



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 15: W/E 20th December 2019

PLEASE NOTE: Carpark gates are closed between 8.35am - 9.00am & 2.55pm - 3.30pm for safety

Dates to remember

Monday 16th Dec 2019

- EYFS/KS1 Christmas party - 3.45pm - 4.45pm
- KS2 Christmas Party - 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Tickets must be bought by Thursday 28th Nov

Tuesday 17th Dec 2019

- Christmas Lunch 11.45pm - Grandparents invited £3.05 must be booked & paid by Mon 2nd Dec.
- Nurs & Rec Santa visit - £3.50 (paid by 2nd Dec)

Friday 20th Dec 2019

- Carol Service - 10am - on sale Monday 16th Dec £1.00.
- Break up

Monday 6th Jan 2020

- INSET—NO Children

Tuesday 7th Jan 2020

- Children return to school

Monday 27th Jan 2020

- Y5 trip - £7.00 (paid by 10th Jan)

Wednesday 29th Jan 2020

- Y2 class assembly

Wednesday 26th Feb 2020

- Y6 trip - £16.60 (paid by 10th Feb)

Wednesday 4th March 2020

- Y1 class assembly

Thursday 5th March 2020

- World Book Day - more info to follow

W/B 11th May 2020

- KS2 SATs

Early Years Celebrations

The early years children have had a lovely time learning all about Christmas and have had their own celebrations. They performed their own nativity play for the whole school and parents to come and watch, it was amazing! We were very proud of the children learning their lines and speaking in front of all those people, Well done.



We have had a Christmas celebration playing games together and eating party food. The children also had a cosy Christmas day where they came into school in their pyjamas, took part in Christmas activities and spending time together watching a film. We have sang Christmas carols and went to see 'Jack Frost' at the Washington Arts Centre, we all got to sing on the stage! The children were very well behaved.

We have even had a visit from Santa who told Christmas stories and had a gift for the children. Parents joined us for stories and Christmas arts and crafts. Oh and let's not forget Christmas jumper day! What a lovely time everyone has had.



Carol Services

Key Stage 2 continued their tradition of visiting The Mission for a lovely carol service yesterday.



The school carol service this morning was also brilliant. This children sang so beautifully, accompanied by Houghton Brass Band.



Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the support you have given me in my first term as Headteacher. Your children truly are amazing and are taught and encouraged by wonderful, dedicated staff. I hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and I look forward to working with you again in 2020.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for winning the attendance awards for week ending 13th December:

KS1:Rec	99.33%
KS2:Y6	99.31%

Autumn Term Breakdown for Attendance

- 0 days missed = 100%
- 1 day missed = 98.61%
- 2 days missed = 97.22%

**• 3 days missed = 95.83%
WILL NOT RECEIVE THE TREAT**

Please note that a penalty notice may be issued if a leave of absence

Happy Birthday for the coming weeks to:

Lucas McMahon	Riley McManus		
Sophia Simpson	Oliver Rushworth	Hollie Collins	
Lola Cairns	Skye Martin	Joshua Gibson	
Layton Newby	Maddison Close	Aiva Shipley	
	James Dunn	Jensen Crookes	



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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF THE STAFF AND PUPILS AT HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Matilda

Our musical theatre group, who rehearse after school, performed a brilliant rendition of Matilda. It was amazing – especially when you consider the little time they've had to practise and the number of absences we've had this term. Well done!



Choir

The choir sang the last of their carols this week at BGL Group. We have a great relationship with this company. They often send us volunteers to develop our woods, to hear children read etc and help massively with funding; price-matching events we hold and donating £6000 for equipment for our sensory rooms. It is lovely to be able to give something back!



Christmas Dinner with Grandparents

What a lovely atmosphere in the hall earlier in the week when some children were joined by their grandparents to eat Christmas Dinner. There were lots of positive comments and we hope you all enjoyed it.



Carols Around the Campfire

Thank you to those families that came to Carols Around the Campfire. It was lovely to see you, with your children, having fun with some of our staff.



General Election

Following last week's general election, the children experienced their own version of this to make the very important decision of which Christmas film to watch. The school council chose the options, handed out the ballot papers and counted the votes. 'The Grinch' won with 47% of the votes and so children enjoyed the film earlier this week.



Victorian Day – January 16th 2020

In January we have visitors coming from five different countries. As part of the project we will be having a Victorian Day in school and children are welcome to get dressed up in clothing from that era.



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