



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminder: End of Term Arrangements

The end of the autumn term is a time of great excitement in our school community as it is in primary schools across the country. We are mindful that many of our children, families and staff do not celebrate Christmas as a religious festival although many do. However, as a community we have always taken the opportunity to take part in traditions built up over many years such as the decorated Christmas tree in the school hall, the excited singing of Jingle Bells and Frosty the Snowman and the Christmas Fayre. It is also an opportunity to remind ourselves of the important message of peace and goodwill to all.

This year, the money raised at the school fayre will go towards a school library in the newly refurbished site house. We had hoped to be able to buy library furniture (£16,000) from the school budget but due to rising costs that is not possible at present. How can you help? Please join us at the school fayre and buy the gifts prepared by the children and staff. Please come and help with setting up the hall. Please make a donation for our raffle. If you are unable to do any of these things please consider making a separate donation towards our library. Please read the information at the bottom of this letter for what you need to do if you can help in any way - thank-you.

During the last week of term, RE Week takes place. We focus on the Christian festival of Christmas. RE Week provides an opportunity for our pupils to learn about what Christians believe and to compare and contrast it with their own beliefs and values. It is very important to us that our children learn about different world religions including Christianity. We teach them to have a respectful understanding of the differing viewpoints, perspectives and beliefs within our own school community and beyond. Further information about the RE curriculum and its content can be found on the school website under the section named as 'Learning'.

This year pupils can choose to bring in cards. If they prefer they can bring in one card for the class to be displayed. Cards should be posted in the post box near the main school entrance and will be delivered to classrooms at lunch time.

Kind regards,

Ann Bowen-Breslin

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Principal

Please see below a reminder of our festive events shared in the Autumn term dates letter to parents/carers.

Autumn Term Dates December 2022

Reminder – Holiday Dates

Date, Time & Venue	Event
Friday 16th December 2022	Last Day Of The Autumn Term. <i>Please note that school closes at 2.40pm. There will be no 4.30 Club on this day.</i> Mrs Childs will be sending out information before the end of term about booking the Breakfast Club and 4.30 Club for the spring term. Parents/carers using the clubs at present will be given priority.
Monday 2nd January 2023	New Year's Bank Holiday: School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Pupils Return to School: First day of the Spring term.

Whole School Events and Curriculum Information

Date, Time & Venue	Whole School Events and Curriculum Information
Thursday 8th December	HPS Festive Celebration <i>Children and staff will be celebrating the festive season together.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All children are invited to attend school wearing their favourite festive jumper (or a top in festive colours: green, red or gold.) There is no expectation that pupils should buy new and expensive Christmas jumpers.• Our school meals provider, Dolce, will be serving up a traditional Christmas Lunch (this must be pre-booked). Please book a hot meal as soon as possible so that we can manage the increased numbers in the lunch hall.• Children having packed lunches are encouraged to bring a festive treat to join in the special occasion.• Children will finish the day with a fun afternoon playing traditional party games at their class parties.
W/C Monday 12th December	RE Week <i>RE week provides an opportunity for children to learn about what other people believe and discuss their own beliefs based on the themes that might arise from the Christian festival of Christmas.</i>

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<p>Tuesday 13th December Nursery, Reception & KS1: 2.15pm KS2: 3.15pm Main hall</p>	<p>Christmas Fayre <i>The school hall will be transformed into a traditional Christmas Market, where our children will sell their carefully made crafts to raise money for additional school resources. Refreshments will also be available, along with our popular parent/carer gifts, tombola and raffle stalls. Pupils will also have an opportunity to meet Santa in his Grotto.</i> Please note: So that everyone can enjoy the Fayre and the hall does not become too overcrowded, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils can be (you don't have to) collected at the earlier time of 2.15pm, siblings in KS2 can also be collected at this time. The doors will open to all Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils without siblings in the younger years from 3.15pm.</p>
<p>Friday 16th December 2pm onwards</p>	<p>Songs on the Playground <i>All parents, carers, family and friends of Hillingdon Primary School are warmly invited to join us for singing on the last day of term.</i></p>

Dates for Nursery

Date, Time & Venue	Nursery Events
<p>Thursday 8th December 9.30am School Hall</p>	<p>Open Day – Reception 2023 <i>A final opportunity for prospective pupils and their parents / carers to visit the school, see pupils in action and meet key members of staff. Please see the school website for further information for prospective parents.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 14th December 9.10am, School Hall</p>	<p>Early Years Christmas Songs - Morning Nursery <i>Parents, carers and families of children in morning nursery are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs with pupils from RA. A letter has been sent out to parents/carers about tickets for this event. If you have not received it, please check your email.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 14th December 2.30pm, School Hall</p>	<p>Early Years Christmas Songs - Afternoon Nursery <i>Parents, carers, and families of children in afternoon nursery are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs with pupils from RH. A letter has been sent out to parents/carers about tickets for this event. If you have not received it, please check your email.</i></p>
<p>Thursday 15th December 9.10am School Hall</p>	<p>Early Years Christmas Songs - Full Time Nursery Pupils <i>Parents, carers, and families of children who attend our nursery full time are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs with pupils from RD. A letter has been sent out to parents/carers about tickets for this event. If you have not received it, please check your email.</i></p>

Dates for Reception

Date, Time & Venue	Reception Events
<p>Wednesday 7th December</p>	<p>Christmas Pantomime <i>Bigfoot Arts Education will be coming into school to perform a Christmas Pantomime: The Clumsiest Christmas Elf. Pupils in Reception and Year 1 will meet elves, hear stories and sing songs as the magic of Christmas is brought to life through physical theatre and interactive drama. Parents have been asked for a contribution for this event. Please log on to your Parent pay account.</i></p>

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Wednesday 14th December 9.10am, School Hall	Early Years Christmas Songs - Class RA <i>Parents, carers, and families of children in RA are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs with pupils from nursery. A letter has been sent out to parents/carers about tickets for this event. If you have not received it, please check your email.</i>
Wednesday 14th December 2.30pm, School Hall	Early Years Christmas Songs - Class RH <i>Parents, carers, and families of children in RH are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs with pupils from nursery. A letter has been sent out to parents/carers about tickets for this event. If you have not received it, please check your email.</i>
Thursday 15th December 9.10am, School Hall	Early Years Christmas Songs - Class RD <i>Parents, carers, and families of children in RD are invited into school to listen to the children singing some of their favourite festive songs with pupils from nursery. A letter has been sent out to parents/carers about tickets for this event. If you have not received it, please check your email.</i>

Dates for Year 1

Date, Time & Venue	Year 1 Events
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Pantomime <i>Bigfoot Arts Education will be coming into school to perform a Christmas Pantomime: The Clumsiest Christmas Elf. Pupils in Reception and Year 1 will meet elves, hear stories and sing songs as the magic of Christmas is brought to life through physical theatre and interactive drama. Parents have been asked for a contribution for this event. Please log on to your Parent pay account.</i>

Dates for Year 2

Date, Time & Venue	Year 2 Events
Monday 5th December 2.15pm School Hall	Year 2 Nativity <i>Parents, carers, and families of children in Year 2 are warmly invited to attend their special assembly where children will be retelling the story of the nativity. The three Year 2 classes will be split into two groups of 45 pupils to perform for their family and friends: parents/carers have been notified of when their child will be performing. Parents should have received tickets for this event. Please check your email if you have not received them.</i>
Friday 9th December 9.10am School Hall	Year 2 Nativity <i>Parents, carers, and families of children in Year 2 are warmly invited to attend their special assembly where children will be retelling the story of the nativity. The three Year 2 classes will be split into two groups of 45 pupils to perform for their family and friends: parents/carers have been notified of when their child will be performing. Parents should have received tickets for this event. Please check your email if you have not received them.</i>

Reminder: School Fayre - Helpers Wanted

We need support from the whole school community to make this a success. We are looking for parent / carer helpers to set up and label the tombola and raffle prizes prior to the day itself and also to run stalls including refreshments, gift wrapping, tombola and raffle on the day. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Nicola Edwards by Wednesday 7th December at hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk, on 01895 590087 or via the school office.

Donations and Raffle Prizes

Please see attached information relating to the purchase of raffle tickets and raffle prizes. If you are not able to attend and would like to make a donation it would be gratefully received. Please make a donation via Parent Pay, if you can afford it. We know that many families are experiencing their own hardships.

Visit Santa Claus in his Grotto

On the 13th December, pupils will be visiting Santa Claus throughout the school day. Tickets should be purchased in advance via Parent Pay. The cost is £4 per child and this includes a small gift. There will also be an opportunity for parents/carers to take younger siblings who don't currently attend the school to visit Santa Claus. However, the number of tickets will be limited so we would encourage parents / carers to book in advance for children who attend school so their child does not miss out.

Christmas Raffle

We are delighted to announce our Christmas Raffle. The raffle will be drawn during the Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 13th December. There are wonderful prizes to be won:

1st Prize: £150 Cash (kindly donated by Charrison Davis Estate Agents)

2nd Prize: £100 River Island Voucher

3rd Prize: £50 Cash (kindly donated by Charrison Davis Estate Agents)

4th Prize: Microwave

5th Prize: £20 All for One Shopping Voucher

6th Prize: £20 All for One Shopping Voucher

7th Prize: Luxury Food Hamper

Plus lots more amazing prizes!

Tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay and will be sold after Christmas performances from Tuesday 6th December and before school in the KS1 playground on Thursday 8th December & KS2 playground on Friday 9th December. Once payment has been received, your child's ticket will be entered into the draw. You will not receive printed tickets.

The pricing is 50p **per ticket**. Please support our school by buying tickets for the raffle. Money raised will go towards creating a new school library & resources to help us enhance your children's experiences in school for years to come.