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**Newsletter no.4 – 5th January 2018**

**Dear Parents, Carers and Children,**

Happy New Year and welcome back to another exciting term. We trust you have all had a wonderful Christmas break. Your children have been so excited about sharing their holiday news with us.



The end of term was extremely busy with our children taking part in the Village Carol Concert. We were so very proud of them all as I am sure you were too.

The children performed magnificently at our Christmas Concert 'Super Star'. Thank you to your feedback and for providing your children with such lovely costumes. A big thank you also to the PTA for the delicious refreshments they served.

Year 1 ended the term with a Christmas Maths themed Stay and Play. There was a wide selection of maths activities from weighing Christmas parcels, Christmas stocking ordering and Brussel sprout problem solving. Thank you for coming and sharing in your child's learning.

You will notice that we haven't managed to recruit a new caretaker as yet. We continue our search but whilst we are doing this we would appreciate it if you could bear with us especially on snow days! We will always try our very best but may be asking for help to clear grounds and salt pathways. If this is something you would be able to help us with then please pop into the office to let us know.



Our first whole school enrichment week 'Whizz Bang Wallop' will take place on the week beginning 29th January with details following shortly. We love to welcome parents with talents and expertise into school to help us bring the curriculum alive. If you have any great ideas to support us in this then please do pop in and chat to a member of staff.

**Diary Dates:**

**Thurs 11th Jan**—Y1 Trip

**Mon 15th Jan**—Deadline for 2018 new starter school applications

**Tues 16th Jan**—Y2 HASSP Tag Rugby

**Thurs 18th Jan**—Census Day

**Mon 29th Jan to Fri 2nd Feb**—Roald Dahl Week—Whizz Bang Wallop!!

**Mon 5th Feb**—Travelling Book Fair

**Tues 6th Feb**—Parents Evening

**Weds 7th Feb**—Parents Evening

**Fri 9th Feb**—PTA Hotdog Friday, HALF TERM

**Mon 19th Feb**—School Opens

**Thurs 22nd Feb**—Y1 Stay and Play

**Fri 23rd Feb**—PTA Quiz Night

**Thurs 1st Mar**—World Book Day

**Thurs 15th Mar**—Y2 Trip (details to follow)

**Tues 20th Mar**—Y1 Trip (details to follow)

**Weds 28th Mar**—Parent Forum @ 2pm

**Thurs 29th Mar**—Easter Bonnet Parade, Chocolate Tombola, PTA Hotdog Friday

**END OF TERM**



## News, Views and Celebrations

There has been an increasing number of adults popping to classrooms for a quick chat with teachers or support staff before school or whilst the teachers are settling the children. Whilst we understand there are messages that need passing onto the teachers they are on the playground from 8.45am in the morning and a message slip and tray is available in the porch. Office staff are also happy to take messages and will pass them directly to the teachers. We must account for all people in the school building for fire and safeguarding reasons. Teachers are also busy preparing for the day ahead and interruptions may mean they are not ready for the children's learning. Please can we ask if you have a message to pass on to the teacher then please pop into the office, catch a teacher in the playground or complete a message slip. Thank you for your support in this matter.

This year we trialled supporting the charity Heart Felt Tips by filling pencil cases with stationary for disadvantaged families in the local area. The response from you all has been fantastic and we can not thank you enough for your generosity. The pencil cases were taken to the charity before Christmas and they were overwhelmed with the response from you all. Thank you so much.

*We have received the following letter from Heart Felt Tips*

*Dear Parents and Children at Haddenham Community Infant School,*

*Thank you so much for your support for Heart Felt Tips. Many children within the local area have benefited from your kindness and were truly thankful for your donations. Have a happy Christmas and best wishes,*

*Heart Felt Tips.*



Our Learning Warriors this last month are:

Reception: Angus McDonald, Alistair Wareham, Corah Wilson, Sophie Jinks.

Year 1: Lily Corbett, Martha Philpott, Ben Mitchell, Isobel Usherwood.

Year 2: Laila Moghal, Abigail Packham, Eden Richards-Gray, Thea Clifford.



## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Please contact the school office if you are interested or know of anyone who would like to apply for this position.

## Caretaker Vacancy

Please contact the school office for an application form if you are interested or you know anyone who would like to apply for this position to look after our school. Closing date is today, Friday 1st December, but if you know of someone who is interested please contact us.





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### Parent Forum

Thank you for all your feedback and comments shared at the Parents Forum held on 6th December. It is imperative to us that we listen and respond to suggestions from yourselves to help us continually improve your child's education.

Positive feedback included;

- Parents have been happy with the Governors decision to employ Mrs O'Brien in the interim to cover Mrs McNeil's absence enabling Mrs Moore to teach in YR Mondays through to Fridays.
- Transition into the new school year has gone extremely well with plenty of time given for Y1 pupils to settle into a more structured approach and welcome meetings being informative.
- Stay and Play sessions have continued to be a useful way for parents to understand how to support their children in their learning. Discussion was had about the timings of these events with thought given in the future for sessions not being too close to Christmas.
- The forum discussed the possibility for Drop in Wednesdays to alternate to enable working parents to pop in. Therefore this term we will move drop in weekly be holding Drop in Wednesdays after school and will review this at the end of term.
- Trips and visits were discussed with positive and negative feedback. In response to feedback the Year 2 team have reviewed the trips this term and in an attempt to reduce the cost of trips for Year 2 parents Year 2 will not be visiting Hazard Alley in the future. The
- Year R parents have enjoyed observing and contributing to their children's learning through Tapestry. Parents can share their log ins with their spouses enabling both parents to access their child's learning.
- Parents have queried the quality of the Christmas mugs and cards. This will be looked into.
- The use of phones in concerts to record children has been discussed with problems caused through obstruction of view for parents sitting behind phone users. This is something we will look into.
- Parents have discussed the need for paper towels in the children's toilets alongside hand driers. We try our best to reduce paper waste, however we understand this concern and will look into this.
- Yoga sessions for each class has been very successful with children looking forward to these sessions. As a result the school will continue to use School Sports Premium Funding to fund these sessions for all children.
- Feedback from the varied Parent Workshops has been overwhelmingly positive with parents valuing these sessions.

Have a wonderful weekend.





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### Job Advertisement

Job title: Midday Supervisor

Main Duties: To supervise and maintain positive behaviour of pupils during the midday break in dining areas, about the school premises and in play areas.

Grade: Bucks Pay Range 1a point (£14468 pro rata)

Hours/Time Allocation: 3.75 hours per week (12.00pm - 1.15pm), 3 days a week, term time only (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Qualifications: Basic Food Handling Training (Inc. Food Hygiene)

Please contact the school office for an application pack

Required for an immediate start. Closing date is Friday 17th November





## Community