

## Newsletter 14 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Families,

What a brilliant day! The children and staff looked very festive today and had such a good time wearing their Christmas Jumpers whilst raising money for such a brilliant cause! We will let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter.

We are well on our way to getting in the festive mood. I'm hearing about lots of elves that have taken over homes which is causing lots of excitement! Our Christmas Tree went up this week in our school hall and looks wonderful! Santa's workshop has taken over the Reception Class and everyone is practising for the big day on Tuesday & Wednesday! The stage has caused lots of excitement and the children have been singing their hearts out. We are all very much looking forward to showcasing what the children have been preparing over the past few weeks. As mentioned last week, it won't be the same as usual but we will do our best to make it a lovely time and a chance to help everyone get into the festive spirit!

Each class should now have their performance time on your child's year group Teams account for you to click on and join just before the advertised time. Nursery parents, this will have been emailed to you as your child does not yet have a Teams log in. Please do let us know if you are having any IT problems over the next few days so that we have chance to rectify it before the day. Our central IT department have to reset passwords etc and so this takes time. We will record each performance and this will then appear in the General section of the Year group's Team.

Class	Date	Time
Nursery	Wednesday 16th December	10am
Reception Class	Tuesday 15th December	10:30am
Year One	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	11:15am
Year Two	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am

**Year Two Carol Singing:** Usually, we invite our local residents in to watch our Christmas performance which they love, however, this is not possible this year. Instead, we are going to take our Year Twos out and about around the estate on Wednesday afternoon to do some socially distanced carol singing. We hope this will bring some good cheer to all those that are unable to get out at the moment due to the pandemic.

**Christmas Dinner:** We are all very excited for our delicious Christmas Dinner that will be served on Wednesday lunchtime. The teaching staff will join the children for this complete with crackers and party hats! Check out our Twitter page for photographs of the day!

**New Reception Cohort 2021:** We had hoped to have tours of the school for potential new parents and children. As we are in Tier 3 this is not possible so instead, we are offering a virtual tour with a Q&A session with myself via zoom. If you know of anyone who may be interested in these who has a child ready to start Reception in September, can you please let them know about it and ask them to contact the school office if they would like to join one of the sessions.

The dates are as follows:

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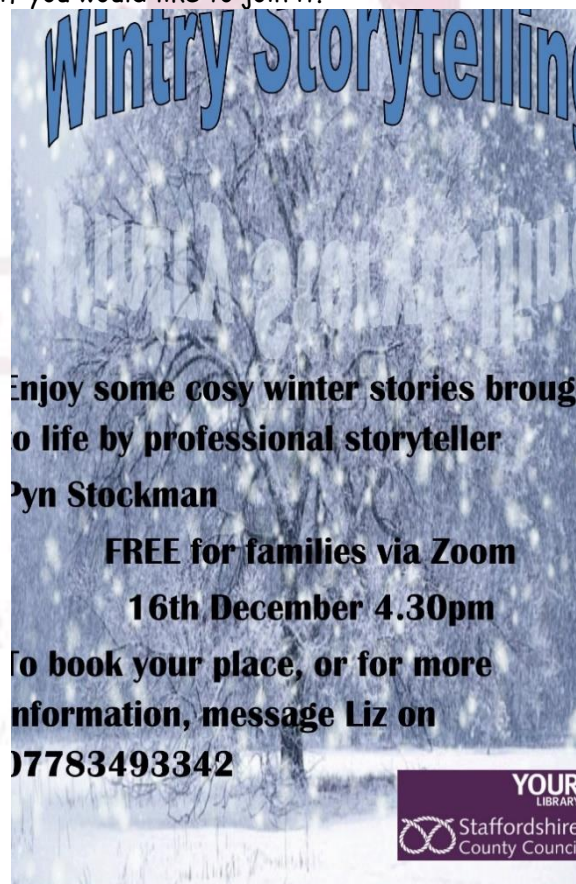
Date	Time
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	5:30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	2pm

**Year Two Phonics Check:** The Year Twos have done their Phonics Check this week. Despite having missed such a lot of learning time due to the pandemic, they all did a brilliant job and have made so much progress from the beginning of the academic year. We will share the children's results with parents after the Christmas break. Thank you to parents for all your support, I know you have been reviewing lots of the sounds with the children which has really helped!

**A reminder of change of date for end of term:** Just a quick reminder that the last day of term will now be **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Next week, we will send out guidance as to what the procedures will be should anyone test positive within the school community after the end of term.

**Free Story telling at Burton Library via Zoom.**

This looks great. Unfortunately, the image was distorted when sent to us but hopefully you can see the key information if you would like to join it.



**Wintry Storytelling**

Enjoy some cosy winter stories brought to life by professional storyteller Pyn Stockman

**FREE for families via Zoom**

**16th December 4.30pm**

To book your place, or for more information, message Liz on 07783493342

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**Job Vacancies with Burton Albion Community Trust:** Please click on link to find out about some exciting job opportunities <https://www.burtonalbioncommunitytrust.co.uk/job-vacancies/>

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### This week's round up:

**Nursery:** This week, Nursery have been exploring the different sounds that they can make using their voices, using some of our IT resources to record and playback their own sounds and experiment with ways of changing them. Lots of noisy fun!

**Reception:** This week in Reception we were extremely lucky to enjoy a special story time delivered by Burton Library, which the children absolutely loved. We've also been learning all about the nativity story and practising lots, ready to perform for all of our grownups at home next week!

**Year One:** Miss Cox has been blown away with the creativity that Year One have shown when writing about The Tale of Peter Rabbit. Today we created two new villains to replace Mr McGregor - Mrs Crumpet and Mr Punch!

**Year Two:** This week we have been writing our own revolting potions based on the story 'George's marvellous medicine'. We have also been practising our colour mixing doing light and dark tints to create a Christmas scene painting based on the Polar Express.

**Harrier Award:** The Harrier Value for this half term is Respect. The children have been learning about respecting each other's feelings during assembly this week. Read on to find out who was given the Harrier Award this morning in our virtual assembly.

Congratulations to the following children:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Reggie Hyland	He has worked so hard on his super listening skills, especially during Letters and Sounds where he listens and follows instructions really well to complete our daily task.
Reception	Madeline	for showing respect by helping and looking after her friends when they feel sad.
Year 1	Alexia	for showing respect to school equipment, particularly in her writing books for showing great care for improving her handwriting!
Year 2	Freya	For always be a good friend and respecting other people's feelings.

### Important Diary Dates:

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Performances for Reception, Year One and Two - see times above.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 10am - Nursery Christmas performance
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - last day of term
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - back to school!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family