cross School Pupil Forum

Mrs Watling and representatives from the House of Hoole welcomed children from local schools for a second meeting of the cross-school pupil forum.

Pupils from Upton-by-Chester High, Blue Coat Primary, Acresfield Academy, Upton Westlea Primary, St Oswalds Primary, Newton Primary and Mill View Primary united to discuss way in which each school supports children's mental health and wellbeing.

This was a very productive session in which lot of good ideas were shared.

The forum hope to meet again in the spring term to continue to develop joint projects and to develop relationships between the schools.

Nativity set

We had a beautiful nativity set donated to school this week by local resident, Mrs Christine Johnson. It already has taken pride of place in our Christmas themed displays.

We are so lucky to be supported by such kindness and generosity from our local community.



Staff News

Governors congratulated Kara Newton, the School Business Manager. Ms Newton has recently attained a Chartered Manager Status from the Chartered Management Institute!



Linus Project Blanket

We have had a beautiful blanket donated to our school by the Linus Project. Project Linus UK is a 100% volunteer non-profit organisation which makes blankets to donate to hospitals, hospices and schools where there may be children 'in need of hug.' Our blanket was delivered last week and we were amazed that by coincidence, it was made from material with lighthouses on! Miss Taylor asked the volunteer delivering the blanket if she knew that we had some lighthouses up in school but she said they had not known and it was just by chance.

We intend to take great care of our blanket in school.

Year 5 Trip

On Wednesday, Year 5 embarked on a journey to XPlore Science museum in Wrexham. On the journey, the children created maps to show how the land use changed as we left the city and travelled towards Wrexham. They will use this in school next week to compare to a country in South America.

When we arrived at the museum, the children had some time to explore the hands on exhibits. They showed that they were enthusiastic, curious and independent thinkers as well as resilient learners and many of the activities required a lot of perseverance! There were many favourites, such as the steady hand game, challenges to open boxes and who could keep their ring spinning for the longest on a turntable.

We were lucky to take part in two workshops: 'forces' and 'construction'. The scientists were amazed by the children's prior knowledge and their impressive contributions to the sessions. We are so proud of the children's behaviour and attitude to learning whilst on the trip. They all had a fantastic experience and many have already said that they are going to go back during the holidays!



Birthday Celebrations





Hoole Church of England Primary School Christmas Events Calendar



Note for all Year group Christmas parties - Children may come to school in their party clothes but please ensure appropriate footwear is worn and that they bring coats for playtime/lunchtime.

25th November – 4th January **Chester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival**

Drop in and see our school tree in the Cathedral if you are passing.

During week beginning 28th November, there will be a table set up at the front of school for Christmas jumper exchanges. If you have a jumper your child has grown out of, leave it on the table and collect one which will fit them now. Thank you in advance for any donations of old Christmas jumpers for this.

30th November **Chester Lantern Parade**

Selected children in Year 3 & 4 representing us.

2nd December **PTA Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5.30pm**

Children who attend HETTY will be escorted by HETTY staff to visit the fair. If you can help on a stall, please let the PTA know or call in to the school office.

7th December **Christmas Dinner**

If your child has ordered a Christmas Dinner, please pay via the School Gateway app if your child is in Year 3 – 6 (unless your child is in receipt of FSM). Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 may have this free of charge under the Universal Free School Meals Scheme.

7th December **Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children**

Your child may come to school in their Christmas jumper and/or own clothes for a donation of 50 pence for the charity.

12th December **Reindeer run for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd**

12th December **Year 1 Christmas Party**

13th December **Year 4 Christmas Party**

13th December **Henry Class - Christmas Nativity**

Doors open 9.40am, Show starts at 9.45am.

13th December **James Class - Christmas Nativity**

Doors open 10.40am, Show starts at 10.45am.

14th December **Key Stage 1 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church**

1.15pm Children will walk to All Saints' Church. Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school.

1.40pm Doors open for parents/carers. 1.45pm Service starts.

2.30pm Service ends. Children will walk back to school where a special little treat will be waiting for them. All children will return to school, we are unable to accommodate requests to take children home directly from the church. On returning to school, children will collect their belongings and leave school from the usual gate.

14th December **Reception & Year 5 Christmas Parties**

15th December **Key Stage 2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church**

1.15pm Children will walk to All Saints' Church. Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school.

1.40pm Doors open for parents/carers. 1.45pm Service starts.

2.30pm Service ends. Children will walk back to school where a special little treat will be waiting for them. All children will return to school, we are unable to accommodate requests to take children home directly from the church. On returning to school, children will collect their belongings and leave school from the usual gate.

15th December **Year 2 & Year 3 Christmas Party**

16th December **Year 6 Christmas party**

16th December **School finishes at normal times for Christmas holiday**

4th January **Children return to school**

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Run Rudolph Run!

We were visited by an Elf earlier this week from the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, who held an assembly about our forthcoming Reindeer Run on 12th December!

Children have brought home a sponsorship form this week and details have been emailed to parents and carers. As you may already know the Hospice of the Good Shepherd care for more than 1,600 patients each year from Chester, Deeside, Ellesmere Port and surrounding areas. The Hospice aims to improve the lives of people with life-limiting conditions and care and support patients at the Hospice or in their own homes. It helps people to live as actively as possible after diagnosis to the end of their lives, however long that maybe. The highest value is put on respect and personal choice. These services provided by the Hospice are ran independently of the NHS and cost £4million each year to provide. It is because of events like this that they are able to continue to provide this vital care to local children and families.

Thank you in advance for your support; it really is very much appreciated.



Spreading Some Christmas Cheer

Mrs Robertson, Mrs Inns and 19 children visited Rose Villa on Lightfoot Street where they sang Christmas Carols for the residents and our Ethos Ambassadors shared a reflection about the angels visiting the shepherds. We were given a box of celebrations!

They then journeyed along to BELONG on City Road and sang carols to a gathering of residents and some children from the nursery. They were warmly applauded and the audience joined in with gusto on the 12 Days of Christmas!

The Ethos Ambassadors then shared readings from the Bible story of the Angel's appearing to the Shepherds. They also presented them with some angels to hang on the Christmas tree which they had made with messages of Hope, Peace and Love for the season.

After a final set of songs including, Unto us a Child is born and Rejoice with us this Christmas, the choir and Ethos Children had a drink and a biscuit before their journey back to school.



Letting Their Lights Shine!

Harry D has been selected to play for Connah's Quay Nomads football academy, LT has become the first captain of the Vicars Cross Dynamos Football Team and Anna has reached level 3 in her swimming training!

Well done everyone!



A Right Royal Christmas Tree



Our 'Royal Christmas' tree decorations have taken part in yet another Christmas Tree Festival this year. Pop along to Hamilton Street Church in Hoole to have a look!

Christmas TREE FESTIVAL

at Hamilton Street Church, Hoole, Chester

Opening Times

☆ **Saturday 3rd December** ☆
10.30am to 4.00pm

And also on the following afternoons and evenings in December:

2.00pm - 4.00pm	6.30pm - 8.00pm
4 th Sunday	6 th Tuesday
7 th Wednesday	8 th Thursday
14 th Wednesday	13 th Tuesday
18 th Sunday	15 th Thursday
21 st Wednesday	20 th Tuesday
	22 nd Thursday

☆☆ **ADMISSION is FREE!** ☆☆



Chester Lantern Parade

A selection of Year 3 and 4 children braved the cold and paraded through the streets of Chester on Wednesday night, participating in the annual Chester City Lantern Parade!

They lit up the streets with the fantastic lanterns they had made in a previous workshop with local artist Ali Pitt.



Sports News

On Monday the Boys Football Team played three of their league games at Blacon High School. The boys were brilliant, played some fantastic football and got some great results. They beat Belgrave 2-1, drew in a tough game against Guilden Sutton and beat Highfield 2-0. Well done boys!



Big Draw



You may recall back in October, we took part in The Big Draw Festival, a worldwide celebration of drawing, made up of a collection of thousands of creative events, activities, and workshops across the globe.

Every child in school took part in drawing activities throughout the week, experimenting with different tools to paint with and work collaboratively with their classes to create an end sculpture.

We are very proud that the Big Draw sculptures are now finished and have been displayed around school.

Photos of the process and the amazing end results will now be entered into the Big Draw competition.

Please keep everything crossed for us!



Henry and James Class present the
Reception Nativity



Tuesday 13th December

**Henry Class Families 9.45am
James Class Families 10:45am**



HOOLE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hoole CE Primary School

Key Stage 1 Christmas Service



Wednesday 14th December / 1.40pm / All Saints' Church, Hoole Road

Hoole CE Primary School

Key Stage 2 Christmas Service



Thursday 15th December / 1.40pm / All Saints' Church, Hoole Road

Key Dates

7th December

Christmas Jumper Day

7th December

Christmas Dinner

12th December

Reindeer Run

12th December

Year 1 Christmas Party

13th December

Year 4 Christmas Party

13th December

Reception Nativity (9.45am Henry Families)

13th December

Reception Nativity (10.45am James Families)

14th December

Reception Christmas Party

14th December

Year 5 Christmas Party

14th December

KS1 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church

15th December

KS2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church

15th December

Year 2 Christmas Party

15th December

Year 3 Christmas Party

16th December

Year 6 Christmas Party

17th December - 2nd January

Christmas holidays

3rd January 2023

INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

4th January 2023

Spring Term Starts

4th January 2023

3-6 Street Dance Club Starts

Light in the darkness

Christmas at All Saints

This December

4th

10:45am

The 'all in' Nativity

Dress up and join in with the Christmas story

5th/6th/8th

5th & 8th: 10am-2pm

6th: 10am-7pm

Christmas in the Cafe

Open cafe, local craft stalls, carols and festive fun

18th

6:30pm

Traditional Carol Service

Join us for readings, carols & refreshments

24th

3pm

4:15pm

Christingle Service

Grab an orange with sweets on and sing some carols

25th

10am

Christmas Day Service

The best way to start Christmas Day!

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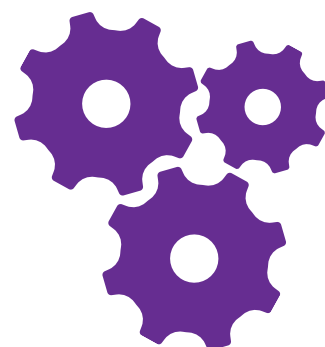
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