

Henley-in-Arden Church of England Primary School

"...And He took the children in His arms and blessed them"



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**Version 2- with the football report in. Apologies !*

As we head towards December in school, the sound of carols echoing from the hall brings back fond memories to us all. All of the children and staff have been busy preparing for the exciting month ahead. Letters are about to be sent out for key stage parties, costumes for Christmas performances, the pantomime and the carol service in the next week. If you are unsure of things, please contact us for further clarification. Here's to a productive December!



Charities for this year:

- Myton Hospice (Harvest collection)
- Poppy Appeal
- Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day -20th December).
- Children's society (Christingle service – 19th December)
- Red Nose Day – 24th March 2018
- British Red Cross – Term 3, organised by Year 6 charity committee.

Attendance



Please remember to call the school office **before 9.00am**, if your child is absent. If no phone call is made and we cannot contact you, your child will receive an unauthorised absence on the register.

A REMINDER:

If your child has a medical appointment in the morning, please call the school office by 9.30am along with their lunch order for the day.



Reading Focus



Our 'Reader leader' results so far:

Class	17.11.17	24.11.17	1.12.17
6	20%	52%	96%
5	68%	12%	64%
4	-	82%	80%
3	58%	58%	58%
2	86%	76%	89%
1	71%	94%	72%
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House captain points so far:

ARDEN	BEAUDESERT	DEMONTFORT
583	593	609

Uniform:

A gentle reminder about proper school uniform. Some of the children are starting to wear their own clothes, please ensure the correct uniform is adhered to. Don't forget school ties are available to purchase from the school office for £7.00.

Pupil targets:

Your child's new personal targets should be with you in first week back to school in January. These will be reviewed in February. We hope that you are now able to see if your child has achieved the current target.

WELL DONE to Year 6 for their superb acting, amazing costumes, beautiful singing (including several solos) and great performing skills in their performance of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. All of the children had many lines to learn from the hefty script, including songs, spoken words and great time –keeping. The children were heavily involved in prop creating and performing our show. A technical team ran the performance on the evening to a packed audience of 100 adults, family and friends. There were lots of great comments, including "That is the best performance I have ever seen a group of children perform!" Some of the children in school are still talking about how they "absolutely loved the show!" We are all very proud of Year 6.

WELL DONE to the children who entered the Henley Community Library Art Competition. A message from the library read as follows: "Thank you to the children for all the wonderful entries and for your continuing support for the library. All entries have been judged and we are pleased to let you know that the following have won in their age categories:

Under 5s –

- 1st Prize - Alesha Shafiq

Age 6 – 8

- 1st Prize - Autumn Palmer Gee
- 2nd Prize - Lexi Hong
- Highly Commended - Sophie Johnson

Over 9s:

- 1st Prize - Seth Vondrak
- 2nd Prize - Charlie Poole
- Highly Commended - Florence Aldred-Ferguson
- Commended - Sophie Beck

All artwork will be on display on Saturday 2nd December from 4.30pm and during and after the Christmas lights switch on. Prizes and certificates will be awarded in celebration assembly.

WELL DONE to the girls' football team, who recently played in a football tournament at Central Ajax football arena. They played 5 matches getting progressively better as the matches went on. Thank you to parents for their support and to Mrs Holden.

WELL DONE to our boys' football team in the local derby against St Mary's at their school. Seth Vondrak and Lewis Wright wrote the following for us: Henley vs St Mary's - Boys football match. 'On the 15th November Henley played St Mary's at home. The match started with St Mary's taking the lead both in goals and possession. We didn't get many chances and the ball was mostly down our end of the pitch in the first half. St Mary's started the second half with another goal and we began to feel the pressure. Fortunately, Lewis replied with a wonderful goal - a half volley that hit the top corner. The goal lifted our spirits. We started to play better and finished the match with seconds to spare, with a fantastic goal from Joseph Webb. A truly thrilling game that was enjoyed by players and spectators alike. Thank you to Mrs Holden for organising the match and to Steve Kiernan for managing the team on the day'.

WELL DONE to our girl's street dance crew who performed superbly in celebration assembly last week. Our next sessions will be with Key Stage 1 boys. Look out for the letter about this in their book bags next week.

WELL DONE to our new house captains for this half term. They are doing a great job!

- Arden – Mia Fairbrother and Anna Wallace
- Beaudesert – William Card and Jessica Zhuang
- DeMontfort - Danika Ellard and Sam Brackstone

WELL DONE to our new 'Play Leaders', who are currently organising play sessions in the playground. They have loved introducing new games and activities. Keep up the great work Flo Aldred-Ferguson, Oliver Evans, Connie Sedgwick, Eddie Palmer-Gee, Ellis Bishop, Charlie Poole, Archie Beck, William Brown, Seth Vondrak, Emma Degville, Lily Daniels, Poppy Rauer and Edward Cox. "We love to help other children to play new games safely!"

NON-UNIFORM DAY- Thank you for your support with the non-uniform day for the Christmas Fair tombola and for your contributions to the Christmas hampers.

WE LOVE the boxercise sessions run by Steve Kiernan in school during our PE sessions. It is really helping Year 4 and 5 to develop their physical fitness and self-control. Year 6 are next in line to receive these sessions in January.

THANK YOU so much for all of the hard work the PTA put into organising our Christmas Fair yesterday. It was great to see so many stalls in the hall selling their products, there was a great Christmas buzz. The amount made will be announced at a later date.

THANK YOU for your donations for the recent Poppy Appeal held in school. As a result of your contributions, we made £99.66 to help with vital welfare and benevolent work. Thank you.

REQUESTS: if you have any spare time to come in and help with any class admin jobs or to become a member of our 'Reading army' please contact the school office.

REMINDERS: Keith Hickinbottom has popped into school several times recently, really concerned about the way some of cars are being driven near to school and the attitude of some people towards him. On a daily basis, he gives up his time to see that our children are safe on the way to and from school. Please be vigilant at this time and show our support for his good work and selfless care. It would be a very different scene if he wasn't there!

LOOK OUT for our school tree in Henley this weekend. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising our school tree bombing this year with lots and lots of Christmas bottle tops, joined together and wrapped around the tree.

REMINDER: If you would like to change your end of the day pick up routine and you want someone else to pick up your child from school, please notify the school office before the end of the school day. If we are not aware of these changes we may not release your child. Please tell us!

AND FINALLY – the last day of term will be Thursday 21st December. It will end with the school carol service, which this year will be held in the school hall and led by the children. Please bring an LED tea light to join in with the service, which will be held by candle light. The children will be able to leave school with a designated adult as soon as the service has ended.



KEY DATES

Day	Time	Event
Friday 1 st December	All day	Year 4 Indian dance workshop
Monday 4 th December	10.00	Starstruck performance – Parents are invited to attend
Tuesday 5 th December	am	Year 1 weather workshop
Wednesday 6 th December	3.30pm	Y5 PGL meeting in Y6
Thursday 7 th and Friday 8 th December	All day	Y5 Iron Man green screen filming
Tuesday 12 th December	1.15pm	KS1, Reception and Nursery - Christmas production
Wednesday 13 th December	1.15pm 6.00pm	Y3 and Y4 – Christmas production KS1, Reception and Nursery – Christmas production
Thursday 14 th December	6.00pm	Y3 and Y4 – Christmas production
Friday 15 th December	Lunch time pm	Golden table KS1, Reception and Nursery Christmas party
Monday 18 th December	pm	KS2 Christmas party
Tuesday 19 th December	1.30pm 6.00pm	Y5 Christingle service in church for school Y5 Christingle service in church for parents
Wednesday 20 th December	All day Lunch time pm	Come to school in your Christmas Jumper and donate towards Save the Children Fund. Christmas lunch Whole school pantomime – in school
Thursday 21st December	1.30pm	Carol service in the hall school, children can go home after the service Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January 2018	8.50am	Children back to school – Term 2 begins
Friday 12 th January	All day	Year 2 Robot workshop
Thursday 18 th January	All day	World Religion Day
Friday 16th February		Break up for Half Term
Monday 26th February		Back to School

