



HAYES MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

Hayes Meadow Newsletter

26th November 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers



Children in Need

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need. The children worked very hard to cover Pudsey bear in coins and they raised a total of £144! Well done everyone! Thank you to Theo in Year 6 for helping me count it all!



The children have started practising for their Christmas Performances. Tickets will be coming home with the children this week. Initially there will be two tickets issued per child. If there are any spare tickets we will let you know via text message and these will be available from the school office on a first come, first served basis.

Christmas Performances 2023

Dates and Times

Pre-School and Reception	12 th December @ 9.30am
Nursery	12 th December @10.30am then Christmas crafts
Year 1 and Year 2	12 th December @ 2pm
Year 3 and Year 4	13 th December @ 9.15am
Year 5 and Year 6	13 th December @ 2pm



Hayes Meadow Christmas Fayre is on Wednesday 6th December at 3pm. This means that the children will be leaving school slightly earlier than normal. Nursery and Pre-school children can be collected from their classroom doors at 2.50pm. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be collected from the KS1 playground and Years 3 to 6 can be collected from the KS2 playground at 3pm. They will be lined up in their classes ready for collection.

We hope you have a great time at the fayre – there are some amazing prizes to be won!



We have received a lot of bookings to see Father Christmas on the day of the fayre. There are still slots available for 4pm and 4.30pm. You can also book a time slot at the fayre if you would like to.



Our annual dolly peg competition is underway. The children are asked to create a Christmas decoration using a dolly peg for our beautiful tree. The tree will be arriving in school this week and all of the pegs will be put on the tree on Friday. Please ensure all of your entries are in school by Friday morning.

We can't wait to see your amazing creations!!!

A reminder that our school gates open at 8.40am. If your children are walking to school by themselves and arrive before this time they are **not** supervised. There have been a few issues with children waiting outside of school without parents, either falling out with each other or being unsafe on the roads. Please do not send your child too early. Breakfast club is available from 7.30am each morning for parents who need to drop their children off early to school.



OFSTED report

We are pleased to publish our latest OFSTED report on our school website. Thank you to all of the staff and pupils for their continued hard work at Hayes Meadow.

There have been a number of enrichment opportunities for the pupils already this term. At Hayes Meadow we try and bring the curriculum to life as much as possible and provide opportunities for pupils to learn in a variety of ways. However, as a school we are conscious of the cost of visits and where year groups have had more than one visit taking place we do try and subsidise this for our families. The cost of coach travel needs to be factored in to the cost of visits and unfortunately this has risen significantly in the last few months. Last year school contributed approximately £10,000 to the cost of visits and enrichment opportunities for the children.

So far this term...	
7 th September	Year 3 Stone Age Day in school – no cost to parents/ carers
8 th September	Year 4 Egyptian Day in school - no cost to parents/ carers
20 th September	Year 1 local area walk – no cost
29 th September	Pep the Poet in school - no cost to parents/ carers for the workshops
12 th October	Year 6 to Perlethorpe – Viking Experience
19 th October	Year 5 to Tamworth Castle – subsidised by school due to residential cost
25 th October to 27 th October	3 day residential to Whitemoor Lakes
10 th November	Reception to Birmingham Town Hall – no cost to parents/ carers
10 th November	Nursery Bonfire with parents/ carers
15 th November	Cannock Chase Toy Museum
15 th November	Year 4 to Conkers
20 th November	Reception to Tamworth Castle
21 st November	Year 3 Stone Age Day at Laches Wood – subsidised due to cost
22 nd November	Pre-School Road Safety Walk – no cost
23 rd November	Diwali workshop – R to Y6 - no cost to parents/ carers
Still to come this term...	
30 th November	N/PS/R and Year1 – Animal workshop
1 st December	Arthur Christmas Day - no cost to parents/ carers
13 th December	Year 2 to the Rep theatre to see red riding hood
14 th December	EYFS family craft afternoon – no cost



Year 2 Local Area Walk



Reception at Tamworth Castle – Dragon Hunting!



Reception to Birmingham Town Hall to see Julia Donaldson performance



Year 4 to Conkers - Science



Year 1 visit to Cannock Chase Toy Museum



Year 5 residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes



Year 4 Egyptian Day



Year 3 Stone Age Day



Year 6 Perlethorpe – Viking Experience



Nursery Bonfire

Dates for your diary:

1 st December	Arthur Christmas Day – PS, Rec and Y1
5 th December	KS2 Choir performing in community Christmas Carol Service at St John's 7pm
6 th December	Christmas Fayre 3-5pm
12 th December @ 9.30am	Pre-School and Reception Christmas Performance
12 th December @10.30am	Nursery Christmas Performance then Christmas crafts
12 th December @ 2pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance
13 th December @ 9.15am	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Performance
13 th December @ 2pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performance

14 th December	EYS craft afternoon
20 th December	Christmas Dinner Day – Children can wear Christmas jumpers to school
22 nd December	Christmas party day – class teachers will send further information
22 nd December	Break up for Christmas holiday at usual time
8 th January 2024	Pupils return to school
12 th February 2024	HALF TERM
19 th February 2024	INSET day – school closed to pupils
22 nd February 2024	Year 5 and 6 Young Voices
22 nd March 2024	Break up for Easter holidays
8 th April 2024	Pupils return to school
3 rd May 2024	INSET day school closed to pupils
13 th May 2024	Year 6 - SATS week



If your child is eligible, they can have up to **four free places** on our winter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. This will run from Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 5th January 2024, and includes a healthy meal with every place booked.

Follow the links below for more details.

Facebook: <https://fb.watch/owjdv4FahQ/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/COBzhr1onUx/>

X/Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StaffordshireCC/status/1728027015993766339>

Breakfast Club/After School Club Bookings

Please ensure all children are booked into Breakfast Club and After School Club before attending. Ideally bookings should be made by the Friday before the week clubs are needed. This is to allow us to manage staff ratios and to ensure there is adequate snack/breakfast to provide for the children.

Please book in through ParentPay or via the office by telephone, email or verbally. We understand there may be the odd occasion where last minute childcare is needed and we will endeavour to cater for this but as numbers have risen considerably we cannot guarantee a place will be available. Should you need same day After School Club in an emergency please advise the school office on 01543 490616 by 2pm at the latest. Payment is to be made at the time of booking the sessions

Please sign and return the Before and After School Club policy which is now being handed out. Please also complete a Breakfast Club/After School Club registration form for each child attending clubs.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

- Parents/ carers are not permitted to use the school car park for dropping off and collecting children for Breakfast and After school Club. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- When parking in surrounding streets, please be mindful of residents, children and pedestrians. Please take care not to block driveways or cause obstructions.