



Hughenden Primary School

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19th November 2019

Dear Parents,

Please see below a round-up of Christmas events taking place this year. Some of the events are school led and some are led by The Friends. The Friends rely on helping parents to ensure their events run smoothly and efficiently. If you haven't already done so, please complete their Christmas Volunteer Sheet for parents to indicate your support.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – Wednesday 4th December, 8-9.30pm

The PTA are holding a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop in the school hall with a qualified florist who runs an array of workshops.

Tickets are £20 each. Ticket includes a glass of mulled wine and mince pies. Spaces are limited so book now to secure your place.

Bottle Tombola Mufti Day – Friday 6th December

To help source bottles for our popular Christmas Fete Tombola we please ask that you support our Bottle Tombola mufti day on Friday 6th December.

Children will be encouraged to come to school in mufti in exchange for a donation of a bottle. Bottles can include drinks, cosmetics etc but please make sure they are unopened/ unused and in date. We will collect bottles at the school entrance on Friday 6th December.

Any queries please do not hesitate to message me personally through Classlist. Thank-you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our School Christmas Fete on Sunday 8th December.

Christmas Fayre Sunday 8th December. 2-4pm at School

This is a big fundraising event for the PTA and hopefully lots of fun for the children and local community. There will be the usual refreshments, preloved stalls, tombola's, gifts and games. Father Christmas has also agreed to fit us into his busy schedule!

Requests: Donations of preloved toys (in the week prior)

Donations to the chocolate tombola / bottle tombola – dates to be arranged, likely to be a mufti day

Volunteers on the day and set up night before – Parents, relatives or older school children (look out for the Volunteer Sign Up Sheet...)

We would LOVE the older children to run some of the games stalls if they are keen? Maybe they have their own ideas or we can provide games - please let us know.

Foundation & KS1 Nativity – “Everyone loves a Baby!”

These are the dates of our Foundation & KS1 Nativity performance. At the bottom of this letter is a slip to return to the school office stating how many seats you require for the performance you are attending. We don't issue tickets for our Nativity play but ask parents to complete the form overleaf to give us an indication of how many seats are required. Alternatively, please email your request to the school office.

The Friends will be serving refreshments at both performances.

Tuesday 10th December 2019 EY & KS1 - Nativity 1.30pm (complete form to request seats)

Wednesday 11th December 2019 EY & KS1 - Nativity - 1.30pm (complete form to request seats)

Tuesday 17th December 2019 Hoppers Christmas Sing Song - 9.30am (all Hoppers parents and extended family welcome)

Tuesday 17th December 2019 2pm School visit to Hughenden Church for Christmas Service (parents who walk with us are welcome to join us)

Christmas Unwrapped for Year 5 & 6

Year 5 & 6 will be attending St Michael & All Angels Church, to take part in an annual church event called Christmas Unwrapped. As this is a local walk, permission for this trip is covered by the 'Annual Consent to Local Off Site Visits' form.

Wednesday 11th December, Year 5 - 9.30-11am

Thursday 12th December, Year 6 – 1.30-3pm

The children will depart from school and walk to the church for 1:30pm until 3:00pm. After the event, the children will walk back to school ready for collection at the usual time of 3:30pm.

Dolce Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December

Please ensure you have signed your children up for this in advance to aid their preparations using your eSchool login. Please let us know if you require help with this. There will, of course, be a vegetarian option as usual.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December

All children and staff are invited to wear their Christmas tops and jumpers to school. All children must still wear their normal school uniform underneath. We are asking for a £1 donation towards Save the Children. We appreciate we are asking a lot at this time of year but we don't want to discourage anyone taking part – please only donate if you are able to.

Christmas Bazaar – Monday 16th December

This is a highlight of the PTA calendar. This is not a money raiser and is a firm children's favourite. We need lots of helpers for this but it's a really special day seeing how much the children love it!

Each year group will be allocated a category to buy for. Each child will be asked to bring in 6 gifts for that category (maximum cost of £1 per gift). We will let you know the collection date nearer the time. On the day, the hall will be festively decorated. Each child brings in £1 and a list of 5 people they would like to buy a present for. The £1 will be exchanged for 5 vouchers and they can purchase one donated present for each voucher. Helpers are then on hand to help each child wrap up their presents. Then No Peeking until Christmas Day!

Nb. We ask that 6 presents rather than 5 be donated so that there is enough choice for each child. It would be a shame for the children in the last class to just be given the last few presents available.

Requests: 6 donated presents (max £1 each, so try Poundshop, supermarkets etc.)

Hoppers/Foundation/Year 1 - buy 6 Children presents, age 0-18.

Year 2/3 - buy 6 presents for female relatives eg aunts, grans, mums.

Year 4/5 - buy 6 presents for male relatives eg uncles, dads, grandpas.

Year 6 - buy 6 chocolate presents.

(if you are bringing chocolate make sure it is in date on Christmas Day!)
Also any donated wrapping paper, gift tags and Sellotape

Hughenden Hoppers to Village Hall - Monday 16th December 9:00am

Walking to the Village Hall to watch the Hughenden Village Pre-schoolers sing along. If you are free that day, please let either Mrs Wainwright or myself know as we are looking for volunteers to help walk the children down, thank you. The Hoppers children will visit the Christmas Bazaar when they return to school.

Hughenden Hoppers Sing-a-long - Tuesday 17th December 9:30am

Our Hughenden Hoppers parents and extended family members are welcome to join us in the school hall for some jolly, favourite Christmas songs. Our Foundation children will also be joining us as part of our audience!

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 19th December

All children are invited to wear their party clothes to school on Thursday instead of school uniform. Please wear sensible footwear as they will still be going outside to play. Christmas party food - details will be sent to all parents from the Friends via Classlist nearer the time.

The itinerary for the party day is as follows:

9.45-10.30	Party for all Foundation and KS1 children
10.45-11.30	Party for KS2 children
11.30am onwards	Lunch set up (we are asking for parent helpers if you are available)
12pm	Christmas party lunch
1.30pm	End of the day

We hope you and the children enjoy the end of term celebrations and events. A lot of hard work goes into preparing for these from both school staff and members of our PTA so we hope you will support them.

Please note, there is a volunteer sign-up sheet for all Friends events on the website ('News' > 'Friends Christmas Events').

All children should now have received their Christmas card proofs to place their orders. If you are unsure about anything, please give us a call or email.

Yours Sincerely



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TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AFTER COMPLETION

Foundation & KS1 Nativity

Child's Name:

Please can I reserve the following number of seats for the Nativity play

Tuesday 10th December 2019, 1.30pm Number of seats

Wednesday 11th December 2019, 1.30pm Number of seats