

23rd November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Events

Here are details of events taking place at Heron Hill School this Christmas. Whilst unable to hold performances in our school hall, teachers have worked hard to ensure the children can take part in nativities, carol singing and, of course, have their Christmas parties. Key Stage 1 will not go to church but will hold an early evening outdoor Carol Service instead. Lower and Upper Juniors will go separately to church, accompanied by parent helpers. These measures have been taken after a great deal of thought in order to minimise everyone's risk of coming into contact with Covid-19, becoming unwell and having to self-isolate so close to Christmas.

Nursery parents/carers are being contacted directly by Mrs Metcalfe about Nursery's Parish Church service.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Carols for Christmas

On Wednesday 8th December at 4.00 pm, parents and grandparents are invited to an outdoor Carol Service on the Key Stage 2 yard. Year 1 and Year 2 children will remain at school until 4.00 pm, so you may wish to provide them with extra snack that day. Wednesday 15th December at 4.00 pm is the backup date if the weather is bad, we will contact you via ParentMail/SeeSaw to confirm which date the event will take place. Wrap up warmly and prepare to enjoy carols and readings from our Key Stage 1 children, led by a Vicar from Kendal Parish Church. Unfortunately, siblings will not be able to attend as this would make it overly crowded and also harder for everyone to be able hear the Key Stage 1 children. Please complete the Google form at the end of this letter if you will be attending.

Reception Christmas Service

Reception and their parents/carers are invited to attend a service at Kendal Parish church on Wednesday 15th December at 9.45 am, leaving at 9.00 am. Please complete the Google form at the end of this letter if you can walk with your child. Reception teachers will also make a video recording of their Nativity for families to watch at home.

Years 3 and 4

Parents and carers of Year 3/Year 4 pupils are invited to their Carol Service with the choir at Kendal Parish Church on Wednesday 15th December at 1.00 pm. Children will have an early lunch and walk to church with parent/carer helpers, setting off at 12.15 pm. Please complete the Google form at the end of the letter if you can help.

Years 5 and 6

Parents and carers of Year 5/Year 6 pupils are invited to their Carol Service with the choir at Kendal Parish Church on Wednesday 15th December at 2.15 pm. Children will leave school at 1.15 pm and arrive back at school later than usual, at approximately 3.45 pm. We require parent/carer helpers to walk the children to and back from the church, please complete the Google form at the end of this letter if you can help.

Parents and carers may also meet us at church for all of the Parish Church services but will sit separately.

Years 5 and 6 can be collected from **outside** the church; please sign your child out with their class teacher. Please note that the choir will attend both services, so will arrive back at school at approximately 3.45 pm.

At each service, there will be a collection with proceeds split equally between our chosen charities, New Beginnings, North West Air Ambulance, St John's Hospice and Open Arms Academy, Kenya.

Christmas Card Post Boxes

Post boxes will be available for children to post their Christmas cards between Monday 6th December and Friday 10th December. Please do not send cards into school before this time and **make sure each envelope is clearly labelled with the recipient's full name and class.**

Christmas Parties

Details about individual parties will be sent out nearer the time. However, here are the dates:

Monday, 6 th December	Year 2
Tuesday, 7 th December	Year 3
Wednesday, 8 th December	Year 5
Thursday 9 th December	Year 4
Friday 10 th December	Year 6
Monday 13 th December	Reception
Wednesday 15 th December	Nursery (in the morning)
Thursday 16 th December	Year 1

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th December, children may wear Mufti with a Christmas jumper. Mindful that many families are facing financial hardship at this time, we do not intend this to be a fundraiser, it is just for fun.

Please send in pre-loved Christmas jumpers that can be passed on – this saves on costs and is great recycling. FOHH will hold a Christmas jumper swap event and will contact families with dates soon.

School Christmas Lunch

Our school meals service will be providing a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 14th December. The lunch will include roast turkey, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, peas, carrots, apple sauce and stuffing followed by a Christmas ice cream tub, fruit, yogurt or cheese and biscuits. This meal can be ordered on-line through Lunch Shop, from Monday 2nd December and will cost £2.50. There will be no other Lunch Shop choices on this day except for pupils with dietary requirements.

End of Term

The last day of term is Friday 17th December and school will close at 3.15 pm. The Hive wrap around care is available from 3.15 pm as usual; please contact the school office if you wish to book your child in.

Please complete the Google form/s by Friday 3rd December.

Yours sincerely

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Contact the school for the Google Form links