# NEWSLETTER

#### December 2019

#### **Sports**

Well done to all of the children who have represented one of our school sports teams. Our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 cross-country teams both did fantastically well at their interschool competitions, and an extra well done to Amelia, in Year 5, who finished in the top ten and will now go on to represent Wigan in the Greater Manchester Schools competition later on in the year! Well done to our Year 5/6 dodgeball team who finished second in their league and were narrowly beaten in the semi-final. We also have a swimming team and a Boccia team representing the school before Christmas, so good luck to them too!

## **Our New Sports Kit Is Coming Soon!**

A MASSIVE thank C&G Events who have volunteered to sponsor us to buy a new sports kit for our school teams. As part of promoting British Values throughout school, the children have recently voted for their favourite kit and we are all very excited for the kit to arrive. Keep an eye on Class Dojo/Facebook for the finished result! Please check out our sponsors C&G Events on Facebook or via their website <u>http://cgevents.net</u>.



## A Huge Thank You To Our Volunteers!

Reading is such an important life skill. We have seen an increase in the number of children who are reading every day at home; please keep listening to your child read aloud. Children really value this time with adults at home and the benefits are huge.

The amount of support that we have received form parents is outstanding – it is appreciated more than you know: You are all invaluable! Many of you have given up your time to supervise



children on school trips, listen to children read and helped with swimming lessons and sporting fixtures. If any other parents would like to get involved in school-life more, we are always looking for more Reading volunteers to listen to the children read in the afternoons (even if you can spare thirty minutes – every minute counts). Please see Mrs Radcliffe or Mr Wallace if you would like to get involved.

## **Christmas Celebrations—Save The Dates!**

Christmas is a very busy time of year in school, and we are all very excited about all of the planned festive celebrations. Below is a reminder of the events, if you have any questions, please ask.

Every Friday in December, the children can choose to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper/cardigan. This is optional – those who do not wish to wear a Christmas jumper, should wear their school jumper/cardigan as usual.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Half Price Christmas Book Fair before and after school.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Songs around the Christmas Tree & Tombola - Year 3 & 4 & Choir will be performing a Christmas sing-a-long. Maximum of three family members per child. This will be in the school hall.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Songs around the Christmas tree & tombola - Year 5 & 6 & Choir will be performing a Christmas sing-a-long. Maximum of three family members per child. This will be in the school hall

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Hindley J&I Christmas Market. A festive market will be set up in the school hall. All children will visit the market and have the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for family and friends (or even a Christmas treat for themselves). Gifts will range from £1 to £4 (all money raised will be going to school funds to buy things for the children)

Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Lunch in school (Children come dressed in a Christmas jumper if they wish)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Early Years Parents are invited into school to make a Christmas decoration in class with their child. Please enter school through the main office at 2pm.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Early Years Christmas Play 'All About Christmas' 9:30 am start (Maximum of 4 adults per child to watch the show)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** The school choir will be singing Christmas Carols at Tesco (Hindley) in the afternoon.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play. 'Christmas with the Aliens'. 2pm start. (Maximum of 2 adults per child)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** The school choir will be visiting Egerton Court to spread a little Christmas cheer. In the afternoon.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party Day. Children to wear their Christmas party clothes.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS (School reopens on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January)

### Half Price Book Fair!

Hindley J&I will be hosting a Christmas Book Fair during the week beginning Monday 9th December.All books will be half price and will make fabulous Christmas presents for the children. Come in and bag yourself a bargain!

> Monday 9th Dec 3.15 – 4:00

Wednesday 11th Dec 8.40 - 9.00 3.15 - 3:45

**Tuesday 10th Dec** 8.40 - 9.00 3.15 - 4:00 Friday 13th Dec 8.40 - 9.00 3.15 - 3:45

## **Online Orders & Payments Information**

As you all know, after Christmas, any payments that need to be made to school for Breakfast Club, school dinners, trips, music lessons etc. will need to be paid online via your child's 'My Evolve' hub account.

Every child in school has an account and this needs to be set up by a parent at home to allow access to it. This applies to all children even if they don't currently have school dinners or make any payments to school. If you need help with this, please see the school office.

If your child attends Breakfast Club and you have not received your letter with information on how to purchase Breakfast Club sessions, please ask and we can send one home.

#### Attendance

It goes without saying that if your child is going to achieve their potential at school and flourish then they need to attend school regularly. We have four rewards for attendance in school:

**Class of the Week** – the class with the best attendance will win the attendance trophy for the week and an extra 15 minutes playtime.

**Class Attendance Race** – When a class wins 'Class of the Week' seven times they will have a class non-uniform day.

**Weekly100% Attendance Raffle** – every individual child who has achieved 100% attendance for the week will receive one dojo and be entered into a raffle to win a £5 voucher.

**Termly Attendance Reward** – Every child whose attendance is over 96% for the term will take part in an attendance reward. They will have a morning away from normal lessons and be treated to a variety of fun activities (the children will be consulted on the activities).

Please check out our School Dojo page and Facebook page to keep up to date with the most recent winners.

