

# Hassell Newsletter



December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts this term. So far we have raised:

Sponsored Bounce: £1500 this will be spent on new shelters and equipment for the school playgrounds.

Dougie Mac Coffee morning: £200

Children in need: £287

Christmas Fayre £1100 Thank you to Julie Hallam and the PTFA for all their support, the Christmas fayere wouldn't have happened without them!

Some of our pupils in year 4 have also raised money by selling loom bands. They raised an impressive £60 which has gone to the teenage cancer charity and asthma

charity. Well done, Scott, Noah and friends for all of their hard work.

## Christmas Plays

Nursery, Reception and KS1 have been putting on Christmas plays during December. Well done to all the children (and staff) for their fantastic performances. I hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.

Year 5 will also be leading the Christmas ser-



## Dropping Children off at School

Please can I remind all parents that children are not to be left unattended on the school playground in the mornings. Staff are on duty from 8.40 when the doors open and any children who need to be left before this time need to book a place in care club. We have had issues with several children being left unattended before staff are present and I would hate for anything to happen to them if they are left unsupervised.



## Staff Changes

I am pleased to let you know that Mr Mason will be remaining on the Year 5 and 6 team as a full time member of staff. Miss Platt will be returning to school from her maternity leave in January and will return to work in a job share position with Mrs Brett, as both staff have requested to have their hours reduced. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Mr Mason and Miss Platt to their positions within the 5/6 team.

## Have Your Say...

The leadership Team and Governors are always looking for ways we can help our school to improve and we would welcome the help of our parents and wider community to do this. I will be putting a suggestions box in the main reception area to collect ideas from anyone who has thoughts of what we could do to. If you have any helpful ideas that you think would help us to improve anything within school, please write them on a slip and post it in the box. We will check this regularly and develop any ideas that can help us. You may have experience of something that you do at home or at work, or something that you have seen within other schools. It doesn't matter how big or small your ideas are, we would love to hear them. I am also looking to start a parents forum to build upon this work, details will follow shortly in a separate letter.

# Diary Dates

### December:

**9th:** Nursery play for parents at 9.30, Panto in school for Early Years and KS1 (Jack and the Beanstalk)

**10th:** 4OH to Toby Carvery

**11th:** Christmas Dinner

**12th:** Year 1 to Sudbury Museum, Senior Citizens Christmas Party with Year 6

## December:

**15th:** Nursery trip to Wonderland, Reception to Amerton Farm, Year 1 Christingle Service with Father Derek, KS2 Ice skating, Y2 to cinema

**18th:** KS2 trip to the cinema, Infant Party (details to follow), Year 5 singing at Earls Court

**19th:** Church Service at St. Paul's 9.30 (led by Year 5) 3pm School Finishes

**Staff and children return to school on Monday 5th January**

# Winter Weather



As we approach the season of cold weather, we will endeavour to keep school running as normal. **Please ensure that your children have warm coats and appropriate footwear with them each day.** If we do get any snow and you wish to check if school is still open, please go to the website

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/>

We will also send a confirmation text to notify parents if we are open or closed. Please do not phone the school office unless it is an emergency as it ties up the phone lines for people who may need additional help. We will only close in severe weather where it becomes a danger for pupils and staff to travel.

Finally, may I take this opportunity on behalf of the staff and Governors at Hassell to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. We will see you as we return to school on Monday 5th January

*Kind Regards*

*Kirsty Broome*

