



# FHA Newsletter



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Broadening Horizons

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## Headteacher Update

It doesn't seem like two minutes since we welcomed the children back in September, but already we are quickly approaching the end of the first and longest term. It's been an extremely busy start to the school year with lots of activities going on and many opportunities for the children to broaden their horizons. December promises to be no different and there are full details of all of the Christmas related events going on in this newsletter. I hope to see as many of you as possible at events in the run up to Christmas and behalf of all the staff at the school would like you to wish you and your family a merry and peaceful Christmas.

**Matthew Reetz**

## What we've been doing and what's next!

### *Poppy Appeal*

Thank you to everyone who bought items from the British Legion in aid of the Poppy Appeal. We were delighted to hear we managed to raise £226.55 which is such a huge amount.



### *Children in Need*

We have not yet quite completed the final count for the Children in Need appeal, but we raised well over £400 which is really amazing! Thank you all for your generous donations – they are very much appreciated.

### *Year 4 First Access Music Lessons*

Year 4 have been having Brass music sessions this term, and the project comes to an end shortly. Letters will be coming home soon to all of Year 4 to offer children the opportunity to continue on from this and have Brass instrument music lessons in the New Year. Please return promptly so the provider can make the necessary arrangements.

### *Scholastic Book Fair*

Thank you to all who purchased from the book fair in school. These events are always a success and the school has benefitted with new books for our school library – lots of our children have said how excited they are at the new titles and can't wait to read them!

### *Shakespeare Production at The Derngate Theatre*

Huge congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Shakespeare production of Romeo and Juliet at the Derngate Theatre in November. The event was very well supported and everyone enjoyed themselves – our children performed exceptionally well! Thank you to all parents who attended and also BIG thank you to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Lane for their dedication to the project.

On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, Year 4 will have a visit to the Methodist Church to enjoy the Living Nativity. This will take place during the normal school day. On the same day, Year 6 will be making a visit to the UTC for an engineering workshop.

On Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, Years 4 and 5 have a theatre workshop at school, provided by the Warts and All Theatre company.



## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

We have many exciting activities and events planned over the coming weeks, and we thought it would help to list them here all in one place!

### **Christmas Fair – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00-3.30pm**

We have lots of lovely stalls and activities planned all thanks to our Friends of Falconer's Hill team, staff and of course our children who have all been making gifts to sell at the fair. We also have some wonderful Raffle prizes courtesy of local businesses and some of our own very talented parents. Tickets will be on sale during next week and at the fair itself. We are still collecting all items according to the Christmas Checklist that was sent home previously, and we send out a HUGE thank you to those of you who have been so generous to date. The items we are collecting are as follows:

- Bag of sweets
- Mystery gift wrapped and labelled for a girl or boy
- Cakes on a plate – homemade or shop bought
- Nearly new items for a Brik-a-Brac stall

MUFTI-DAY - on the actual day of the Christmas fair, children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a full bottle of ANYTHING for the Mystery Bottle Tombola.

To help avoid congestion, and to ensure maximum safety, children can be collected by parents and carers from the playground at 2.00pm. Once collected, all can enter the school to enjoy the Christmas Fair. Children whose parents and carers are unable to attend will still be able to take part and enjoy the fair as members of staff will accompany them. Once you have enjoyed the Christmas Fair, parents and carers will be free to leave with your own child/ren.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the Christmas Fair event, Dodgeball afterschool club will be cancelled on this date.

### **Area Carol Service, Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 5.45-7.15pm**

Our school choir will be taking part in an Area Carol service at The Holy Cross Church in Daventry. Parents and carers of children involved have been notified and are welcome to attend, and we would be grateful if permission slips could be returned as soon as possible.

### **DRET Carol Service – Year 5 - Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Children from Year 5 have been invited to take part in the DRET Carol service at The Holy Cross Church in Daventry. Parents and carers are welcome to attend, and should aim to arrive at the church at 1.25pm. Please can all parents and carers return the permission slips by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Whole School Carol Concert, Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-10.45am**

A whole school Carol Concert will take place at the Methodist Church and all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

### **Christmas Lunch – Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch at school, please book this by logging on to Parentpay or complete and return the order form that was sent home previously. If you have lost this, or need any help, please contact the school office (a copy can also be found on the school website). The deadline for all orders – either via Parentpay or by order form - **is 9.00am on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**

To raise funds for the Save the Children Charity, we will have a Christmas Jumper Day on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Children should wear all other uniform but replace blazers with Christmas Jumpers. If you don't have a Christmas Jumper, please feel free to jazz up your blazer with some tinsel! Donations of £1 each would be very much appreciated for this wonderful cause.

### **Class Parties – Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**

All year groups will have class parties on the afternoon of Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. Children may bring in a party outfit to change into after lunch if they wish. Further details will be sent home by the class teachers confirming what else may be needed for the party.



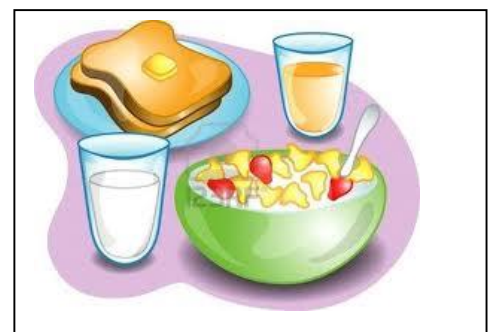
### **Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust**

On SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY (Thursday 19th January for Guilsborough Centre) NMPAT will be opening their doors to anyone who would like to take part in music and performing arts activities to go and try what's on offer. They have twelve all-access centres across the county as well as a County Youth Theatre that meets at their building on Kettering Rd, Northampton. All activities are suitable for Primary age students, and some centres offer early years or even adult classes. Visit [www.NMPAT.co.uk/centres](http://www.NMPAT.co.uk/centres) for further information. Attendance at this promotional morning is free.



### **Breakfast Club**

Our wonderful breakfast club runs every morning from 7.45am to 8.45am. If you haven't tried this yet, you are very welcome to come along! The cost is £2.50 and this covers breakfast, childcare before school and all activities. Children in receipt of free school meals can come along for free. You don't need to book – just turn up with an empty belly!



## **ParentPay**

Please be reminded that although we are using Parentpay for school lunch at present, we are planning to use it to pay for trips, music lessons and other school events. Please activate your account as soon as possible, even if you do not intend to order school lunches. If you need copies of your login information, please contact the school office.

## **Diary Dates**

Below are a list of dates as they currently stand. These will be updated in each newsletter and any other changes will be posted on our Facebook page.

*9<sup>th</sup> December – Friends of Falconer's Hill Christmas Fair and Party – 2.00pm to 3.30pm*

*12<sup>th</sup> December – Area School Carol Service (School Choir only), Holy Cross Church, 6.00pm to 7.15pm*

*14<sup>th</sup> December – DRET Carol Service (Year 5 only), Holy Cross Church, - 1.30pm-2.30pm*

*\*NEW\* 15<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Carol Service, Methodist Church – 9.30am-10.45am*

*15<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Lunch – bookable online via ParentPay or order form*

*\*NEW\* 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day – wear jumper over uniform for £1 donation to charity*

*\*NEW\* 19<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas Parties – further details to follow*

*20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term*

*\*NEW\* 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Teacher training day – school closed to pupils*

*\*NEW\* 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Children return to school*