



LITTLE HOUGHTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and busy term this has been, so much great learning in classrooms together with preparing for Christmas performances to deliver in front of you all. The children were all absolute stars! I would also like to mention that when Class 3 were on their trip earlier this term, staff at Cadbury World commented on how well behaved the children were. This isn't the first time this comment has been made when we are out of school and we are very proud. Our children always behave beautifully, are polite and engaged in what they are doing. A real credit to their parents and our school! 😊

School Council - We would like to introduce you to our new members of our School Council, they are very busy finding out for their next meeting some of the ideas the children in school have, for making changes and improvements in school. Watch this space for further updates.



Picture News Christmas Campaign - this asked children in schools to create a peace paper chain and write or draw their interpretation of peace. Picture News hope the chain will travel a distance equivalent to the distance from John O'Groats to Land's End!

Attendance this term is **96.55%**. Please be aware that booking holidays in the school term could incur a fine and will result in a loss of learning for your child/children. There is a new holiday request form available from the office that must be completed and given to Mrs Fairbrother. We have also had a lot of lateness recently, please be aware that **children should be in the playground ready to enter their classroom at 8.45am**. We will be monitoring this in the new term!

Anti bullying week

The children have spent time learning and working in workshops to support Anti Bullying in school and know how important it is to help each other when they see something that they know isn't right. They know they are able to talk to anti-bullying ambassadors and staff members for help and support. Our recent Anti-Bullying work resulted in recognition as 'School of the Month' and the award of Wellbeing badges.



Class 1 - Children have been using 3D and 2D structures to express ideas, they have created patterns, learned about their environment and what animals need and so much more!



Class 2 - Children have been very busy studying Andy Goldsworthy art and creating some of their own artwork. Children in class 4 have been reading stories to the children too.



Class 3 - have been continuing working on their Mayan project, making clay skulls, reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and finishing with a trip to Cadbury World. They have also been looking at musical themes.



Class 4 - children have been making beautiful candle holders and carrying out science experiments to learn about irreversible chemical changes, for example rusting, heating and burning.



Strings Recital

The Northampton Music School visited recently to play and to show children how anyone could play if you start learning now!



Blessing of our School Chapel

We have a new Chapel corner in our school, where the children can take a few moments to have some calm, quiet reflection time. Many thanks to Reverend Irene for coming in to bless the Chapel and spending some time with some of the children.



FOLHS

A big thank you to FOLHS for raising money for the school.

The Christmas Fayre raised **£433**

Class Fundraising raised **£224.34**.

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas performances on our new stage, which was bought by FOLHS, who also paid for the pantomime that all the children enjoyed. Many thanks to Florence for designing our brand new logo above.

Christmas Open Afternoon



We enjoyed welcoming parents, family and friends to our Christmas Open Afternoon which was the first one we've had since 2019! The children sang beautifully, so we hope you were all filled with the Christmas spirit! Thank you to Timmy's mum for making our Christmas balloon arch.



Raising money



The Book Fair raised **£202** for our school library.

Children in Need raised **£130**



Save the Children raised **£173**



Thank you for your kind donations.

He's behind you!

Thank you to Chaplin's, for putting on a great production of Cinderella for the children. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a lovely treat for a December Friday afternoon.



Christmas Performances

Thank you to all the staff and children who have worked so hard on the Christmas performances this year- you are all incredible! Thank you also to those parents who were respectful of and adhered to the arrangements put in place for seating and attendance this year. This ensured a performance where everyone could be seated and the children performing could be clearly heard. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you!



Christmas Party Day

A big thank you to Vicki for cooking us a fabulous Christmas dinner this year. All the children had Christmas parties in their classrooms, enjoying party games and even more food! They were all so excited to see Santa, get a present and wish him a Merry Christmas.



Dates for your Diaries



- Thursday 4th January - Back to school
- Friday 5th January - Mufti day for Kelmarsh for the most marbles this term.
- Thursday 25th January - PGL parents meeting at 6pm
- Tuesday 6th February - Class 3 Dodgeball Tournament after school at Wollaston
- Friday 16th February - Last day of term
- Monday 26th February - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 27th February - Back to school

Please don't forget:

- School Dinners** - you need to order school dinners by Weds 27th December for returning to school on the 4th Jan.
- PE Kits** - should be in school every day.
- Label clothing** - The lost property box is growing, it's so much easier to return items that are named!

Chris Davis our Chair of Governors has stepped down from her role and we would like to say a big thank you to her for everything she has contributed to the school over the years including organising the Prayer Space activities with the children. We will miss her and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Linda Browett is now our Chair of Governors and Emma Eaton is our Vice Chair.



Happy Christmas everyone, see you all in the New Year!

Regards *Carolyn Fairbrother*