Harbottle C of E First School News

DECEMBER 2020

Message from Nikki Buckley:

I cannot quite believe that I am writing the start of the December newsletter. We have an awful lot of exciting activities planned for the next three weeks, even though some of them are slightly different to normal.

To start the festive season off we will have some locally made wreaths on sale on Monday at the school gate. The suggested price for them will be £15 with the proceeds going to purchase a small sound system for school. This will enable the children to be heard much easier when they are performing and will be able to be used at other future events such as Friends discos.

Christingle - 4th December
We will be making Christingles in school on Thursday 3rd December and will hold a short Christingle assembly on Friday 4th December. Unfortunately, we can not invite anyone in to see it in school, but it will be videoed and uploaded onto tapestry for you to see. Hopefully we can find a way to improve the sound quality so that your children can be heard more clearly. The Christingles will then go home with your child. We will be using battery powered candles within school but will send real candles home with the Christingle.

Operation encompass - 10th December
Laura Miller, our school liaison officer, will be back in school on Thursday 10th December. She is very pleased to be back with us and is delivering a session to our year 3 and 4 children on friendships and relationships.

Alwinton Church Christmas drop-in
The children have been invited to provide some Christmas art and craft items to be displayed in Alwinton Church for their "Alwinton Church Christmas Drop-in".
The event takes place on **Saturday 12th December** from 10.00 until 3.00pm and it is open to everyone. This will be a socially distanced event and all Covid 19 regulations adhered to.

Christmas crafts - 14th December
Following the success of our Christmas craft afternoon last year, it is back this year. The children will have the opportunity to make table decorations, calendars, tree decorations, cards and much more.

Nativity - 15th December
The children will be performing a short Christmas play, including the nativity story, songs (performed in solos or pairs while socially distanced), dances and poems. We are hoping to use some sound equipment to ensure all children can be heard. The performance will be videoed and uploaded onto tapestry for you.

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Christmas lunch - 16th December
The children will be having a fantastic Christmas lunch cooked by Mrs Wood. If anyone who has a packed lunch would like to have a christmas meal the cost will be £2.20.

Christmas party - 17th December with virtual visit from Santa
This will take place from 1pm. If your child wishes to bring party clothes for this, they can change into them at lunch time. Mrs Wood will be providing a party lunch.

Christmas jumper day - 18th December in aid of Save the Children
If your child has a Christmas jumper/ t-shirt/ dress, they can wear it to school. If not, they can come in a non school uniform. Usually on the last day of term, we ask children to bring in a small game to play. However, in light of current restrictions on sharing items, we would prefer games not to be brought in. However, school has a range of games that the children can play with on this day.

Christmas holidays - break up 18th December and return Tuesday 5th January as Monday 4th January is a TT day

Flu immunisations -
For those children having the flu immunisation, these will take place on the morning of Wednesday 9th December.

Parent Academy Councillor -
From January 2021 there will be two vacancies for parent academy councillors and the Trust board invites nominations for these positions. Parents can either be nominated or nominate themselves. For further information please click this link. If any potential nominees wish to discuss in more detail or have any questions then please email either -

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