

Newsletter

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL



On **Friday 16th November** the children are invited to come to school wearing spots and pay £1 to Children in Need. This can be anything from a spotty pair of socks, spotty hair clip to a full spotty outfit - if not spots then anything goes! There will also be a cake sale in the hall after school. If you would like to donate any cakes please bring them to school on Friday morning (16th).

Carol Singing

On **Thursday 13th December** the children will be attending St John's Parish Church (High St Dronfield) **2:15pm - 3:15pm** to sing some traditional carol songs. More information to follow.



Disco

We will be hosting our next Disco on **29th November, straight after school until 5pm**. The cost of the Disco is £5 and is for **children only**. They will receive a drink, hotdog (or other suitable snack) as part of their entry fee.



Dads Reading Event

Dads, grandads, uncles, and brothers are invited to attend a reading evening at school on **Thursday, 22nd November**. The event begins at 6:00pm and ends at 7:30pm.

Woods Visits

Chestnut - 20th November

Oak - 28th November

Willow - 3rd December

Maple - 4th December

Ash - 19th December

All visits will take place in the afternoon.

Panto!

This years panto will be 'Dick Whittington' held on **Friday 23rd November**. The cost of the production is £4 per child. A letter will follow with further information.

Hamper Donation

We are asking if you could please donate an item of Christmas themed produce to go into one of the prize hampers that Friends of Holmesdale will be raffling off on the last day of term. In return we are inviting the children to wear non-uniform on **23rd November** and bring in the items on that day. Raffle tickets will be placed in book bags and also available from the office to purchase.



Procedures in the event of Adverse Weather

We aim to open as usual every day. In the event of adverse weather conditions we will follow our usual procedures. Please be aware that:

- Weather conditions are monitored on an on-going basis, and the school site is checked regularly.
- We use the Parent Hub app and radio stations to communicate any changes/closures.
- Please do not ring school to enquire re: status—we are open unless the web, app or radio says not. In the event of an early closure we will use our app.
- Please be aware that in some instances it is not always possible to open the gate from Holmesdale Road; health and safety of students, parents and all that enter the school site are our priority. If this is the case we will endeavour to communicate via the Parent Hub app this information. If it is unsafe for you to bring your child to school please phone the school office to inform us.



Friends of Holmesdale

Our PTA meets on the first Monday of every month in the staff room and new members are welcome to attend.

Christmas Concerts

Due to building work being carried out shortly we will be holding individual year group concerts. All of the concerts will be in the afternoon starting at 2pm.

Monday 10th Dec - Reception

Wednesday 12th Dec - Y2

Friday 14th Dec - Y1

Further details to follow.

Save the Children

Your child is invited to wear their Christmas Jumper on **14th December** for a £1 donation for Save the Children. If they do not have or wish to wear a Christmas jumper they are welcome to wear any non-uniform on that day.

Christmas Dinner

All children are invited to join us for Christmas Dinner on **19th December**, including those who normally have sandwiches. Could you please let Mrs Freeland know as soon as possible if your child would like to have a school dinner on this day. A vegetarian option will be available.

Children are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on this day or, if they do not have a Christmas jumper, any non-uniform.

Dates

16th Nov - Children In Need
20th Nov - Chestnut @ Woods
22nd Nov - Dad's Reading Event
23rd Nov - Non-uniform (For Hamper Donation)
23rd Nov - Panto!
26th—30th Nov - Book Fair
28th Nov - Oak @ Woods
29th Nov - Disco
3rd Dec - Willow @ Woods
4th Dec - Maple @ Woods
10th Dec - Reception Xmas Concert
12th Dec - Reception Trip
12th Dec - Y2 Xmas Concert
13th Dec - Carols at St John's
14th Dec - Xmas Jumper Day
14th Dec - Y1 Xmas Concert
17th Dec - Christingle Service
19th Dec - Christmas Dinner
19th Dec - Ash @ Woods
21st Dec - Songs Around The Tree & Party Day



Reception Trip

All of the reception children will be attending Totley Hall Farm on **Wednesday 12th December**. More information to follow.

Christingle Service

We will be attending a Christingle Service at St Philips Church. The service begins at 2pm on **17th December** and parents are welcome to meet us at the church if they wish to join in.

1/2 Price Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair week commencing **26th November**. All of the books will be **½ the marked price** during this week. The book fair will be open before school from 8:45am – 9:00am and again after school 3:15pm – 3:30pm. There are many books to choose from to suit all tastes and abilities and prices start from as little as £1.49.

LAST DAY OF TERM - 21ST DECEMBER

Songs around the tree. One ticket per family will be issued for this event in keeping with fire regulations.

A party lunch will be provided by school including those who normally have sandwiches. Could you please let us know as soon as possible if your child is sandwiches but would like a party lunch on this day. A vegetarian option will be available.

The children are also invited to wear their party clothes on this day to celebrate!



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY....

MERRY CHRISTMAS



REMEMBER: RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY