



# Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Well it is beginning to feel a bit like Christmas in school! From Panto to the beautiful singing from Iris, Demeter and Apollo as they rehearse for their nativity and of course the PACT elves working their magic to prepare for the Christmas Fayre.

As a school, we are really looking forward to all the events in the coming weeks and will share the class-based activities with you during next week.

In other news, I am a very proud headteacher! Not only are the children working really hard in class but each week I am hearing of their wonderful sporting achievements. Dates for county finals are flying in frequently in which Hall Meadow will be attending. I can't wait to be able to support our children at these events as they strive to compete and represent not just our school but Kettering with pride. A huge thank you to Miss Pallett and all the staff and parents that are helping to make this happen.

I am sure you are aware that COVID cases are rising in the area again. We are continuing to monitor this closely will update you as soon as we can if any of our planned events have to change.

Please stay vigilant and safe,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

## Panto!

Ahhhhhs, Boooooos and lots of laughter and singing could be heard around the school on Wednesday as the children enjoyed the COVID-friendly performance of Snow White which comprised of 2 actors interacting with on screen characters! It was a magical experience with popcorn donated by PACT.

Thank you for all your donations to support this event. Next year, we hope to be able to visit the Lighthouse Theatre once again.



## KS1 Sports Event

Some children in Year 2 were lucky enough to attend a KS1 sports event held at Kettering Buccleuch Academy.

The children participated in lots of different games that involved all kinds of skills including catching, throwing, jumping and balancing.

We were very impressed with the children's abilities, but also with the school values that they showed. Their behaviour was also impeccable.

Thanks must go to Ms Pallett for organising the event and Mr Shan for supporting it in his role as a school governor. Well done to all!



## Cross country

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Davidson and I took 12 children (a record for us) to the District Cross Country championships.

All the children competed brilliantly over what is a tough course with the year 6 children competing against year 7s.

We have a number of children that qualified for the County Championships in January but we are just waiting for confirmation on this. Names to come!

A big thank you to Mrs Davidson and our spectators for cheering them on especially as it was a bit chilly!

Ms Pallett



## Change of end of year finish date.

The government has announced that there will be an additional bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. To reflect this, it has laid Regulations (The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021) that allow for Schools to be open for 189 days instead of 190 days.

As such, the late May bank holiday will be moved to Thursday 2 June 2022 and an additional bank holiday will be held on Friday 3 June 2022. Since these dates already fall during the May half term we will be taking this day on Friday 22nd of July instead. We believe this will cause the least disruption to learning.

**Term will end on Thursday the 21st of July 2022.**





### **School Absence**

Please could we remind Parents/Carers to call the School every day your child is absent. We are required, as part of our Safeguarding, to record a reason for your child's absence on a daily basis.

You will be able to leave an answerphone message outside of school hours. Many thanks.



### **Parking**

Thank you to those of you who are parking with greater consideration. I have met with Cllr Pandey who is going to push this issue with the council for us and look at further actions we can take, including increased road markings (eg: double yellow lines) and increase traffic warden presence.

Those who are still parking inconsiderately, please remember we are a working school. A few weeks ago, we had to have an ambulance attend a child. Luckily, they arrived at 2:45pm so could easily access the school. This week, I have witnessed parking in the mornings and afternoons which would have prevented emergency vehicles accessing the site. Imagine if that was your child in need.

**Christmas Fayre**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**3:20-6pm**



**Christmas Fayre Reminder**

Come along and support us in our Christmas Fayre!

Games, sweets, biscuits, bottle / gifts tombola, teddy stall, second hand uniform, Christmas jumpers and many more!

Still wanted: Prizes for the raffle, washed Christmas Jumpers or any other donations to be in school by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Christmas Fayre Safety**

To support us with the Christmas Fayre, please park sensibly around the area. Lake avenue is the best road to ensure the safety of all.

To minimise 'human' traffic we will be operating a one-way system around school but you make walk round as much as you like!

Please use sanitiser around the school.

Class teachers will share the children's rotas with you for each of their class stalls.

Children may wear mufti/Christmas jumpers for the whole day.

As with all events, if cases rise we will cancel the event.

**Christmas raffle**

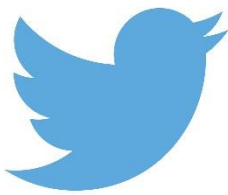
In need of the gift of a champagne afternoon tea, reflexology, Christmas wreath, table arrangement, Wok inn voucher, Christmas hamper, Christmas book? .... Then look no further! You could be the lucky winner in our raffle.

Tickets on sale after school on the playground and at the Christmas Fayre. 2 tickets for £1.



### This Week's Stars are:

- Iris** - Harrison
- Demeter** - Su
- Apollo** - Lyla
- Poseidon** - Muhammed
- Athena** - Izzy
- Ares** - Nathaniel
- Zeus** - Conner



- Whole school** - @primary\_hall
- Iris** - @HMIris2
- Demeter** - @DemeterHm
- Apollo** - @HmApollo
- Poseidon** - @HmPoseidon
- Athena** - @HMAthena6
- Ares** - @HMAres2
- Zeus** - @hm\_zeus

### Tweet of the week!



In art today, we continued our exploration of colour. We used the beautiful leaves around our school and the work of Georgia O'Keeffe to inspire us. @InMATLampport @primary\_hall



### DATES

#### December dates for diary!

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Christmas Fayre. (3.20 – 6pm)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Children may wear mufti/Christmas Jumpers to school for the whole day.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – ARES Class Assembly

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – PACT Christmas Wreath making (6-9pm)  
(Tickets still available from the Office)

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Chartwells Christmas Dinner (order by Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Nov via ParentPay)

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Fun Week!

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Nativity (1pm and 6.30pm – Tickets have been sent home this evening)

## 2021-22

### Term 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term

### Term 3

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Training Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School open to all pupils

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – End of term

### Term 4

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Training day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – School open to all pupils

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – End of term

### Term 5

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – School open to all pupils

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – End of term

### Term 6

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Training Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School open to all pupils

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term