



HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

The penultimate week of term has seen excitement building even further in school, especially so with our Nativities. What very special events they were – *Whoops a Daisy Angel* and *Prickly Hay* bringing a smile to everyone. What a joy!

Meanwhile Mrs Wrightson and her team have been busy preparing and performing musical pieces for our virtual St Andrews service, and we hope to release this next week in time for Christmas – watch this space. One to watch with a cup (or glass of something) alongside your children in a quiet moment.

Santa runs have happened – we are endeavoring to keep the children outside as much as possible to keep them healthy and keep the air moving in this COVID world we are all living in. The little ones made us all smile however, as they thought the object of the game was to catch Santa and feed him full of Christmas pudding!!!!

Elsewhere, children are finishing topics for the autumn term, completing assessments and there has also been a multitude of craft making exercises happening- with year 3 making Christingles and finding out about the tradition surrounding these.

The Christmas raffle was drawn today, courtesy of our parents' group. Congratulations to Kane's family for winning first prize as well as the Atkinsons, Barrs, Landers, Forsters, Dents and Yaseens, who were also pulled from the Santa hat. Many, many, thanks for the very generous prizes donated for this event.

Our mindful colouring club has been very popular this term, mental health never being far from any of our minds this year in particular, which has been led by Mrs Wilson. Today, a draw was done for all the children who attend this club for a special mindful colouring book prize. Congratulations to Ellie for being drawn from the hat.

With so much festivity going on in school, it is easy to forget the more serious events that are happening in the world, and this morning we sat back and watched Minnie and Antonia present their findings on what we as humans are doing to the planet and what we need to do to save it. They were both most impressive in their presentational skills, and both attained gold awards, as did a number of other children for a variety of things from hockey skills to science understanding, to prowess with number to French pronunciation.





There are 4 days left of this term, with much happening next week – please read the week ahead (and letter sent last week) carefully again. But if you need a reminder: we still have year 4 and 5 parent evening to complete (apologies for the delay due to the lockdown announced previously). Our COVID risk assessment means that there will be NO after school clubs on Monday. This is to allow for adults to come onto site who are not in our school bubble. It also helps with sanitising restrictions etc. Please don't forget your face coverings.

Tuesday is Christmas dinner day with little effect on you other than your children will be rather full of turkey and pudding etc. Wednesday is Christmas party afternoon and it is also our last external fundraiser of the term for Save the Children. Please can the children wear their Christmas jumper as part of their Christmas party outfit that day, remember to bring a golden coin or two AND remember it is NO school uniform that day.

We are trying to clear the school of as much gubbins as possible now in order to have a thorough clean over the break, so please can you ensure that your

children are taking everything home and bringing as little as possible back into school next week.

Over the Christmas break is a good time to replenish pencil cases, sew buttons onto blazers and sort replacement uniform that is looking rather worn or too small etc. There are also quite a few haircuts needed! Something to add to your ever-growing lists!!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe and well.

Mrs D Vinsome

Well done to all of you who guessed who was beneath our new umbrellas! If you didn't guess here is the answer:

PS Thank you for your umbrella orders – they are still available to order if you would like one. Please see Olivia.



Pre School News

Wow, what a busy week! We have had so much fun performing our nativity. The children have been brilliant and I am incredibly proud of them all. As well as our nativity, the children have also enjoyed taking part in lots of Christmas crafts this week including making Christmas wreaths, halos and baubles.

There has been a lot of role-play, colouring and painting: all Christmas themed of course. We have been busy decorating boxes – kindly supplied by Mrs Hutt – and filling them with treats and chocolates to take to the residents of the Croft Avenue Care Home; it is such a shame we can't do our annual visit to sing our nativity songs, but there will always be next year.

I love this time of year, full of busy activity but always exciting and enjoyable.

Miss Gallagher

Penrith Nativity Scene

This month our school was invited to create a figure as part of a nativity scene for Penrith Mission Community. We were asked to create one of the wise men. This challenge was taken on by our art captains, Anna Cunningham and Ted Cooper, as well as our Head Girl Annie Milburn. With my supervision, they painted, bedazzled, and upholstered to create a grand looking fellow. He will be on display this weekend at Penrith Castle; please see the attached flyer for further information. Well done to those children involved!

Mrs E Tarrant

Week Ahead – Week 13

Monday 14 December 2020

11:15 - 15:15	LAMDA
15:15 - 17:30	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR CARE
16:00 - 18:30	Parents' Evening (Y4 and 5)

Tuesday 15 December 2020

12:00 - 13:30	Christmas Lunches.
13:30 - 15:30	Outdoor Education: Year 3S (Orienteering)
15:20 - 16:20	After School: Dodge Ball (Lower School)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Drama (Upper School)

Wednesday 16 December 2020

All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
13:30 - 14:45	Lower School Christmas Party
15:15 - 17:15	Upper School Christmas Party
15:20 - 16:20	After School: Board Games & Puzzles (Lower School)

Thursday 17 December 2020

12:00 - 12:00	Autumn 2020 Term ends (12 noon)
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