



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 11 W/E 10th December 2021

PLEASE NOTE: Car park gates are closed between 8.25am - 9.00am & 2.55pm - 3.30pm for safety

Dates to Remember

Friday 10th Dec 2021

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Rec Trip - £10.00 - paid by Fri 3rd Dec

Wednesday 15th Dec 2021

Christmas Lunch - to be booked & paid (£2.40) by Friday 26th November -

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY

Friday 17th Dec 2021

Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 4th Jan 2022

INSET—NO CHILDREN

Wednesday 5th Jan 2022

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Friday 18th Feb 2022

Break up for half term

Monday 28th Feb 2022

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Friday 8th Apr 2022

Break up for Easter

Monday 25th Apr 2022

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Friday 27th May 2022

Break up for half term

Monday 6th June 2022

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Friday 22nd July 2022

Break up for Summer Holiday

A Very COVID Christmas

As you know, we brought in some additional measures (virtual assemblies, bubbles in Breakfast Club, staff and visitors wearing masks in corridors etc) after half term, when our local public health team advised us of a high number of cases in Sunderland. I receive weekly updates from this team and unfortunately this remains the same and as you will know, we also have the new Omicron variant to consider now.

Therefore, we are continuing with these additional measures and so once again, we will be unable to hold our traditional carol service and Reception's nativity in person. While I understand your disappointment, I make no apology for this as keeping your children, families and our staff safe will always be our number 1 priority! The last thing we would want is for an outbreak leading up to Christmas and for you not to be able to enjoy Christmas as a family.

This does not, however, mean that Christmas is not happening at Hylton Castle Primary School. Your children have already started the celebrations including the panto trip, Christmas crafts and Christmas jumper day. Reception will record their nativity next week, we will be enjoying Christmas lunch, crafts and movies will continue and we hope to spread a bit of Christmas cheer from the whole school electronically too.

Watch out for this!



Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 3rd December:

KS1:Y2	91.86%
KS2:Y4	97.55%

Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won last week:

- Josh Brownless
- Armaan Dhillon
- Harry Gettins
- Lawson Hodgson
- Jake Givens
- Luca Decruz
- Esmee Butler
- Francesca Young

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

TIPS TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

No doubt many of your children will be receiving electronic items for Christmas. Please see these top tips (and talk to your child about them) to help keep your them safe online.

- Think before you post Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, carers, teachers or future employers seeing. Once you post something, you lose control of it, especially if someone else screenshots or shares it.
- Don't share personal details Keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth private, and check what people can see in your privacy settings. Remember that people can use small clues like a school logo in a photo to find out a lot about you.
- Watch out for phishing and scams Phishing is when someone tries to trick you into giving them information, like your password. Someone might also try to trick you by saying they can make you famous or that they're from a talent agency. Never click links from emails or messages that ask you to log in or share your details, even if you think they might be genuine. If you're asked to log into a website, go to the app or site directly instead.
- Think about who you're talking to There are lots of ways that people try to trick you into trusting them online. Even if you like and trust someone you've met online, never share personal information with them like your address, full name, or where you go to school.
- Never give out your password You should never give out your password or log-in information. Make sure you pick strong, easy to remember passwords.
- Cover your webcam Some viruses will let someone access your webcam without you knowing, so make sure you cover your webcam whenever you're not using it.

Happy Birthday to the children who have had birthdays this week:



Leon	Wardropper
Bobby	Harding
Oliver	Stewart
Teddy	Stockdale
Alina	Martin

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

Nursery

This week we have had a special visitor in Nursery, Arlo the puppy! We have started our new topic Pets, so have been looking at how to look after different animals. We fed Arlo some treats, we brushed his fur and we took him for a walk around the Nursery yard. We even read him some stories which he loved. He was all tired out by the afternoon so Miss Calvert took him home for a well-deserved rest. We hope he comes to visit us again soon!



Well Done

Well done to Skye and Bobbi for winning their trophies for dancing.

Year 2

This week year 2 have been working systematically while solving a problem. The elves wanted to see how many different combinations we could find for them to wear their different colour clothes. We had great fun and found over 50 different ways!

