



# HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Weekly newsletter 11 W/E 1st December 2023

**PLEASE NOTE: Car park gates are closed between 8.25am - 9.00am & 2.55pm - 3.30pm for safety**

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

##### Thursday 7th December 2023

- Nursery Trip - £10.00  
to be paid by 23rd Nov
- All nursery children to attend 8.30am - 12.00pm ONLY**
- School photos returned

##### Friday 8th December 2023

Christmas Jumper Day - Jumper only - normal uniform

##### Monday 11th December 2023

- Y5 Trip - £7.10  
to be paid by 27th Nov
- Y1 & Y3 party

##### Tues 12th Dec 2023 - 9.30am

- Reception Nativity play
- Nasal Flu - catch up

##### Wed 13th Dec 2023 - 11.30am

Christmas lunch - Adults £3.50  
(MUST be booked & paid by 24th Nov - we CAN NOT take any after this date)

##### Thursday 14th December 2023

Whole school Sunderland Empire pantos - £7.50  
to be paid by 1st Dec

##### Friday 15th December 2023

Y5 & Rec party

##### Monday 18th December 2023

- Rec trip - £14.00  
to be paid by 1st Dec
- Y2 & Y4 party

##### Tuesday 19th December 2023

Y6 & Nur party

##### Wednesday 20th December 2023

- Carol Service - 10.00am - limited number of tickets £1.00
- On sale Thursday 14th December
- Break up for Christmas

##### Monday 8th January 2024

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

##### Monday 15th January 2024 -

- Closing date for primary applications

##### Friday 16th February 2024

Break up for half term

##### Monday 26th February 2024

#### Attendance Matters

We have noticed that a small number of children are regularly missing Fridays in school. Fridays make up a fifth the learning week. I'd also like to remind you that the last week of term is 8% of the term's learning. It's not just import to consolidate your child's learning from the week or term, but also for social connection and creating a culture of belonging in a school. While we do realise that there various bugs and viruses circulating at this time of year, please ensure your child is in school as regularly as possible to ensure they aren't disadvantaged compared to other children in our school and other schools.



#### Harvest Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection this year, by either sending in food and/or buying a ticket for the Harvest Festival. We collected 114.4kg of food which provided 143 meals. This is amazing! Well done and thank you!

#### Children in Need

We raised £194.00 for Children in Need from your donations & cakes sales. Thank you 😊

#### OPAL Heroes



The OPAL Superstar award is awarded to someone who has showed a real commitment to OPAL and being a positive role model to others.

The winner for this week is :

- Poppy Burnicle

A huge well done and keep it up. 😊

#### Reminder - Christmas Parties

This year, we will be holding Christmas parties on the following dates:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Y1 and Y3
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Y5
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 and Y4
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery and Y6

Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes on that day. They will complete Christmas activities in class on that morning, before going into the hall for a selection of party games in the afternoon.

This will be paid for by our Friends of the School Association.

**All Nursery children should attend the afternoon session only on that day please.**



#### Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week:

- Ella Kennedy
- Jessie Fishburn
- Mollie Tasker
- Evie-Mae Hopps-Stubbs
- Amelia Higgins
- Skye Boldon
- Billy Whittle
- Hope Forster

Every week, a 'Hero of the Week' is chosen from each class and they get to add 10 tokens to their house collection!

#### Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 24th November:

KS1: Rec	96.00%
KS2:Y5	95.52%

#### Happy Birthday to the children who have a birthdays this week:



Poppy	Burnicle
Alexia	Smith
James	Paul
Verity	Moon
Aliya	Duggan

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### OPAL update



We are currently developing our home corner. Any donations of role play toys (dolls, kitchens etc) would be warmly welcomed. We are also improving our water area so any jugs, buckets, pipes would be amazing!

Thank you for your continued support. 😊

### Year 5

Last week year 5 have worked extremely hard. They have researched a planet in our solar system (feel free to ask them about their planet) and made snowflakes for the window display which involved a lot of glitter.



### Year 5

Year 5 had great fun on our trip to the Life Centre, where they learnt all about the planets and some of the stars in our solar system. They also got a chance to put their balancing skills into practice by having a go at ice skating.



### Year 4

Each year, Year 4 take part in a skipping tournament at the Beacon of Light against other schools. We had our first skipping session with the coach this week and the children showed great skipping skills. The coach commented on the children's determined attitude and how skillful they are already, after just ONE session! Their job now, is to practice the different skipping skills in preparation for the tournament 😊 Year 4 have their own set of skipping ropes at school, where they can practice at break and lunch times, if they wish.



### Nursery

Nursery have had lots of fun playing in the snow this week. We've had snowball fights, made angels and **even** rode our scooters!

