



Hilltop School Newsletter

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Christmas has come to Hilltop! The focus of this newsletter is to update you with the upcoming Christmas events with all the information that families need. The class teachers spent yesterday evening decorating the school and we eagerly await the arrival of the elves next week. Once again, the teachers completed our fun gingerbread house challenge. We will be selling raffle tickets at each of the Christmas performances and three lucky families will be able to enjoy these delicious works of art. The winning team this year was Team Heathland.



Elfridges Christmas Shopping – Mon 1st & Tues 2nd

Children who have tickets for this event will visit the shop on either Monday or Tuesday. Please send in a carrier bag for them to take their shopping home. Children in Nursery to Year 2 will purchase ready wrapped items to bring home. The older KS2 children will be wrapping their own purchases. This means they may not bring their shopping home until later in the week. We hope that the children will be able to keep their gifts a surprise until Christmas morning!



- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

KS1 Christingles – Wednesday 3rd December

Please could Year 1 and 2 children bring in an orange by Monday. The Christingle workshop will be led by Rev Adam from All Saints Church. Our Year 4 children will be helping the younger pupils to create their Christingles. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ

Parent Christmas Craft – Thursday 4th December



All parents are invited to join us making Christmas wreaths. This was a fun event we trailed last year with fantastic outcomes.

Christmas Fair – Friday 5th December

We are looking forward to this special evening. Please remember to purchase your tickets before 8pm on Wednesday. The focus of this annual event is fun experiences and happy memories for the children. We rely on the support of all parents/carers so that we can have lots of activities for them to enjoy across the evening. Please add your name to the parent sign-up sheet at your child's classroom door. Year 4 children are also invited to volunteer to help run the biscuit decorating stall.

Entry tickets and event tokens can also be purchased at the event but jacket potatoes must be ordered online by Wednesday evening.

Tickets include access to our special Hilltop light trail with a free treat at the end of the trail. Doors will open at 5pm. Our families with children with neurodiverse needs who would find the busy event overwhelming are invited to join us for a quiet session between 4:45 and 5pm.

Christmas performances

Please note, parents/carers are not permitted to take photographs or videos during any of our nativity shows. Mobile phones must be switched off or placed on silent and must be out of sight within the school building.

Please look out for communication directly from class teachers if you need to send in any costume items. We do have a good selection of costumes but there are some bits you may be asked to provide.

We will be selling raffle tickets at each of our performances. We will draw a lucky ticket at each performance for the gingerbread house created by each staff team. All tickets purchased at the FS and KS1 nativity shows will also be put into the big raffle draw for our Christmas hamper filled with treats donated by the wider Hilltop staff team. This will be drawn at the carols by candlelight event.

KS1 Nativity Dress rehearsal – Monday 8th December

Parents/carers and younger siblings are invited to attend this dress rehearsal at 2:30pm. They are not invited to the morning performance. All children in the rest of the school (Nursery – Yr4) will watch this performance.

KS1 Nativity – Tuesday 9th December 9:15am

A gentle reminder that younger siblings should not come to this performance.

Nursery & reception dress rehearsal – Tuesday 9th

Parents/carers and younger siblings are invited to come along to this performance at 2:30pm. Children in Year 1 and 2 will watch this performance as will any siblings in Year 3 and 4.

Nursery & Reception Nativity – Wednesday 10th

Doors will open from 9:15am

Year 3 All Saints visit – Thursday 11th December

Year 3 children have been invited to attend a special Christmas themed workshop at All Saints church. We will need to walk down the church at 9am so please could all children arrive promptly.



Parent Christmas craft – Thursday 11th December

Join us making mini-iced gingerbread houses.



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December

All children may wear fun jumpers/hoodies to school with their usual school uniform.

We will collect donations for Save the Children on the driveway. We will also set up an option for a £2 donation on Arbor.

Christmas Coffee Shop – Friday 12th December 2:15pm

We will be serving Christmas treats with hot drinks.

KS2 PTS Craft event – Friday 12th December

Year 3 and 4 children are invited to come along to a special afternoon of Christmas themed craft activities led by PTA volunteers. Please purchase tickets online:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hilltopfriendswindsor/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=108236>

KS2 Carols by Candlelight – Monday 15th December

All Year 3 and 4 children have been practising for this lovely evening event performed at All Saints Church. All children will need to be at the church by 5:45. They should wear their full school uniform with Christmas hats/hair accessories.

All Hilltop families are invited to attend this event.

Snow White Pantomime – Monday 15th December

All children from Nursery to Year 4 will attend this high-quality live performance. We rely on all families contributing to the cost of this visiting theatre company. Payments are made via Arbor.

Dandelion Christmas singing event – Tuesday 16th Dec

Dandelion families are invited to join us for this sing-along from 2:15pm.

Christmas lunch – Wednesday 17th December

Please remember to order your child's Christmas lunch on the Pantry website.

Christmas parties – Thursday 18th December

Please could all families pay their child's £3 Contribution on Arbor. Please do not order school dinner or send in packed lunches on this day. The children will be given pizza and party bags. Children may wear home clothes on party day.

Last day of term – Friday 19th December

Early pick up 1pm

As you can see it is a busy time! Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement to make it special for all of our children. I hope to see you at some of our special events in the coming weeks.

Lynn Bîma

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