



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 12 W/E 18th December 2020

PLEASE NOTE: Car park gates are closed between 8.30am - 9.00am & 2.55pm - 3.30pm for safety

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 15th Dec 2020
Christmas Lunch - booked & paid by 25th November (for packed lunch children)

Friday 18th Dec 2020
• Pyjama Day
• Break up - Christmas

Monday 4th Jan 2021
INSET - NO CHILDREN

Tuesday 5th Jan 2021
Children return to school

Friday 8th Jan 2021
Y3 swimming starts

Thursday 11th Feb 2021
Break up - half term

Friday 12th Feb 2021
INSET - NO CHILDREN

Monday 22nd Feb 2021
Children return to school

Friday 26th Feb 2021
Y2 swimming starts

Friday 26th March 2021
Break up - Easter

Monday 12th April 2021
Children return to school

Friday 16th April 2021
Y1 swimming starts

W/B 10th May 2020
• KS2 SATs

Friday 28th May 2021
Break up - half term

Monday 7th June 2021
Children return to school

Friday 11th June 2021
Y6 swimming starts

Friday 16th July 2021

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 11th December:

KS1:Y1	99.33%
KS2:Y3	100.00%

Message from Mrs Wood

What a term - it has certainly been like no other! Finally, we are almost at the end of 2020 and I am sure many of us will be pleased to say goodbye to it. However, I do think that this year has showed what an amazing school and community we have here at Hylton Castle. COVID-19 has given us all new challenges to face, and it has been fantastic to see people pulling together.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the support you have given to our staff, and me personally, throughout. Thank you for following our new systems and procedures to ensure the safety of our children, staff and each other on the yard. Thank you also for supporting your children with home learning during the initial lockdown and in any period of isolation.

I would like to thank staff at this point too. In addition to their already demanding job, they have implemented and worked within a very different set of guidelines to keep children and colleagues safe. They have also adapted to new ways of working to ensure children's learning continues even when isolating; sometimes this is on top of continuing to teach the rest of the class in school.

I can't go without thanking the children. They have been absolutely amazing throughout this very strange and scary time. It was lovely to see how excited they were to be back in September and the hard work and brilliant attitudes they have applied. They have adapted seamlessly to all of our new systems in school and have never moaned once about sanitising their hands so many times!

I hope as we move into 2021, things do return to 'normal' but I hope we keep some of the positives that we can take from this year. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Stay safe,
Mrs Wood

Positive Tests up to 24th December

If you need to report a positive COVID test result up to Christmas Eve, please send an email to the school email address: info@hyltoncastleprimary.org.uk The inbox will be checked regularly and someone will call you back. If there is a positive test after this time, you can still inform us but, as there will be no contact tracing to be done from within school, you will not be called back.

Staffing

At the end of 2020, we say goodbye to Mr Laurie and wish him well in his new job. We have been very lucky to appoint an experienced Year 1 teacher, Mrs Kelly, who will take over the teaching part of Mr Laurie's post from 1st February until the end of the Summer term. In the meantime, Mrs Niel has kindly agreed to increase her hours to afford consistency and stability to the year 1 children.

Miss Horn is due to start her maternity leave in January. Again, we have successfully appointed a fantastic teacher, Mrs Noy, who brings with her a wealth of experience.

Finally, we have recruited a brilliant teaching assistant, Miss Spencer, who will start in January, working in Reception.

We have a fantastic team of staff and are delighted to welcome our newest members to the team.

Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this the last week:

- Jack Cheeseborough
- Melek Thatcher
- Maddison Close
- Laila Blakey
- Lila Potts
- April Williams
- Aiva Shipley
- Oliver Kennedy

Every week, a 'Hero of the Week' is chosen from each class and they get to add 10 tokens to their house collection!

Happy Birthday to the children who have birthdays coming up:

Lucas	McMahon
Lola	Cairns
Sophia	Simpson
Grayson	Fraser-Crake
Riley	McManus
Oliver	Rushworth
Skye	Martin
Maddison	Close
Hollie	Collins
Jensen	Crookes
Aiva	Shipley
Ashton	Welsh
Skylar	Welsh



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

HUGE THANK YOUS

Thank you once again for your continued support from BGL and a special thank you to Tracey King who kindly fundraised for our Christmas selection boxes for all the children. Tracey raised £85.00 and this was match-funded and then doubled raising a total of £255.00. Our Christmas tree is full of the selection boxes, as a special treat we arranged a Treasure Hunt for the children and once they worked out the clues they found their treasure in the Christmas lodge.

We were also kindly contacted by Hartlepool Christmas Giving Tree and we collected five bags of Christmas presents that were handed out to our children who were picked to receive them.

Cost cutters have been fundraising this Christmas and their customers donations have raised funds to buy each child a selection box and some chocolates – these were delivered to school. Thank you so much to the community of Hylton Castle, we really appreciate your support.

Tesco, Roker also donated £20.00 gift voucher and we have used this towards our Hot Chocolate, cream and marshmallows for our Friday afternoon Christmas film. Thank you.



COVID Christmas

Wow, what a busy, fun and memorable couple of weeks we have had in school.

We have:

- Made Christmas cards
- Made calendars
- Enjoyed the Christmas window when walking to and from school
- Found the Christmas treasure at the end of the treasure hunt in the woods
- Had a mini-pantomime in school with Cinderella, Buttons and the ugly sister, Dame Dotty
- Worn our Christmas jumpers
- Listened to a brass duet each morning on the playground
- Enjoyed a Christmas dinner
- Reception performed and recorded their Nativity and everyone else watched this safely in their bubbles
- Performed the 12 Days of Christmas
- Worn pyjamas to school and watched a film while drinking hot chocolate
- Musicians recorded 'Jingle Bells'
- Had another gift from Santa (courtesy of Cost-cutter)

While it wasn't all of the usual things we do, it has been great and has hopefully put you all in the Christmas Spirit!



House Team Winner

Children have really enjoyed earning house tokens this term. Because it is the end of the half term, we have counted the tokens and the winning house is:

- The Determinator (blue)

Well done to everyone in that team; you will get your treat in January.

Attendance Winner

Everyday, children who arrive at school, on time, receive a raffle ticket with their name on. This raffle is drawn at the end of the half term the winner is:

- Jaxson Morris

We hope you enjoy spending your £5 Amazon voucher.