



# HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Last Friday went off with a bang – it was certainly busy; the weather overall was kind, the fireworks spectacular and the Ellerton bonfire fierce! As always it was a huge amount of work for our parents' committee led by Sara Hutt, but there were also many who contributed a huge amount: from food donations, to equipment, photography, serving and washing up! Thank you all for your support.

Speaking of the Ellerton bonfire – this month Mr. Ellerton has celebrated 25 years at Hunter Hall and today we marked the occasion with cards and gifts from us all. Mr. Ellerton is a well-known figure around school, and he tells me he has done every job in the school bar mine...there's still time 😊. We thank both him and of course Mrs Ellerton for all that they continue to do at school. He had 25 'hip hip hoorays' from all the children in assembly this morning!



As well as celebrating 25 years with Mr Ellerton today, we also spoke about COP26, a theme close to all the children's hearts as the future custodians of our planet. Hopefully, some of you may be able to accommodate a tree or two as per my letter yesterday, and we very much look forward to being part of the Queen's Green Canopy to celebrate her platinum year in office.

Our Board of Governors met this week to be updated on our safeguarding policies and procedures, as well as the work of committees. The Chair – Mrs. Natalie Harling will be writing to you soon with a summary of board news.

Mrs Fletcher has also written to you alongside this newsletter about our upper school outing to Theatre by the Lake. The lower school will be writing to you shortly too regarding their Christmas outing.

The minibus has been active, transporting children to school – we have more children who have now joined us on the bus, however if you are along the A66 West corridor and would like to make use of this facility please contact Mr White in the office. As the nights are now much darker (and the mornings!), please be vigilant in the car park – a reminder that children should not be walking across the car park on their own.

A reminder also about our first Words and Music event of the term too, next Thursday evening – Mrs Wrightson has added a note to this newsletter as we have had to be careful with numbers for obvious reasons.

Parent meetings have now been concluded for the term and end of term reports will be written in time for the Christmas break. Tate reliably informs me every day how many days there are to Christmas – she tells me there are 35 days today! She and her friends also asked if it was possible to have an extra holiday this school year as Little Mix are playing in concert. Shall I put it to the public vote?!

And finally - thank you for your contributions to Children in Need – our caped crusaders this morning helped us to raise £195.05 for this charity.

Enjoy the weekend – a little tree planting for some no doubt. And remember if you do not have room and would still like to add to the Queen's Green Canopy, Quetzi and Ragnar's family are wanting to reforest 8 acres, and Amélie's family also have room, so contact Miss Fawcett for their contact details or catch them at the gate.



*Mrs D Vinsome*

## Cookery Club

Please could all cookery club attendees bring a flat baking tray to their final cookery session this term, rather than a cake tin please. Thank you, Mrs Wilson.

Group 2 Friday 26th November

Group 3 Friday 3rd December

## Date for your diary

Choir will be singing at the Keswick Victorian Fayre on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Time TBC.

## Senior School News

Harrogate Ladies College (HLC) have sent information on their scholarships and bursaries for our year 6 pupils. If you need further information, please contact Mrs Vinsome.

# Pre-School News

This week in pre-school we have been so busy!

We have been starting to practise our extra special nativity, talking about the story and who will play each character. We can't wait to perform it for you later in the term.

We have also been preparing our letters for Santa, to get them ready to post to him next week. We used catalogues to choose what we would like to ask him for, and practised our cutting skills by using scissors to cut them out carefully. We then stuck them onto a special piece of paper and wrote our names on them, so he would know who each letter is from.



As we have been exploring autumn again this week, in 'Work it out Wednesday', we had a very big job of creating a burrow for badger, who had lost his house in a storm! We created fantastic burrows for badger and he was super happy with them. We even listened to stormy music and talked about what it sounded like.

We finished the week exploring leaves and pinecones and creating a wax rubbing of them.

Well done pre-school!

*Mrs Parker*

# Parents' Group

## **Bonfire Night**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Fireworks Spectacular last Friday. It was a really enjoyable night, made possible by the generous donations of food, drink and time as well as your attendance. We raised in the region of £2000 for the school. Watch this space for how your money is benefiting the children.

## **Christmas Card Orders**

These have arrived and will be issued at the end of school today. Any that haven't been collected will be available for collection from the school office on Monday. Should you have any queries regarding your order, please see Sara Hutt directly, or contact the office who will forward your message.

## **Still to come this term.....**

- Christmas Raffle- watch this space
- Reindeer Run in aid of Jigsaw, Cumbria's Children's Hospice (pupils will complete this during school time)
- Christmas Bake Sale after school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Any baked goods, including those with a Christmassy theme, to be dropped off at school on the morning. (Please include a list of allergen ingredients as per Natasha's Law)
- The Parents' Group also invite you all to stay behind after our annual Carols Around the Tree on the last day of term for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. (This event will be held outside and is therefore weather dependent so watch this space.)



[WINTER SPARKLE Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 6:30pm](#)

Thank you to everyone who has chosen to take part in the Winter Sparkle Words and Music concert next Thursday.

Unfortunately, there will still need to be a restriction on the number of guests allowed to attend at this current time.

**Each family will be allocated 2 seats**, and can I ask that face coverings are worn until you are sitting down with your refreshments.

Drinks and nibbles will be available per person and a voluntary contribution on the night towards these is gratefully appreciated.

Children DO NOT wear school uniform for this concert – something smart and suitable for a concert performance, please. Sparkle if you wish!

*Mrs Wrightson*



# Week ahead

## Monday 22 November 2021

10:00 - 12:00	Richard Evans (drums)
12:00 - 18:30	Barbara Gilbertson
14:00 - 15:30	U9 Rugby v Barnard Castle @ Hunter Hall
14:00 - 16:00	U9 hockey v Barnard Castle @ Barnard Castle
15:30 - 16:00	Spelling workshop Year 2 parents
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Hockey
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Choir
16:30 - 17:30	Upper School – Band

## Tuesday 23 November 2021

15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Running
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Fencing (max 10)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Chess
16:30 - 17:30	Upper School - Exam Prep Year 5

## Wednesday 24 November 2021

09:15 - 11:15	Year 3-6 Swimming (Penrith Leisure Centre)
14:00 - 16:00	U9 & U11 Rugby v Mowden Hall @ Hunter Hall
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Street Dance
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Languages

## Thursday 25 November 2021

08:30 - 15:30	Barbara Gilbertson
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Football
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Mindful Colouring
18:30 - 20:00	Winter Sparkle - Evening of Words and Music

## Friday 26 November 2021

08:30 - 10:30	Garry Linsley (woodwind)
09:30 - 12:00	Nasal Flu immunisation – Reception up to Year 6
11:15 - 11:45	Year 2- Swimming (Penrith Leisure Centre)
12:00 - 15:30	Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
13:45 - 14:45	Y5/6 Hockey Penrith Leisure Centre
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Free Play
15:30 - 16:30	Cookery Club - Group 2
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Running