



## Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Christmas Fair. The fair was incredibly busy and people's patience as they moved between stalls was very much appreciated. For future fairs we will look at hosting some stalls in areas of school other than the hall to ease congestion. This year's Christmas Fair raised a fantastic **£550.00** for the Friends of the School - the largest total we have ever raised at a school fair! Thank you very much for everyone who took part. Also, you will have noticed our children took a leading role organising their own class stalls as part of the Virgin Money Enterprise initiative. Each class was provided with £5.00 per child from Virgin Money and they had to use this money to create an enterprise project, sell their products and hopefully make a profit which the class get to keep. I am delighted to let you know that every class made a profit on their stalls with an overall profit of **£257.62** being made. Well done to all our children for their hard work.

This week we hosted our annual Christmas performances to packed audiences of family and friends. It began on Wednesday afternoon and evening with children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performing 'The Stars Come Out For Christmas' followed by our Nursery and Reception Nativity performance on Friday afternoon. During all of the shows, I thought our children performed brilliantly, were clear with their lines and entertained from start to finish. We have received lots of positive comments about how well the children did, the lovely costumes they were wearing and we thank you for joining us. Thank you also to those who contributed to the door raffle which raised over **£200.00** for school funds that will be used towards children's Christmas parties next week.

On Thursday afternoon we visited the Gala Theatre in Durham to watch Jack and the Beanstalk. Some of our younger children didn't know what to make of the villain in the show, 'Fleshcreep' with all his makeup and cackling laughter. We all had a fantastic time and it was great to see children enjoying themselves as part of such an interactive show.

Moving on to next week, we begin on Monday afternoon with the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas parties. Children are invited to bring a change of clothes with them to school for their party afternoon. Nursery and Reception Christmas party will take place on Tuesday afternoon. There will be no morning Nursery session on Tuesday with all children being asked to come to Nursery dressed for the party for 12.15pm. Reception children, however, are asked to bring a change of clothes with them as they will be in school all day. As the parties involve lots of active games, could you please ensure children wear appropriate footwear and all food and drinks will be provided by school.

Wednesday next week is Christmas Lunch day and we are all looking forward to a traditional lunch of turkey with all the trimmings provided by Mrs Longstaff and Mrs Thompson in our school kitchen. Children who choose a packed lunch for their daily meal are welcome to swap to a Christmas lunch in school. Please see Mrs Campbell in the school office if you would like your child to choose this option.

Friday next week is the last day of the term and children are allowed to bring to school a toy or game to play with during the day. Can we please request no electrical games that require 'plugging in' to operate or expensive technology such as Ipods / Nintendo DS, as we cannot take responsibility in school for things that are lost or damaged.

We look forward to a magical last week in school before the Christmas holidays.  
Thank you for your continued support.  
Mr C Baines,  
Headteacher

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

**<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>**

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



**KS1/2 Christmas Performance Pictures  
From This Week**



**After School Clubs Next Week**

Please note **only the following** after school clubs will be taking place next week:

**Monday** - KS1 Gymnastics Club

**Tuesday** - Year 1/2/3 Football Club  
- Year 5/6 Two Wheeler Club

**Wednesday** - KS2 Gym Club

**Thursday** - Reception Games and Movement Club  
- KS2 Singing / Glee Club  
- After School Swimming Club

**Monday's Computer Club; Tuesday's Homework Club and Thursday's Year 4/5/6 Football Club will not be taking place next week.**

**Children's Achievements In School**

Every Friday teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

**Mrs Wheatley's  
Nursery**



Mrs Wheatley in Nursery would like to congratulate **Hugo Morton** for making everyone proud when forming the letters in his name correctly. Well done Hugo!

**Mrs Craig's  
Reception Class**



Mrs Craig has this week nominated **William Grafton** for great writing in his Secret Santa letter. Well done William - Mrs Craig is really proud of you!

**Miss Hutchinson's  
Year 1 Class**



Miss Hutchinson would like to say a huge well done to **Abi-Rose Gardiner** for her beautiful singing in the Christmas play and fantastic maths work in class. Well done Abi-Rose!

**Ms Simons' Year 2 Class**



Ms Simons would like a special mention this week for **Kharis Fairest** for knowing her 2, 5 and 10 times tables and reading with expression. Well done Kharis!

**Mrs Salkeld's  
Year 3/4 Class**



Mrs Salkeld is delighted this week with **Mica Rouse** for her excellent singing for the Christmas performance and her all round effort in class.

**Mrs Clark's Year 5 Class**



Mrs Clark is really pleased with **Kian Fairest** for always working hard, challenging himself and showing excellent Behaviour. Great work Kian!

**Mr Clarke's Year 6 Class**



Mr Clarke would like a special mention this week for **Ella Cooke** for a 'star' performance in the Christmas play. Well done Ella!



**Well done to all our children this week for their fabulous effort and hard work in school.**

