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NEWSLETTER

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The Countdown To Christmas Potatoes, Carrot Batons,

Sprouts, Parsnips, Stuffing and

The last few weeks of the Autumn Term are always incredibly

busy and this year is no exception. Here is a rundown of the

key events that will be happening in school over the next two

weeks:



Christmas Trees, Jelly & Cream or

a Vanilla / Strawberry Ice Cream

Tuesday 11th December 9:00am to 10:00am – Opportunity Tub. This will be served with a for parents and carers of the choice of apple juice or forest children in our Reception Class to fruits juice and a mandarin. join their child / grandchild for a

This is available to all pupils. If

‘Stay & Play’ session.

your child does not usually have a

Wednesday 12th December 1:15pm to 2:15pm – Opportunity hot school meal, but would like to for parents and carers of the have a Christmas Dinner, then children in our Reception Class to they just need to make a payment join their child / grandchild for a of £2.50 prior to this event.

‘Stay & Play’ session.

Tuesday, 18th December

3:10pm to 5:15pm – **FOHLS Christmas Film Night**

Friday 14th December

Non-Uniform and Christmas Jumper Day



We will be showing two films this **Express** for the school dressed in clothes and wearing a Christmas



All children are invited to come to year: **Polar** their own children in Reception and Year 1; and **The Grinch** for all of the older Jumper. children.

Any cash donations will be sent to The cost of tickets is £3 per child ‘Save The Children’. (or £5 for a family ticket for two or more siblings). Children are also invited to bring snack box consisting of a drink, in any of crisps and a chocolate etc for the

Friday 14th December 3:10pm to 4:30pm **FOHLS Tickets Christmas Fayre** the school office – up to an including Monday 17th



There is no entrance fee – so it’s However, everyone to come along. children who Santa’s grotto, sit quietly for the full length and film (approximately 1 hour 45



This includes a books, games, toys, cakes, packet Christmas Fayre. bar.

may be purchased from December.

it is important for those free for attend to be able to In addition to of the there will be the usual stalls activities for people to enjoy:

toys, follow the instructions given to treasure map and name the bear. them in school by adults.

We will also be drawing our

Christmas raffle winners – tickets their pyjamas, onesie, dressing will hopefully go on sale at the th gown and/or slippers – they will start of next week (from 10 be able to change into these December onwards).

If any child wishes to bring along

before the film starts. However,

Wednesday 19th December 1:45pm and 5:00pm – **Infant Nativity: Born In A Barn**
Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Mashed

Monday, 17th December **Christmas Lunch** any child who does not wish to do so, may still come along and Our kitchen staff will be preparing watch the film in their school a Christmas Lunch consisting of: uniform.



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Parents and carers of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should have received a letter which includes tickets for both of these performances.

It is important for the children to arrive at school at 4:40pm – to get

Andrew's Church (with Rev Emma)

ready for the evening performance. Doors to the hall will also be opened at this time.

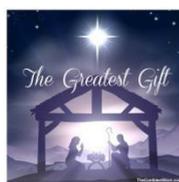


Thursday 20th December 1:45pm to 2:45pm – **Junior Christmas Carol Service** at St which will include the children from Year 2 – 6 singing.

Our Year 1 pupils will be out on a school trip to Knowsley Safari Park; which means the children in Reception will have the whole school to explore (for a Christmas Treasure Hunt).



Winning House



The winning House this week is CASTLE!



All of the children in Castle are invited to come into school on Monday dressed in their own clothes, out of uniform, hopefully adorning something that is blue to signify their victory.

Friday 21st December **Golden Activities** – The children in all year groups will be taking part in their chosen golden activity

Parents and carers of our older children are invited to join us at St Andrew's Church for this event –

during the morning.

1:45pm – School closes for the Christmas Holidays

Happy Holidays!

All children – unless the school has received a signed note from a parent/carer advising us that their child has their permission to walk home alone (Yr 4, 5 & 6 only) – must be collected from the school by an adult on the child's Contact Sheet.

School reopens – after Christmas and New Year – at 8:45am on Monday 7th January 2019

Children In Need Update

We received some additional sponsor money belated so the total amount raised by the children and families of Halton Lodge Primary School was £1025.14.



FOHLS Christmas Bingo

Last night a large number of children, parents and grandparents filled our school hall to take part in our Christmas Bingo event.

A huge "Thank You!" must go to all of the staff and parents who volunteered to organise the event, purchase all of the tombola and bingo prizes (and wrap these), set up the hall, run the event and tidy away at the end.

We would also like to thank all of those parents who so kindly donated prizes – such as cupcakes, bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates and a chocolate bouquet. Those people who were in attendance would also have noticed that we had a fantastic raffle prize this year – a Children's Christmas Hamper that was generously donated by Maple Avenue Home Watch.

Due to everybody's hard work – in addition to providing everybody who attended with a great evening – the Christmas Bingo has raised £349.65 for school funds.

This money, along with any additional money made at the other special events that we have got planned for the children over the next two weeks, will be invested in equipment, resources and special events for all of the children at our school to enjoy.

Year 4 – Sculpture Week

As part of their special week in school focusing on 'sculpture', the children in Year 4 had a very special visitor come to school on Monday morning to demonstrate – and talk to the them about – what it involves to be a sculpture artist: Tim Burgess.



He has left us with the wonderful sculpture that he created on Monday morning – a beautiful owl carving out of larch – which is now on display in our main corridor (outside the Year 4 classroom). As people walk past the owl – which the children in Year 4 are planning on naming today – visitors to our school will also be able to see some of the tremendous art work that the children in Year 4 have produced; focusing on models (and sculptures) of various insects and minibeasts.

Tim is a local chainsaw sculptor and he came to our school to talk about his work. They were given a demonstration of how he uses different sized chainsaws to create detailed wooden sculptures from wooden tree-trunks. He also explained the process he goes through – roughing out the design before adding the finer details – and highlighted how, despite not being very good at drawing, he is able to produce wonderful sculptures.



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