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Henbury View First School

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Headteacher's Update

As we approach the end of term, we have certainly felt the temperature change and the dark nights close in. There have been a number of winter/Christmas events which we know the children have enjoyed and the presence of the Christmas tree in the hall always causes great excitement.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Christmas production this year. I am sure you will agree that the pupils were amazing and so confident performing in front of so many. A huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work and preparation in organising the production.

I am delighted to share that Mr Saunders is now the substantive Assistant Headteacher of Henbury View, Mr Saunders will continue to teach year 3 Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Shannon who is joining us in January, will teach the class for the remainder of the week.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Sally Wall.

Christmas Dates

Christmas Lunch and Party Day – Wednesday 14th December.

Chartwells will be providing a hot Christmas meal for the children on Wednesday 14th December. This must be booked online directly with Chartwells. Children with lunchboxes will join their friends in the hall to enjoy the celebrations.

Each class will enjoy party games and watch a Christmas movie during the day and we will provide a party snack e.g. cake, popcorn. We will make sure we follow all guidelines for those with allergies. Children can wear party clothes, we just ask that you are mindful of the shoes they are wearing as they will go out to play as normal.

Christmas Cards. The post box will be available in the entrance hall from Monday 5th December for the children to post their cards. Please ensure that the child's name and year group is clearly written on the envelope. We will have our very own special elves delivering the cards.

During the final week of term the children will be very busy taking part in a range of Christmas crafts and activities which I am sure they will enjoy sharing with you during this festive period. **School finishes for the holidays on December 16th at 3.20pm.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023

11th January-Year 4 Lesson House Trip Meeting for parents. 3.30pm.

15th January-Deadline for applying to HVFS for a place in Foundation 2023.

30th January-Year 4 Parent Share.

3rd February-School Disco.

6th Feb-Year 3 Parent Share.

9th Feb-IEP Meetings

9th Feb- EYFS/Yr1/Yr2 Book Share.

20th February-Inset day.

2nd March-World Book Day.

7th March-Parents Evening.

9th March-Parents Evening.

13th March-Foundation Parent Share.

17th March-Red Nose Day.

20th March-Year 1 Parent Share.

20th-21st March-Year 4 Trip to Leeson House.

27th March-Year 2 Parent Share.

30th March- Yr3 & Yr4 Book Look

31st March-Easter Activities and Easter Hunt.

Parking at the school

We would like to remind parents that the car park is closed to parents. There should be no parking on site and drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your understanding.

Support over the Christmas period

Christmas can be a stressful period for families. We have added information to our website of available support over the Christmas period and hope all our families enjoy the Christmas break.

Pantomime performance at Henbury

On Thursday 24th of November all the children at Henbury were given the amazing opportunity to watch a pantomime at school, Goldilocks and the three bears. We would all like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Henbury for organising this.

Olivia W and Rachel in year 4 have written a short review of their experience that we would like to share with you:



Goldilocks and the three bears.

It was very funny. The only concern was it was a bit too loud. Goldilocks was very pretty and Kentucky the singing chicken was seriously hilarious! They enjoyed it very much. There was lots of booing Gerty Grump when she came on stage. Rein the Reindeer was crazy when he led Goldilocks to the sweet shop and I nearly lost my voice shouting about Slippery Sid. Everybody in year 4 was doing Billy Whoop's leg up thing after the pantomime. Kentucky was absolutely hilarious. I put this twice because he was so funny.

I really liked Slippery Sid when they said 'Row, row, row your boat' and when he chased Goldilocks and Billy Whoops. I liked 'I'm Still Standing' at the end.



Winter weather

Please be aware the school grounds may be slippery, we will ensure that paths are gritted but please do take extra care. If conditions are such that it is necessary to change our arrangements or close the school we will send a parent mail out to all parents.

Year 3 trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium

Last Friday, 2nd December, we went to Winchester Science Museum on our school trip. We went there on a coach and when we got there, we saw lots of different science experiments. It was amazing! First, we had a workshop where we wrote lines of code to programme little Crumble robots. We then had a chance to explore the bottom floor of the museum that was all about space. After lunch, we spent some time looking at the top floor of the museum. We enjoyed using pulleys to move bricks with a crane, used Lego to build earthquake-proof buildings and played the strings of a giant guitar. Finally, we went into the planetarium and saw all of the constellations and planets on the ceiling. It was such an awesome day!

From Year 3



Year 4 Visit to Lockyers Middle School

Reviews from Year 4 Students.

Cooking. Our trip to Lockyers last week was amazing! I did cooking group and it was so fun because I've never seen a big cookery room because we don't have one. Our group made oat and raisins cookie. It was delicious and the people were nice.

Olivia G, Year 4.

Music. I absolutely loved our trip to Lockyers! I did music, we played the African Drums. It was so amazing because you got to learn a new skill! We even played the Peppa Pig theme tune. I would definitely definitely go there again and the people were lovely.

Jasmin, Year 4.

Safeguarding/Child Protection Issues

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Henbury View First School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If you have any concerns, please contact the following people through the school office:

The designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Sally Wall, Headteacher.

Our Family Support Worker is: Mrs Sharon Saunders