



# HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The big news this week has been our Big, Little Nativity and a Bundle of Joy – two truly glittering performances from our early years and lower school children - guaranteed to put a smile on anyone's face! They dazzled us all with their words, singing and costumes and I know we were all hugely impressed by their confidence. Well done to all of them - from the donkeys to the stars!



Last Sunday our choir supported Keswick Victorian Fayre festivities and thoroughly enjoyed getting into the swing of things. Many thanks to all of you who came along to support Mrs. Wrightson and her group.

There is of course a wealth of other Christmas festivities taking place as we move into the last week of term – please check carefully the missive sent earlier this week – attached below for your perusal.

In other news Mr Hetherington's games department managed to squeeze in one more match at Windermere on Wednesday and Year 2 had their final swimming lesson of the term too. This afternoon it's all about our reindeer run for Jigsaw Hospice for Children and I thank you in advance for all your donations.

Speaking of which – last week we had a parent bake sale – thank you to all involved – a superb £242.40 was raised for the parent group funds. They very much hope (weather permitting) that you will join them for a mulled wine and mince pie to say thank you for all your support, after our outdoor carols around the tree next Thursday.



As you can imagine – the children are reaching fever pitch in their excitement for Christmas – the theatre trip to see Tom's Midnight Garden went well yesterday, the children all enjoying this classic story, and there was great excitement in the forest, as a familiar figure in a red suit and bushy white beard was spotted by our younger children alongside an elf!

This morning we have practiced for our St Andrews Carol Concert and please do not forget that drop off on Monday is at St Andrews Mansion Street Carpark between 8:15 and 8:30.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



*Mrs D Vinsome*

# Dates for your diary

**Christmas Carol Concert Dress rehearsal** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of December– drop off (children and their bags) at Mansion Street carpark (next to the laundry) from 8 15 until 8 30. Mrs Vinsome and staff will meet you there  
Minibus children – this will run as normal along the A66 west corridor, and the children will be dropped off at St Andrews

**Lower school pyjama evening** -Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – see separate note already sent  
No upper or lower school clubs.  
After school care will be available if needed

**Christmas Party afternoon** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.  
Please supply your children with a party plate of food that they like to eat and a drink. Please do not include anything with nuts.  
They will have a 'lighter' school lunch that day  
Upper school children should arrive in school in their school uniform - please supply your child with party clothes/and/or/Christmas jumper in a bag– whatever they like to party in!  
Lower school and EYFS arrive at school in their party clothes and/or Christmas jumper  
Lower school and EYFS pick up at 3:00 (no after school clubs though there will be care) at the gate  
Upper school pick up at 5:15 – please wait in the courtyard

**Christmas Carol Concert** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30  
All school children to attend.  
Meet at St Andrews Church from 6:10.  
Full school uniform  
NO after school clubs OR care that evening

**Carols around the Tree** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30 (weather permitting)  
This will take place outside – please gather in the courtyard for 11 30  
Children will join you with their teachers.  
If the weather is poor, it will take place inside, BUT for children only.  
Pick up is at 12 – end of term  
There are no after school clubs or care available.

**Please note, unfortunately we cannot offer refreshments at any of our performances other than carols around the tree due to its outside nature.**

# Pre-School News

What a very exciting week we have had in pre-school!

Firstly, we must tell everyone about our very special visitor we met in the forest on Thursday.

Santa came to see us and gave all of us a special present, leaving his sleigh and reindeer waiting for him in the field! We then made a special card for him, to say thank you for coming to see us during an extremely busy time of year.

As well as meeting Santa, the children have all created beautiful wooden Christmas crafts, they have been working very hard on them.

In 'Challenge Tuesday' this week, the children enjoyed traditional Christmas games, such as; Pin the Nose on Rudolph, Santa Skittles, Find the Golden Carrot and Santa's Beanbag Beard.

Of course, we can't forget to mention our superstars, who performed in our nativity this week. A big well done to all of our boys and girls who worked so hard to make sure it was a spectacular event!



*Mrs Parker*

# Parents' Group

## **Bake Sale**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to last Friday's bake sale whether you baked or bought. We raised a whopping £242.40.

## **Raffle Tickets**

Christmas raffle tickets are on sale. Natali Barr will be selling them at the school gate on Tuesday morning. £2 per ticket to stand a chance of winning one of our many exciting prizes.

## **Last Day of Term**

The Parents' Group invites you to stay behind after our traditional carols around the tree for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. This is subject to the weather.

## **Date for Your Diary**

We have booked a Hunter Hall Spring Ball for 12th March 2022. More details, including how to buy tickets, will be published after Christmas.

*Sara Hutt*

# Week ahead

End of term

## **Monday 13 December 2021**

- Barbara Gilbertson music lessons
- 08:00 - 12:00 Christmas concert rehearsal @ St Andrews church
- 15:30 – 18:30 Lower School and Reception pyjama evening- Packed tea needed
- 15:30 - 17:30 NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS, CARE IS AVAILABLE

## **Tuesday 14 December 2021**

- Barbara Gilbertson music lessons
- 13:00 - 15:00 Lower School Christmas Party
- 15:15 - 17:15 Upper School Christmas Party
- Lower School- NO CLUBS, CARE IS AVAILABLE
- Upper School – PICK UP 5.15PM

## **Wednesday 15 December 2021**

- 08:00 - 09:00 Ian Butterworth (brass)
- NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR CARE, PICK UP BY 3.15PM
- 18:30 - 20:00 Christmas Carol Concert @ St Andrew's Church

## **Thursday 16 December 2021**

- Barbara Gilbertson music lessons
- 11.30 - 12.00 Carols around the tree (weather permitting)
- 12:00 Autumn 2021 term ends - THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR CARE.