

HOOTON PAGNELL ALL SAINTS PRIMARY

January School News

Looking back at December

It has been lovely returning to school this week. The atmosphere has been so calm and the pupils have all settled back into school with determined attitudes and an eagerness to learn.

December was a busy time for us in school. We had our Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day, Christmas themed assemblies, our annual visit to the Pantomime at Cast ("Oh yes we did!"), our Christmas parties, our Nativity at the church and our outdoor carol concerts with delicious hot chocolate refreshments. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and/ or hot chocolate. We managed to raise £248.35 for our school funds - we are over the moon with that. It has been suggested by a parent that we have more regular cake sales in school to keep the fund raising efforts going. I am sure you will agree that every little helps! Watch this space for more details.



Home learning

As a school, we understand that, for many families, homework can be a battle. We wanted to take the time to explain the main reasons that we set homework:

1. Learning at home helps to consolidate the skills taught in school, as well as consolidating what your child has learned.
2. It gives children an opportunity to explore learning in an unstructured setting, encouraging them to be independent and follow their own lines of enquiry.
3. As children reach their later years at Primary School, homework helps them transition into secondary school, as they prepare for a larger workload.

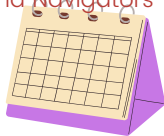
Class teachers have noticed that many of the children in their classes are not completing the required home learning tasks set.

For most children this is a maths and spelling task, often set online, as a interactive and fun way to learn. Unfortunately, failure to complete the required tasks means that some of the children are falling behind their peers in terms of progress and achievement.

Can we ask that you please help your child to find the time to complete the tasks set each week? If you have any questions about home learning, please contact the class teacher directly.

Key Dates

- 09/01 - Swimming starts for year 5 (am)
- 09/01 - Bible Assembly
- 26/01 - Read, Write, Inc parent session 1 (9am)
- 30/01 - Read, Write, Inc parent session 2 (9am)
- 31/01 - School Nursing service in school
- 01/02 - Safe Touch workshop for Year 1
- 02/02 - Young Voices Concert for Adventurers and Navigators
- 06/02 - Bible Assembly
- 07/02 - Safer Internet Day
- 08/02 - Read, Write, Inc parent session 3 (9am)
- 10/02 - Last Day of Half Term
- 20/02 - Return to School
- 24/02 - Class Newsletters
- 02/03 - Parent/ Teacher Meetings
- 02/03 - School Book Day - details TBC
- 03/03 - Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
- 06/03 - Bible Assembly
- 17/03 - Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day
- 31/03 - Last day of term
- 17/04 - Return to School



Read, Write Inc Parent Workshops



Parents of Reception and Year 1 pupils and other children accessing Read Write Inc across school...

After the success of previous events, you are invited to attend a Read Write Inc phonics session, where you will be able to watch how reading and spelling is being taught to your children.

We have timetabled 3 events but you only need to attend one and the dates are below. Mrs Sanderson will contact you with more information.

Dinner Money Reminder

If your child is in the Adventurers or Navigators class and has school dinners, can we politely ask that you remember to pay for the dinners at the start of the week. Thank you.

Sleep - a guide for school aged children

Getting sufficient sleep has been shown to benefit memory, learning, attention, mood, behaviour and physical health.

How many hours does your child need?

Age	Hours of sleep
3 - 5 years	11 - 13
5 - 9 years	10 - 11 hours
10 - 14 years	9 - 9.75 hours
15 - 17 years	8.5 - 8.75 hours
Adults	7 - 9 hours

(Information from National Sleep Foundation and NHS Choices)

Council Cameras

Please be aware that cameras have been installed outside the school drive to monitor the 'School Keep Clear' Markings. The innovative camera technology is designed to promote a safer environment around school gates by reducing congestion, which, in turn improves air quality.

The cameras will be operated during school times and will only be used for enforcement purposes on the keep clear restriction. Residential properties will be obscured with a privacy filter, and only trained Civil Enforcement Officers will review the footage to action.

Screentime Advice

We're often asked how long children should spend on their devices each day. Childnet have created a blog discussing why it is difficult to specify a limit and what you should consider. You can read it here:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/screentime-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

Uniform

Please make sure that pupils are wearing **PLAIN BLACK** shoes or trainers on uniform days. On PE days, they can wear any suitable trainers.

We all love fashion, but please could you make sure that school skirts and shorts/ PE shorts (ie Nike Pro) are not too short so that they are appropriate for the activities in school

Please make sure that all clothing (especially jumpers, cardigans and sports tops worn on PE days) are clearly labelled.

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