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Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 13 December 2024

Acting Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar
Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been a very fun-filled and festive week in school—pantos, nativities and Christmas jumpers are just some of the highlights!

We began the week in celebratory spirit as we were informed that we won the Priory Church Christmas Tree Festival! Mrs Baldwin has been full of high spirits upon receiving this news! A huge thank you to Mrs Baldwin, the children and staff for creating a beautiful selection of decorations.



We were delighted to welcome families to our annual Jingle and Mingle with children from nursery. I hope you enjoyed watching the children perform. I was extremely impressed by their confidence and expression after just one term! Our children in year 1 also performed their nativity this week 'A Wiggly Nativity'. They sang and acted beautifully—it was a joy to watch. A huge thank you to all staff for organising the recent festive performances.

Our nursery children starting with us in January had a chance to 'stay and play' this week. They had a lovely time exploring the different areas in our Early Years setting as well as making new friends. Starting a new setting can be overwhelming but we are here to support and welcome new families joining our school in the new year. Please refer to the contacts page if you need to speak to us.

A reminder that our Carol concert is taking place at All Saints Church on Monday 16 December at 1:45pm. Children in years 2, 3 and Elizabeth Class alongside any children from the choir across the school will be attending. We look forward to welcoming parents of these children and kindly ask that parents wait outside the Church until a member of staff lets them know when we are ready to start.

Children and staff will be enjoying our Christmas dinner day on Wednesday 18 December. All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers/festive wear on this day. A huge thank you to our PTA who have also organised Santa's Grotto on this day. All children will have the chance to visit Santa and receive an edible gift. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this event. Parents and carers are invited to take a photograph of their child and Santa after school. Thank you for your support.

Mrs J Gammon will be continuing her teacher training at another primary school in the new year for 6 weeks. To ensure consistency for the children in Platinum Jubilee class, Mrs N McBrearty will be supporting and teaching the children. Mrs Baldwin as Early Years Leader will continue to support the class.

Next week will be Mrs Pylik-Fornal's last week before she starts her maternity leave. We wish her and her husband all the best for the next chapter in their lives.

Due to the popularity of our after-school clubs, we will be continuing with these again in the Spring Term. You will receive letters about the clubs being offered and you will need to sign your children up for a club if they are interested in attending. You will be notified of the start dates in the new year. There will be no clubs or year 6 boosters next week.

Please note that school will be closing at 2:00pm on the last day of term (Friday 20 December 2024). In addition, there will be no after school club on this day. We kindly request that you make the necessary arrangements to have your child collected on time.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs R Parmar

VALUE OF THE MONTH
FOR DECEMBER:

Responsibility

The state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone.



Kidz Zone Before and After School Club Information

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit our website or book on www.kidzzoneclub.com.

Christmas Postbox

Our Christmas post box is open for Christmas card deliveries. Please ensure envelopes are clearly labelled with children's full name and class.



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is £2.20 for Nursery and £2.40 for Reception-Year 6 children. This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Attendance Winners

EYFS/KS1: Platinum with 99.3%

KS2: William with 98.3%

Whole School Attendance: 94.2%

Housepoint Winners

EYFS/KS1:
Balmoral – 284 points
KS2:
Buckingham Palace – 802 points
Overall Winning House:
Buckingham Palace – 1006 points

STAR AWARDS

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, “DON'T GIVE UP.”	Colin CURIOSITY says, “THINK FOR YOUR-SELF.”	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, “RESPECT OTHERS.”	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, “DO YOUR BEST.”
Siobhan D	Lilah G	Daisy Y	Myles W
Vira K	Ayma U	Ruby W	Israel A
Devrim B	Ada A	Loriarna C	Charlie B
Milan S	Moses K		Ivy-Mai R
Sameer D	Alanna M		Ellis L
Daniella C	Sam C		Kelsey-Jade S-G
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Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	16 December	1:45pm-2:30pm	Years 2, 3, Choir	Christmas Carol Concert, All Saints Church
Wednesday	18 December			Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Friday	20 December		All children	Last day of term – school finishes at 2:00pm, no clubs or after school club on that day
Monday	6 January		School closed for all children	INSET Day
Tuesday	7 January		All children	Return to school

More events will be added next week

