

# 17th November Newsletter



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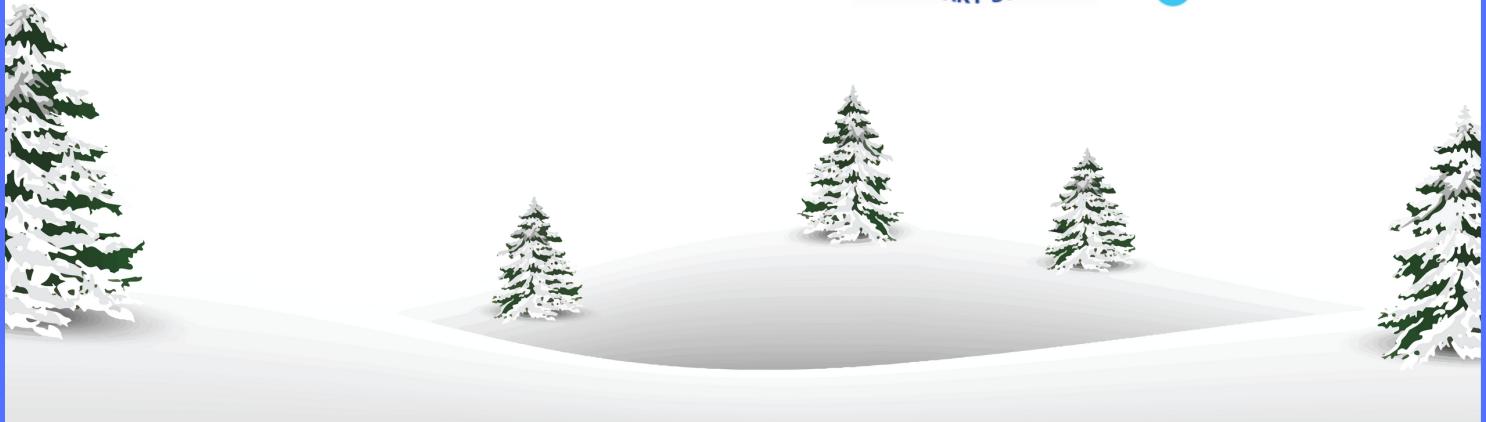
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## Message from Headteacher

### Commendations from Visitors

On Monday, we were visited by Ian Percival, representing Chester Aid to the Homeless. Mr Percival spoke to pupils about the different types of homelessness and the factors that cause people to find themselves homeless.

After the session, Mr Percival wrote in our visitors' book "The pupils were attentive and astute in their questions. A very pleasant experience."

On Wednesday, Year five pupils were visited by Community & Education Physical Development (CEPD) organisation for a session designed to equip children to lead physical and play activities in school.

Pupils were taught how to evaluate risks and plan for safe and engaging activities. They learnt a variety of games which can be used to encourage positive play for younger members of the school.

We are implementing a rota for Year five pupils to work on the Key Stage one playground, organising games and activities with our younger learners. This will complement our Buddy system where children in Years five and six are junior mentors for children in Reception and Year one.

### Snacks for Morning Break

Children may bring in a small snack to enjoy during morning break. Our preference is that children bring fruit for their snack but they may bring a small healthy snack bar. We ask families to avoid sending snacks like crisps or chocolate bars for morning breaks. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

# Message from Headteacher (continued)

## We are continuing on our way to Platinum School Sports Award!

Mrs Millington met with a representative from the local School Sports Partnership on Wednesday. During the visit, it was confirmed that we are well on our way to the Platinum level of the School Sports Award. We have held Gold level for many years and will progress to the highest level in the summer. This is testament to the array of sports opportunities that children access during the school day and via our after-school clubs and activities.

This week, a group of children have attended a multi-skills sports session at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village. This is in addition to the sessions attended by all pupils in Year one and Year two over recent weeks.

### Headlice

Please may I remind parents/carers to check their children's hair carefully. NHS advice and guidance is available via this link [www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/)

### Donations

We are hoping to open our general clothing and footwear store over coming weeks. If you have any donations of coats, shoes, clothing or trainers in good condition, please send them into school. We hope that this will be as helpful to families as our Uniform Union.

### Suggestion Box

From Monday 20th November, we will open our family suggestion box. The box is located in the main reception area by the school office.

If you have any suggestions or ideas to share, please drop them into the suggestion box. All contributions will be considered by the Leadership Team in our drive to continue to improve and enhance our school.



## Pupil Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school next Thursday to take the annual pupil photographs. With this in mind, please ensure that children come to school in full uniform. If your child has PE or Forest School on that day, please send their kit in a bag to get changed into.

# Ambitions

"When I'm older I would like to be a medical doctor because i love to help people in need".



WE'VE  
RAISED  
£283!

Thank you to all our school family for your generous donations for Children in Need. We have raised a whopping £283 so far, which is quite amazing considering we are all feeling the pinch at the moment!

BBC Children in Need are committed to being there for children across the UK where they are needed most and provide the support they need to thrive.



# Sports News



This week, 24 Year 5 children completed their playground leader training. Wendy, who ran the session, commented on their enthusiasm and how well the children had worked as a team. The children learnt how to communicate with younger children, which activities would be safe and appropriate to use on the playground and how to keep younger children engaged. In the next couple of weeks, the children will be on the KS1 playground where they will organise games and activities which will develop basic physical skills, teamwork and an enjoyment of playing together. We can't wait to see them in action!

On Thursday, our hockey team went to Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club in Tarporley for a hockey competition. We won all of our group stage matches and made it through to the final. At the end, we were crowned champions! The children were all excellent and we were really impressed with their hockey skills and teamwork. Congratulations to Alice, Atharva, Chloe, Lucas, Leon, Rupert and Sylvia!



A team of enthusiastic sports people visited the Ellesmere Port Sports Village for a sports festival on Thursday morning. The team participated in a variety of different sports at this event, which was organised by the School Sports Partnership.

The team, Phoebe, TeeJay, Roman, Oscar and Eleanor, had a go at new diverse sports including boccia, kurling, volleyball (standing up and sitting down!), archery and table cricket.

In addition to participating with a lot of energy and enthusiasm, our pupils did us proud. They behaved impeccably and were friendly and welcoming towards children from the other schools involved.



## Year 4 Trip



Year 4 went to visit Ebenezer Church on Tuesday with the amazing Pastor Inns.

In RE, the children were looking at a different place of Christian worship so to experience this first-hand really brought out learning to life. We discussed the similarities the building had to Hoole All Saints Church and Pastor Inns explained what a Baptist Church meant.

The children had lots of opportunities to listen and ask questions to find out more. They even got to try out the Baptistry! Luckily, there wasn't any water in it this time!

A huge thank you to Pastor Inns and Mrs Matthews for giving us such a warm welcome and understand more about the Christian faith.



## Non-Uniform Day for our PTA



# Non-uniform Day Friday 24th November

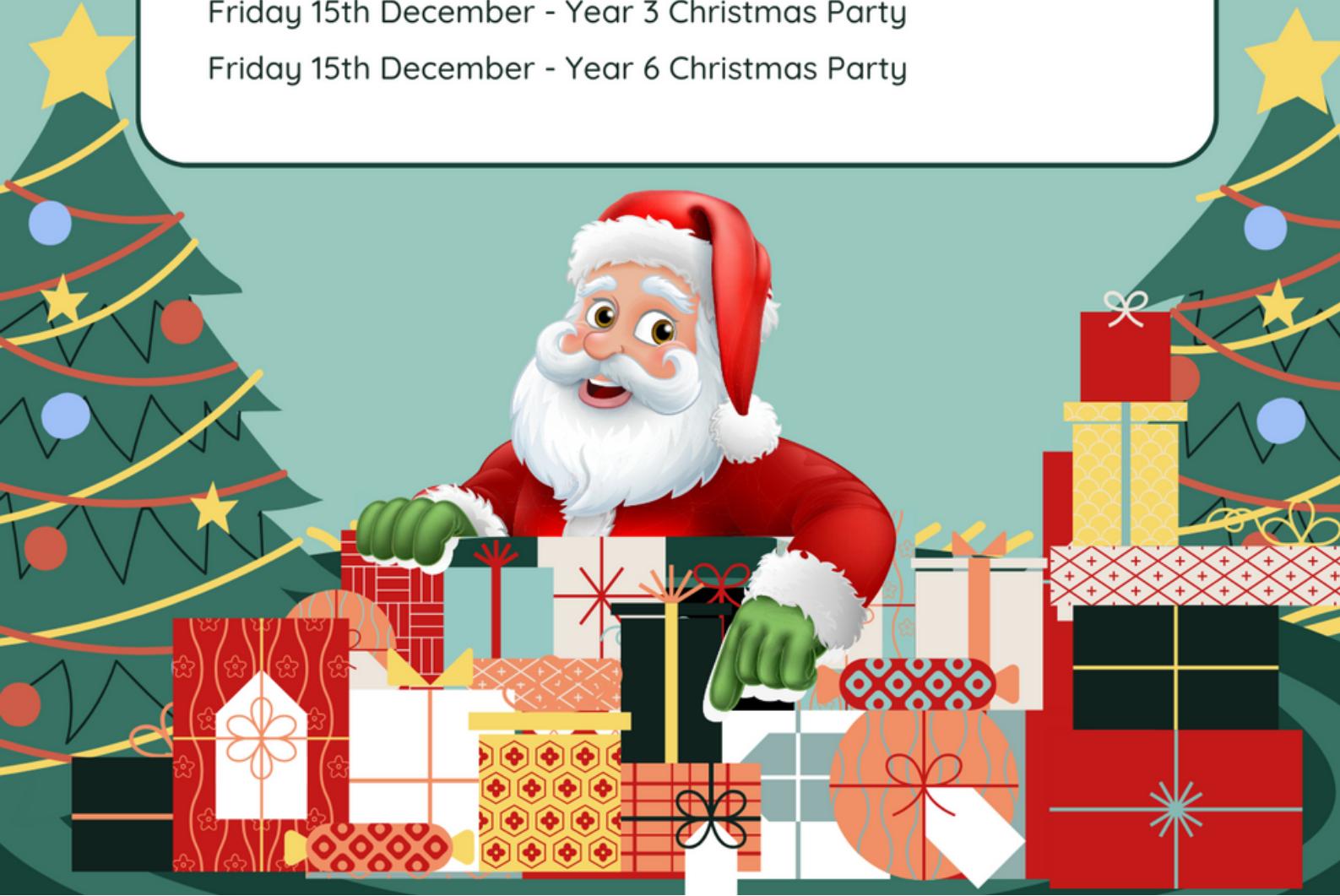
OUR AMAZING PTA WILL BE HOLDING THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON 1ST DECEMBER AND TO SUPPORT THIS, WE ARE INVITING PUPILS TO COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER IN RETURN FOR A DONATION TO THE RAFFLE.

WE WOULD WARMLY WELCOME DONATIONS SUCH AS BOXES OF CHOCOLATE AND CONFECTIONERY, OR UNUSED TOILETRY AND BEAUTY SETS.

DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL WITH PUPILS ON THE NON-UNIFORM DAY.

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- Friday 24th November - PTA Non-Uniform Day  
Friday 1st December - PTA Christmas Fair  
Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Dinner  
Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Jumper Day  
Wednesday 6th December - Year 4 Christmas Party  
Monday 11th December - Reception Nativity  
Tuesday 12th December - Year 1 Christmas Party  
Wednesday 13th December - Year 5 Christmas Party  
Wednesday 13th December - Reception Christmas Party  
Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Christmas Service  
Thursday 14th December - Year 2 Christmas Party  
Thursday 14th December - KS2 Christmas Service  
Friday 15th December - Year 3 Christmas Party  
Friday 15th December - Year 6 Christmas Party



# Christmas Dinner

Our wonderful Catering Team will be cooking up a festive storm on Wednesday 6th December. If your child would like to order a traditional Christmas lunch, please fill in the survey on School Spider before 3pm on Friday 10th November and make a lunch payment of £2.70 via the School Gateway app (unless your child is in Reception, Key Stage 1 or in receipt of Free School Meals).

Please note that the Christmas Lunch is pre-order only as we have to order the turkey in advance. We cannot take orders after the deadline of the 10th November. There will not be any jacket potatoes available on the day however our Catering Team will have a selection of sandwiches available for those who do not enjoy roast dinners.



## Father Christmas is Coming!

On Friday 1st December, our amazing PTA will be hosting our Christmas Fair straight after school until 5.30pm!

All are welcome to enjoy the stalls, the festive food and exciting games on offer.

We will be visited by Father Christmas who will transform our staff room in to a festive grotto. If your child would like to meet him, bookings are now open on the School Spider app or via the School Website. Booking and payment instructions have been emailed to all parents earlier this week.

We look forward to seeing you all at the fair!



# Christmas Jumper Day

We are supporting the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 6th December, raising funds for children less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their festive gear and we are asking families to donate if they can.

The suggested donation is £1 however please feel free to give what you can.



## Christmas Parties

We are so excited to announce our Class Christmas Parties to start the Christmas festivities off with a bang! Children may come to school in their party clothes on their Christmas Party day but please ensure that they have appropriate footwear and a coat for break times. Small snacks will be provided by school. Parents and carers do not need to send in any food, and food allergies and intolerances will be catered for.

Reception - Wednesday 13th December

Year 1 - Tuesday 12th December

Year 2 - Thursday 14th December

Year 3 - Friday 15th December

Year 4 - Wednesday 6th December

Year 5 - Wednesday 13th December

Year 6 - Friday 15th December



## Christmas Services

Our **Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas Services** will take place at All Saints' Church on Hoole Road. The Key Stage 1 service is on Wednesday 13th December and the Key Stage 2 service is on Thursday 14th December. Two people per child are welcome to join us. Doors will open at 1.40pm for parents and carers and the services will start at 1.45pm.

The services will end at approximately 2.30pm and Children will walk back to school. All children will return to school and we are unable to accommodate requests to take children home directly from the church. On returning to school, children will collect their belongings and leave school from the usual gate.

Our **Reception Nativity** will take place in the School Hall at 10am on Monday 11th December. Due to space restrictions, a maximum of 2 people per child will be able to attend and a letter was sent to Reception families earlier this week with a form attached to book tickets. Please return the slip by Monday 4th December.

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, GAMES, A RAFFLE  
AND DELICIOUS TREATS!

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FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER • 3:30 PM

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# Letting Their Light Shine!



Jac and Ethan play for Hoole Pumas Football Team and Jac won the award for effort and endeavour and Ethan won the award Man of the Match!

Beau completed in the English Jim Moss British School Gymnastics Competition in Leicester last week and she achieved a Bronze medal for her floor routine, finishing 7th overall!

Teo plays for Newton Athletic Eagles Football Team and was awarded Man of the Match!

Leila was awarded Player of the Match at a recent birthday party!

Molly plays for Upton Under 7's and was awarded the Under 7's Club Player of the Year!

Norah came 5th place at the Welsh Gymnastics Competition!

Well done to everyone - what a talented bunch!



# Birthdays!

HETTIE,  
ROSE, HARRI,  
MORGAN,  
ELIJAH,  
AMELIE AND  
JAKE!

Many happy returns  
to all our birthday  
buddies!

We hope you enjoy  
your birthday book.



## Let's Celebrate!

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Ana W

Jack O'H

Harry D

Ben M

Sophia D

Vova K

Esme M-F

Dillan W

Ellie T

Rebeca A

Molly G

Thomas W

Lyra J

Joseph G

# Key Dates

Thursday 23rd November

Friday 24th November

Wednesday 29th November

Friday 1st December

Wednesday 6th December

Wednesday 6th December

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Monday 11th December

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Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Pupil Photographs

Non-Uniform Day: PTA

Year 5 Trip

PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm

Christmas Dinner

Year 4 Christmas Party

Christmas Jumper Day

Reception Nativity 10-11am

Year 1 Christmas Party

KS1 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church

Year 5 Christmas Party

Reception Christmas Party

Year 2 Christmas Party

KS2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church

Year 6 Christmas Party

Year 3 Christmas Party

Last Day of Term

INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

# **West Cheshire Athletic Club**

## **Schools Cross Country Race Series**

### **2023/24**

**At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane,  
Ellesmere Port,**

**Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4  
And from 10am for school years 5-8.  
First Race Starts at 10am.**

**Dates of Fixtures:**  
**Saturday, October 7**  
**Saturday, November 4**  
**Saturday, November 18**  
**Saturday, December 9**

Race Order for the following Girls and Boys year groups:  
Year Three, Year Four, Year Five, Year Six, Year Seven, Year Eight.

Medals will be presented to the first three finishers in each race.

The first three finishers from each school in each race will count as a team towards a team score based on their positions, and the team event will be held over four rounds.

Awards will also be presented to the top three finishers overall in each age group after four rounds.

Each pupil from each school will be provided with a race number which should be attached to the front of their T-shirt/vest.

Each participating school should provide a representative/parent/team manager at each round.

Further details from Dennis Wall at West Cheshire AC.  
Tel: 07968 643038. Email: [dennis.wall1@ntlworld.com](mailto:dennis.wall1@ntlworld.com)

# **Calling all members of the Chester Community!**

Come and join us for a

## **Citizens Advice Pop-Up Workshop**

We will be looking at:

- The current support available to help you to reduce your outgoings
- Ways to maximise your income
- Simple energy saving tricks to reduce how much energy you are using
- Any individual questions you might have

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2023, 9 – 11AM**

**THE LEARNING AND SKILLS HUB**  
at Hoole Primary School  
(School Hall entrance)

If you can't attend but still want support, call us on  
**0808 164 4406** or text us via WhatsApp **07360 546 111**, or  
visit [www.citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk/energy-advice](http://www.citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk/energy-advice)

Arrive from 8:50am  
for free refreshments



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West**

**Cadent**  
Your Gas Network

Cheshire West  
and Chester

Adult Education  
Cheshire West and Chester

# *This week is the* **Hoole Christmas Lights**

## **switch on**

**– Saturday 18th November –**

**An evening of festive fun for all**

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**Live acts from 5pm**

**Light switch on at 6pm  
by former PCSO Keith  
Bartlett**

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Christmas Lights



  
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