

# 6th January Newsletter



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## Message from Headteacher

Happy New Year to our families. I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and send sincere best wishes for 2023. On behalf of every member of the team, may I again say thank you for the cards and gifts we received prior the Christmas break. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We start the new year full of enthusiasm, ready to drive ahead with several exciting initiatives and activities.

- Clubs start again from next Monday. In addition to the array of sporting and arts activities on offer, we have added new clubs including Shakespeare Club where children will work towards a performance of Romeo & Juliet. In response to parental feedback, we have expanded numbers permitted in popular clubs.
- Work is underway towards the Learning Outside the Classroom award with Mrs Jones leading our drive to achieve this. Mrs Salisbury, Miss Hildebrandt and Mr Underhill are also exploring the NACE Challenge Award which recognises strong practice in supporting more able pupils.
- We have several interesting trips and visitors lined up – with Year five preparing to encounter a Viking and Year 4 enjoying a visit to local museums to explore the Roman history.
- There is already an array of sports fixtures in the diary – hopefully we can replicate the success we enjoyed in the autumn term.
- We plan to extend our community partnerships building on the strong links we have local organisations and residential care homes. During the INSET day on Tuesday 3rd January, our subject leaders met with their counterparts from other local schools in our cluster group at Upton High School to discuss ways in which we can work collaboratively to enrich opportunities for pupils in our local area.
- Later this term, we will begin to prepare for the transition of new pupils joining Reception in September 2023 working in partnership with HETTY and other local nurseries to ensure that children are well prepared to start school. We currently have eighty-five applications for places at our school in September 2023 – our popularity is certainly growing! As we attained the Early Years Quality Mark in Summer 2022 based on the quality of provision, the curriculum and support for early learners in Reception, we are very well placed to increase our support for other settings in ensuring that children have the very best start to their educational journey.

# Message from Headteacher continued

Following the election last term, we will start to consider designs for our new school logo and suggestions for class names. (Please be assured that there will be no sudden changes to uniform as I have previously stated. Any change to the school logo will be rolled in over time).

## Safety Alert

This week, PCSO Keith Bartlett informed us of a stranger danger alert in Alexandra Park. An individual has been observed in the park seeking to engage with children. Please discuss with your children how to keep themselves safe when out and about in the local area. If children are visiting parks unaccompanied, please stay in touch with them to ensure that they return home safely.

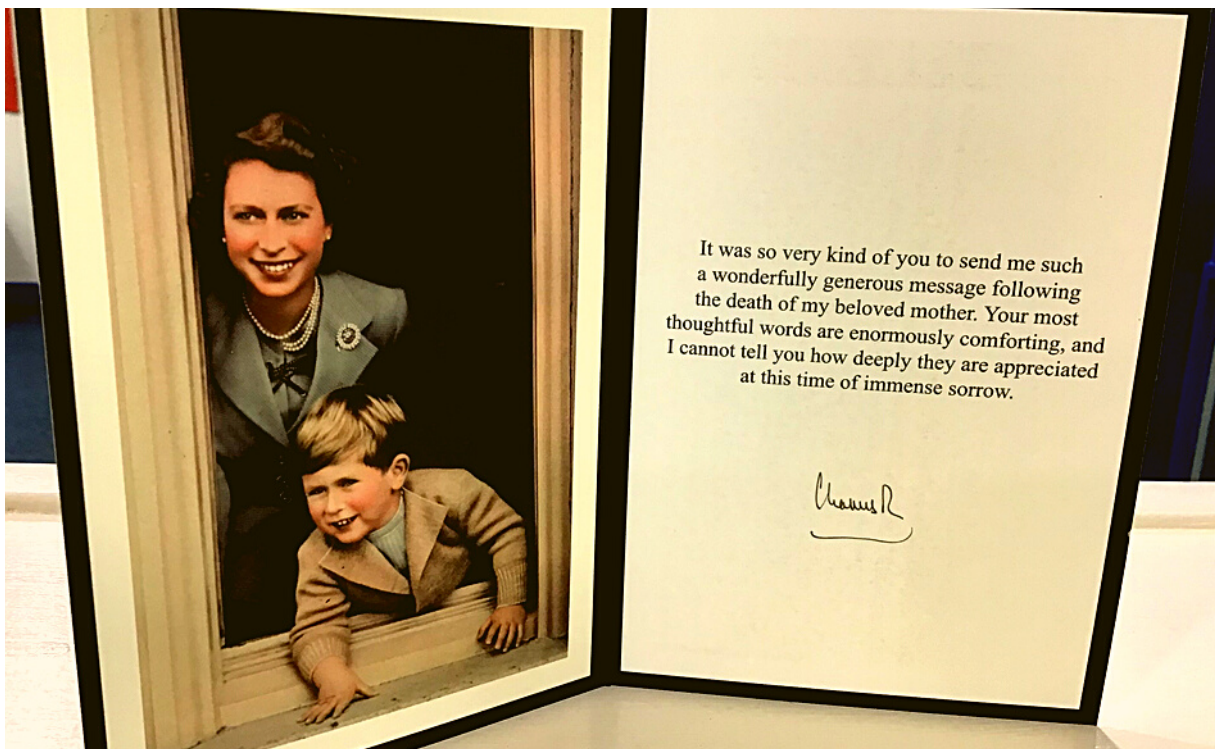
The Safe School Scheme is still operational around Hoole, Newton and Upton. We will discuss this again with children over the coming week to ensure that they understand how this can help them if needed.

Where children see the Safe School badge displayed on a building or in the window of a shop or business, they can enter and seek help if they feel worried or concerned when out in the local area. There are lots of the signs on businesses in Faulkner Street and we have a Safe School badge displayed at the front of school.



## A Royal Acknowledgement

We received a lovely card from King Charles III early this week, in recognition of our letter of condolence following the death of his late mother, Queen Elizabeth II. How thoughtful of him to write to us, not only in his time of grief, but during his busy schedule in taking on his new royal duties.



# Clubs

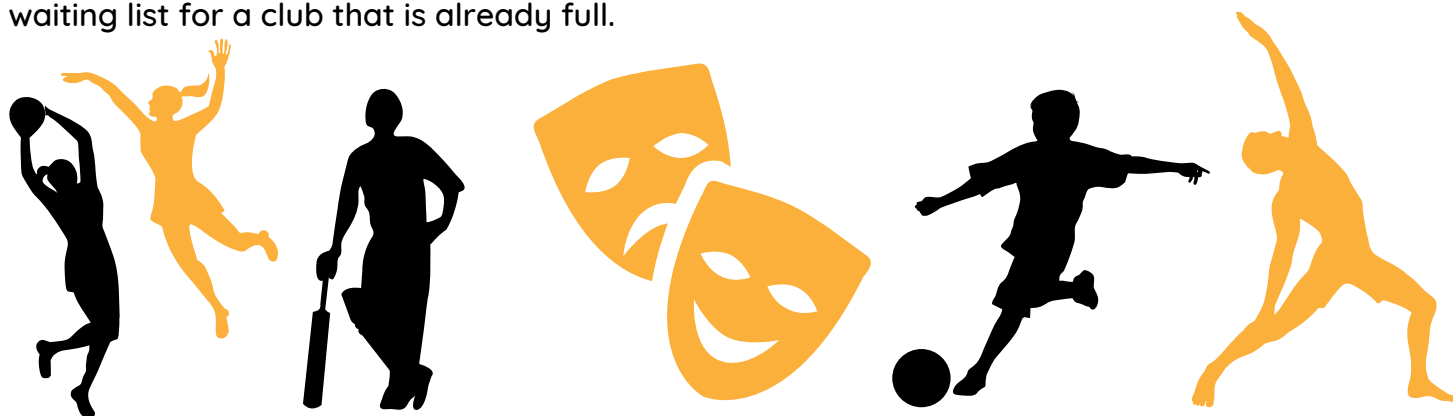
We are delighted that we are once again able to offer a wide variety of after school clubs. The following clubs are due to start next week.

Day	Year Group	Club	When	Notes
Monday	R	Lego	3.10-4pm	Starts 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	3-6	Choir	3.20-4.30pm	Starts 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	3-4	Sports Skills	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	5-6	Netball	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	5-6	Boys Football Skills	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	5-6	Cross-stitch	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Tuesday	1-6	Learn Mandarin	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	2-6	Performing Arts	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	5-6	Zentangle	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	1-2	Lego	3.10-4.10pm	Starts 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Wednesday	3-4	Arts & Crafts	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	3-6	Street Dance	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	5-6	Girls Football	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	4-6	Cricket	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Thursday	1-6	Learn Spanish	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	3-4	Football	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	4-5	Shakespeare	3.20-4.30pm	Starts 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	1-2	Yoga & Mindfulness	3.10-4pm	Starts 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Friday	R-6	Mile Challenge	From 8.30am	Starts 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	1-2	Sports Skills	3.10-4pm	Starts 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	4-6	Dodgeball	3.20-4.20pm	Starts 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
	5	Lunchtime Science	12.30-1pm	Starts 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023

Confirmation of club places have been emailed to families both this week, and prior to the Christmas break. If your child has changed their minds about a club or cannot attend a session for any reason, such as an appointment, please notify the School Office.

Just a reminder that the Key-stage 2 Choir Club has moved from a Thursday to a Monday. Parents were informed via SMS text message and pupils by Miss Carter before the Christmas break.

Please contact the School Office if you have any queries or would like your child to be placed on a waiting list for a club that is already full.



# Spring Term Timeables

## Forest School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	10	11	12	13
James	DOH	Henry Pendolino	TGV	
16	17	18	19	20
James	COT	Henry Thunderbird	Voyager	
23	24	25	26	27
James	DOH	Henry Pendolino	TGV	
30	31	1	2	3
James	COT	Henry Thunderbird	Voyager	

## PE

Year Group	Class	PE Days	Information
R	James	Thursday	Wear PE kit to school
	Henry	Thursday	Wear PE kit to school
1	Irish Mails	Monday and Thursday	Wear PE kit to school
	Flying Scotsman	Monday and Thursday	Wear PE kit to school
2	Evening Star	Tuesday and Wednesday	Wear PE kit to school
	Mallard	Tuesday and Wednesday	Wear PE kit to school
3	COT	Wednesday and Friday	Wear PE kit to school
	DOH	Monday and Wednesday	Wear PE kit to school
4	Pendolino	Tuesday and Thursday	Wear PE kit to school
	Thunderbird	Tuesday and Thursday	Wear PE kit to school
5	Voyager	Wednesday and Thursday	Wear clothes suitable for both PE and forest School activities
	TGV	Wednesday and Thursday	Wear clothes suitable for both PE and forest School activities
6	Shinkansen	Monday and Friday	Wear PE kit to school
	Eurostar	Monday and Friday	Wear PE kit to school

# Birthday Celebrations

LILY C, AYANA,  
LENA, INCI, IVY,  
ZOFIA, TOBIAS,  
LATIA-MAE, LILLY-  
ROSE, LUCY AND  
NORAH

Many happy returns  
to all our birthday  
buddies!

We hope you enjoy  
your birthday book.



# Letting Their Light Shine



What a start to the year - we have four shining stars this week!

Brothers Leon and Niall both achieved their next Karate belt for their dedicated training and skills in proficiency.

Amy wowed her coach and passed her Grade 1 Piano Practical exam with a Merit!

Leila smashed her Level 12 Gym Stars assessment!

We are so proud of you all!



## Reindeer Run Update

Due to the cold snap before Christmas, we were unable to complete the Reindeer Run as our field had frozen solid, but we have managed to pull it back this week, with all our children running for charity! The Hospice of the Good Shepherd will let us know how much we have raised next week.

Thank you all so very, very much for your donations. We certainly didn't expect such generosity in addition to all the usual expenses at Christmas time!



# A Message of Thanks

We received a wonderful message from Hoole Methodist Church regarding our participation in their Christmas Tree festival . It read,

**"It was lovely to have Hoole CE Primary School decorating a tree at our Christmas Tree Festival – thank you for taking part again.**

**So far we've raised £350 from donations, which will be going to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd."**

If you missed out on visiting the Christmas Tree Festival, please visit the church's website, [www.hoolemethodistchurch.org.uk/treeresults2022.php](http://www.hoolemethodistchurch.org.uk/treeresults2022.php) to view the photographs.

## Key Dates

9th January 2023

Reception Forest School Starts

9th January 2023

James Class Forest School Starts

9th January 2023

Y3-6 Choir Club Starts

9th January 2023

Y3-4 Sports Skills Club Starts

9th January 2023

Y5-6 Netball Club Starts

9th January 2023

Y5-6 Arts & Crafts Club Starts

9th January 2023

Y5-6 Boys Football Club Starts

9th January 2023

Y5-6 Cross-stitch Club Starts

10th January 2023

Y1-6 Mandarin Club Starts

10th January 2023

Y2-6 AmaSing Club Starts

10th January 2023

Y5-6 Zentangle Club Starts

10th January 2023

Y1-2 Lego Club Starts

# Key Dates

10th January 2023	DOH Class Forest School Starts
11th January	Y5-6 Girls Football Club Starts
11th January	Y4-6 Cricket Club Starts
11th January	Y3-4 Arts & Crafts Club Starts
11th January	Henry Class Forest School Starts
11th January	Pendolino Class Forest School Starts
12th January	Y3-4 Football Club Starts
12th January	Y4-5 Shakespeare Club Starts
12th January	Y1-2 Yoga Club Starts
12th January	Y1-6 Spanish Club Starts
12th January	TGV Class Forest School Starts
13th January	Y5 Lunchtime Science Club Starts
13th January	YR-Mile Challenge Starts
13th January	Y1-2 Sports Skills Club Starts
13th January	Y4-6 Dodgeball Club Starts
17th January	COT Class Forest School Starts
18th January	Thunderbird Class Forest School Starts
19th January	Voyager Class Forest School Starts