DECEMBER 2017

Handsworth News

Dates for your diary:

Christmas Jumper/Hat Day Tuesday 19th December

Mad Science Assemblies Wednesday 10th January

Year 2 WOW Day - Famous People Thursday 11th January

Year 1 and Year 2 Coding and Animation Tuesday 16th January

Bikeability - 4KC Tuesday 23rd January & Wednesday 24th January

Bikeability - 4EL Thursday 25th January & Friday 26th January

Young Voices Concert Wednesday 31st January

Year 4 to The British Museum Friday 2nd February

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February

School Disco Friday 9th February

Shaking Up Shakespeare - 6RT Tuesday 27th February - Thursday 1st March

Cycle Confidence - 5MJ Monday 5th March - Friday 9th March

Shaking Up Shakespeare - 6JG Tuesday 6th March - Thursday 8th March

Year 1 - Transport Museum Friday 9th March 2017

Cycle Confidence - 5NM Monday 19th March - Friday 23rd March

Parents Evening Tuesday 20th March 3.45pm - 8.00pm

Parents Evening Wednesday 21st March 3.45pm - 6.00pm

Sports Relief Friday 23rd March

Year 4 Assembly and WOW Day Wednesday 28th March

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another fabulous term at Handsworth Primary, with many opportunities to celebrate the children's hard work and achievements.

Reception Open Evening

In November, Year 6 House Captains and Vice Captains did a great job escorting prospective parents and families around our school. Our young school leaders did us proud. Applications for Reception places for 2017 should be made online via **www.eadmissions.org.uk** before the deadline of 15th January 2018.

Nursery

If you have a pre-school child who is due to start Nursery in September 2018, please contact our school office for an application form. Please note that from September 2018 we will offer 30-hour provision for twenty-five pupils.

Friends of Handsworth

Friends of Handsworth have organised an array of activities that have been enjoyed by all. These have included the fabulous Christmas Market. Children's Christmas cards and mugs. We have even had a very special visitor.

A big thank you to all who have been able to help. Your fundraising has contributed towards the much-needed refurbishment of our Nursery, as well as new costumes for our KS1 Nativity and the end of Year 6 production.



Pupil Conferences

This year we will be holding Pupil Conferences in the Summer Term. These will provide an opportunity for you and your child to meet with their class teacher to talk through your child's report, celebrate the successes of the year and set targets for the new academic year. In a change to the previously published timetable, Monday 9th July will now be an INSET Day (instead of Friday 25th May). We will be running Pupil Conferences from 9am - 6pm on this day. We will send out more information in the New Year about how to arrange your Pupil Conference.

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School Events

This half term has seen a fabulous selection of educational visits, WOW days and visitors to school. These have ranged from Year 5 Chess Championships in Olympia; Year 1 visiting the Museum of Childhood; Ancient Egypt Day (Year 3) and Year 6 learning about Ancient Greeks.



Children in Need

I am always amazed by the generosity of our community. Thank you for continuing to support our fundraising efforts. Year 6 led a fun packed day which raised a fantastic £1,529. Well done to all who contributed.



Forest Night Shelters

Thank you also to everyone who was able to donate clothes or toiletries as part of our donations for the homeless. We will continue to collect miniature size toiletries and warm clothing, so if you have any spare items, please bring them in and leave them in the reception. They are gratefully received and very much needed in this cold weather.



Forest Schools

Our younger pupils have also thoroughly enjoyed the weekly forest learning at Higham's Park. Thank you to Dale and Miss Walter for leading Forest School.



Christmas Jumpers

Tomorrow will be optional Christmas Jumper/Hat Day. All children must wear their school uniform, but they can choose to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper if they have one.



Carols in the Playground

Please join us, weather permitting, in the playground from 2.00pm on Tuesday 19th December for festive songs and carols.

Friends of Handsworth will also be hosting Christmas tea & cakes from 2.00pm in the main hall on the last day. Please join us.



From the staff at Handsworth, we wish you all a wonderful holiday and a very happy New Year.

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The aim is to be better tomorrow than we have been today.