



It has been quite an eventful December so far – with lots more festive preparations and celebrations still to come.

The first event was a great success! Congratulations to all of the **children and staff in Year 1** for the fantastic celebration of the Christmas story “Christmas Counts”.

The snow scenes have been quite spectacular around school if rather unexpected! Great community spirit - thanks so much to the parents and staff who assisted with the snow clearance yesterday, a fox and a red kite were unexpected visitors too – not quite the same as the Christmas advert! Thank you for your patience and understanding with school closures, as always the safety of both children and staff is paramount. As the site is still very snowy we would ask that children are accompanied offsite as quickly as possible to ease congestion. Take care on your approach to school, and if travelling by car please park considerately.

We look forward to less wintry weather for the rest of our end of term events (listed below).

Christmas Brunch was a great success! Thank you and a very happy Christmas from the HSA.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported, donated and helped at the Christmas Brunch – a profit of over £2000 was raised. It was a great family event with everyone leaving school with big smiles.

December Diary Dates

December 13th – Class RJC Nativity @ 2.15pm

December 14th – Class RW Nativity @ 2.15pm

December 14th – Christmas Dinner Day

December 15th – Year 2 Concert Performances (10.00am & 2.30pm)

December 18th – Year 6 Macmillan Coffee Morning – Lower School Hall @ 9.30am **December 18th** – Christmas Party (pm)

RESCHEDULED - **December 19th** – Class RJH Nativity @ 2.15pm

December 20th – School Carol Concert KS2 playground @ 1.30pm



For the first Autumn half term, our overall attendance figure for the whole school was **96.91%**, and we have **334 - 100% attendance certificates to give out for the first half-term – well done!**

We would like to pass on our thanks to all Parents and Carers for continuing to support our efforts to attain the very best attendance possible. We appreciate that many have struggled recently with the multitude of winter bugs, and without which, we are sure that the figure would be even higher.

OSCA (Breakfast & After-School) Club

We are very proud to be able to let you know that following a routine on-the-spot re-inspection, we have maintained our five star hygiene rating for OSCA club. A huge thank you to each and every one of the staff involved that worked so hard to keep this rating.



Breakfast & After-School Club.

Please note that there will be no after-school club on Wednesday 20th December – however, breakfast club will run as normal on that day.

Year 6 Peer support team:

As part of our whole school focus during Anti-bullying week (13th – 17th November) we are delighted to introduce our Year 6 peer support mentors on the Key Stage 2 playground at break and lunch times. They are all enjoying their new role in promoting positive friendships and interactions.

Congratulations to:

Roxy H-B, Luca R, Paige C, Elliot W, Kian G, Carys E, Lowri R, Adam H, Ellie C, Kizzy T, Hunni I, Jaxon M, Grace P, Tom B-G, Zoe R, Kyron E, Kiera W, Olivia J, Jacob L and Harry D for completing their training and being ready to put some of their new mediation skills into action.

Look out for them on the playground in their high-vis green jackets!

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Fundraising totals

For Water Aid...

Phoebe, Alisha, Zara, Leah, Millie and Alex have been making crafts and have raised £19.92.

For the Food Bank...

Roma, Faye and Oliver have raised £31.77 for the food bank.

For Children in Need...

Zara and Jenna hosted a cake sale which raised £44.83 towards our total of £474.73 for Children in Need.



Thanks for all donations of lego and duplo for **Classrooms in the Clouds** charity.

ME Festival

On Thursday 23rd November, five Year 6 pupils attended the ME Festival at Himley Hall. The children took part in a range of activities including crafts, drama, a scavenger hunt and a cyberbullying workshop. The day was excellent giving the children chance to think about ways to relax, deal with their emotions and take part in activities that stretched their comfort zones. They even got to chat to the emergency services and look at their vehicles during their lunch break. It was a jam-packed fun and educational day!



I loved it, and the best bit was the cyber bullying session because we learnt how to stop bullying happening using the advice from the Policeman there.

The best part for me was when we got to do skills to chill

I loved it, and the worry doll I made really does help me, it was my favourite bit.

Children's hamper raffle winners. Congratulations to 1st prize winner Cameron in Year One, 2nd prize went to Ellie in Reception and 3rd prize winner was Oliver in Year three. Our 'Name the Teddy' competition was won by Samantha in Year 5 with the name 'Ollie'.

Reminder from the Office

If your child is off school please can we remind parents to call **every day** before 9.30am. A dedicated absence line is available for you to leave a message, please remember to state your child's name, class and reason for absence.

December Menu Changes

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Lunch or
Vegetarian Option

(No other meal to be served that day)

Wednesday 20th December – Box Meal

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Fish

Chips

Salad bags

Jacket Potatoes (beans/cheese/tuna)

Cakes / Fruit bags

E-safety- for advice and information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>