HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Autumn Term, 26th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Words and Music last night was a wonderful occasion with which to share the creative side of school life with you all. Music was severely hit during the pandemic and to hear the school alive with music again is joyous! Congratulations to all our musicians and our music staff, led by Mrs Wrightson. The children are now preparing for their nativity plays which are creeping up on us soon and last night was a perfect start to our celebrations for Christmas.

Christmas has also started for our younger pupils with a trip to the postbox to post their letters to Santa – let's hope he gets them in time!

It was also good to host a sporting event in school this week as we welcomed Mowden Hall and Sedbergh for rugby fixtures. All teams acquitted themselves well as always, and match teas afterwards went down a treat after a cold and damp afternoon of sport.

Thanks to our parents' group funds have now been released to allow us to spend some money on extra niceties for the children. Year 5 quickly put our newly acquired OS maps to good use as they studied the fells of the lake district in geography, whilst glockenspiels were the order of the

day for our year 3 children. Thank you as always for helping to raise much needed funds for these extras.

We have welcomed several new families late to school and our latest new members are Finn and Iona who have joined Year 5. We wish them and their family a warm welcome to our school.

Assembly was busy this morning with much to celebrate including 'Artist of the Month' – which this month has gone to Allegra for her piece 'Attack of the giant chickens'! We also celebrated badgers winning the greatest number of house points for this quarter of term, and our 100 club was drawn for November too. Congratulations to: Sebastian in our pre- school for first prize, the Jenkinsons for second prize and the Addis family who took third prize.

Don't forget as the weather gets colder it is important that the children have the right kit in school – we do our best with any spares we have, but there is a finite number of tracksuit bottoms, tops, and coats we can lend. A stock check of your child's uniform would not go amiss please.

And finally, our updated total for Children in Need is £232.15 -wonderful. Thank you for all your donations and entering into the spirit of things with our caped crusaders!

Thank you also for all the trees gathered and planted last weekend – the Queens Green Canopy is a little further forward due to the support of Hunter Hall children and their families. Speaking of which, Mr. Sturgess is also heading an initiative to plant more trees over at Frenchfield. Please see his plea for help for next Saturday at the end of this newsletter.

There are also a number of parent events including a bake sale next Friday so please check their notice board too.

Enjoy your weekend everyone

Mrs D Vinsome

Dates for your diary

Year 1 and 2 Nativity afternoon performance – Tuesday 7th December -**2 guests per family**

Early Years (reception and pre- school) afternoon performance Nativity Wednesday 8th December @ **3 guests per family**

Year 1 and 2 Nativity Evening performance– Wednesday 8th December - **2 guests per family**

Christmas Carol Concert (whole school) evening performance- St Andrews – Wednesday 15th December - **All invited**

Carols around the tree (weather permitting) Thursday 16th December @ **All**

Tree Planting

On the weekend of 4th/5th December PACT (Penrith Action for Community Transition) has arranged, with Eden District Council, for the planting of 500 trees at Frenchfield.

Students (and parents) from UCC and QEGS plus members of Eden Runners are attending to help with the planting. It would be nice for Hunter Hall to be represented too.

We are looking to start at 10.00am on Saturday. You will need appropriate clothing, boots/wellingtons and a spade. We will meet in the Hunter Hall car park as this is where the saplings are being delivered. We will be grateful for any time that you can give to help plant the trees.

If you have any questions, please email me at Philip.Sturgess@hunterhall.cumbria.sch.uk

Philip Sturgess
PACT director

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 3 Friday 3rd December

Pre-School News

This week we have had a great time in pre-school getting ready for December!

We have been very busy making a start on our extra special Christmas crafts, which I won't say too much about, as I don't want to ruin the surprise, but lots of glitter has been involved!

We have also put on our high-vis jackets, with our coats, hats and gloves and walked up the hill to the post box with our letters for Santa. We posted them in the post box and sang Christmas songs on the way back down.

The children have also been showing us their superb singing, whilst practising our nativity.

We have been working very hard to get pre-school ready for putting to put our decorations up by creating our own designs and having a good tidy up of our toys too.

As well as all the exciting Christmas things we have been up to, we also had lots of fun in our 'Work it out Wednesday' session this week. We had to use our sense of smell to guess what scent we had in our tubs, and even had a little taste of them too, some of them were a bit spicy!

What a fabulous week!

Mrs Parker

Waiting for

Christmas 2021

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Come along to the

Advent Pop Up

For families

at Christ Church Saturday December 4th 10.30am-12.15

Crafts Games Puppets and fun as we prepare for Christmas.

To reserve a place Email childrenfamily.parishofpenrith@gmail.com

Tuesday 21st December Christmas celebration
A chance for all our groups to celebrate Christmas
10.30am to 1.30pm Booking essential

24th December 3pm Christmas Eve service just come along!!

Week ahead

Monday 29 November 2021

10:00 - 12:00	Richard Evans (drums)
12:00 - 18:30	Barbara Gilbertson
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Hockey
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Choir
16:30 - 17:30	Band

Tuesday 30 November 2021

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

Wednesday 01 December 2021

08:00 - 09:00	Ian Butterworth (brass)
09:15 - 11:15	Year 3-6 Swimming @ Penrith Leisure Centre
14:00 - 16:00	U9 & U11 Rugby v Windermere @ Hunter Hall
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Street Dance
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Languages

Thursday 02 December 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

Friday 03 December 2021

08:30 - 10:30	Garry Linsley (woodwind)
10:40 - 12:00	Christmas Journey at St Andrews Year 3
11:15 - 11:45	Year 2- Swimming @ Penrith Leisure Centre
12:00 - 15:30	Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
15:00 - 16:00	Parent group bake sale
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Free Play
15:30 - 16:30	Cookery Club - Group 3
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Running