

HPFS Primary Newsletter

Friday 14th December 2018



HEYFORD PARK
FREE SCHOOL
BONUM COMMUNE COMMUNITATIS

Value of the week:	Achiever of the week:
Minibeasts: Everyone! Minibeasts: Everyone! Tigers: Alfie N Zebras: Liam C Turtles: Bertie M Penguins: Zoe E Panthers: Daisy T Lions: Neema Squirrels: Ava G Eagles: Isla S Meerkats: Ava J Bumblebees: Ruby W	Minibeasts: Everyone! Minibeasts: Everyone! Tigers: Julia M Zebras: Nell C Turtles: Holly M Penguins: Archie P Panthers: William M Lions: Lola H Squirrels: Harry Eagles: Marion O Meerkats: Daniel C Bumblebees: Josh K

Notes, reminders and changes for next week:	
Monday	2.15pm Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – all welcome
Tuesday	EYFS performance to the rest of Primary
Wednesday	Christmas Concert – whole school – tickets needed Only the choir from Primary will be performing.
Thursday	Party Day – see notes below.
Friday	Last Day of this term. We finish at 2pm. Please remember there is no wraparound after school

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 20th December:

Don't forget to wear your party clothes or dress up as a Christmas Character! This applies to all children.

Reception:

We will buy a few party snacks for the afternoon (they won't need much more after a full lunch.) If you are able to donate 50p-£1 per Reception child, this will enable staff to purchase a few party treats for the party afternoon. Please send in an envelope labelled "party" and place in the EYFS message box at the gate by the end of the school day on Wednesday 19th December.

Tigers Class:

Snacks will be provided for the party day so if you are able to send a donation (we suggest 50p or £1) to help cover costs, we would be grateful. Please send this in any time up to Thursday morning, preferably in an envelope labelled Tigers' Party. Thank you.
Children are welcome to bring in a board game to play with on Friday morning.

Zebras, Turtles, Penguins and Panthers:

These classes will be having their Christmas party on Thursday afternoon. A sign-up sheet for Party Food will be displayed in the Primary Entrance next week (from Monday evening). We are only asking for light snacks. Children will have the choice of watching films (a different one in each room) during the afternoon.

Children are encouraged to bring in a board game to play with on Friday morning.

Squirrels and Lions:

We are planning to go down to the Specialisms' Campus on Thursday morning for some fun activities. Please therefore make sure that children are able to run and jump in the clothes (and shoes) that they are wearing for party day.

Staff will provide some cinema snacks for children on Thursday afternoon.

Children can bring board games in on Friday.

Year 5 and 6 (Meerkats, Eagles and Bumblebees)

We will have a list of cinema snacks up ready for our fun Thursday. Please sign up or ask children to volunteer for specific things.

Children can bring board games in on Friday.

Please note that for all classes, parties are special and are a treat. Should the behaviour of an individual next week mean that we do not feel that they are able to be ready, respectful, kind and safe, they would not be allowed to take part in these fun activities.

Thank you and well done!

Thank you to all the families who came to support the performances this week from Nursery and Reception and from Years 1 and 2.

I know that you will want me to thank all the staff involved in these productions - the standard was very high and children enjoyed performing for you.

Thank you too to Tamsin Littlewood for her invaluable support for the KS1 choreography. It was lovely to see some stylised stage moves and this really helped children's confidence in performing.

KS2 Christmas Concert – Monday:

We have a lot of children performing in this year's Christmas Concert on Monday with all children from Year 3 to Year 6. We ask that if you are attending that you limit this to two people from each family, otherwise we will not be able to fit everyone in the ballroom. Also, if you need to bring small children, please go to the back or to one side so that you are able to take them out if they get restless. We will open up the ballroom to families and begin seating at 2pm.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

EYFS will be Performing to whole of primary on Tuesday afternoon.

This will involve all Reception children plus those children who normally attend Nursery on a Tuesday afternoon.

We have decided to perform to the other children in Primary this year because there are a number of children in Reception and Nursery with siblings in Primary who we know would like to see their brothers and sisters perform. This does mean some changes however, as follows:

Nursery – on Tuesday afternoon, Nursery children will need to be collected from the Officer's Mess site (OM) from the Reception Classroom door (parents and carers please wait in the triangular playground) at 3.15pm on Tuesday 18th December. Nursery staff will accompany them over to OM after their lunch and will dismiss through one of the reception doors. Parents please use the triangular playground gates and wait with reception families at 3:15pm.

Bicester Food Bank

Children in Year 5 & 6 have been thinking of the term 'charity' and helping others in RE and our focus turning to Christmas. We have been thinking about how we can help others. We would like to make a donation next week to the Bicester Food Bank in time for Christmas. If you could kindly donate any non-perishable food, we will then arrange for this to be dropped off at the Bicester Food Bank by Thursday next week. Your child can bring any donations up to class – please have these in school by the end of Wednesday so that we can get these organised. Thank you.

Staffing Update:

I am pleased to tell you that we have recruited a teacher to fill Miss Brock's post after Christmas. Mrs Jeffery is American and fairly new to the UK, but has teaching experience in the US and we are looking forward to getting to know her better. She is intending to spend some time in school next week, and has already started the hand-over of information with Miss Brock.

I am also pleased to tell you that Mrs Annette Perks is starting with us after Christmas in the role of LSA in Year 1/2.

We have also found a replacement for Mrs Carder, to start work in the carer role, however we are still finalising the details of this appointment at this stage. Hopefully I will be able to give you more information next week.

We are also recruiting for an LSA in Primary – if you know someone who is interested, please direct them to our website for more information.



Nursery News:

This week we have started getting into the festive spirit by helping the Jolly Postman deliver cards, letters and presents. The children have been working in the post office adding stamps to mail and weighing parcels. They have written letters to Santa and done some wrapping of their own too.

Next week we will be celebrating Christmas. There will be no show and tell but if the children would like to share any Christmas stories during the week they can.

A reminder that there will be no wraparound after Nursery on Friday.

Sporting Achievements!

Last Friday, Poppy S, Liam B, Jorge H, Ryan B and Luke W all took part in the North Oxfordshire cross country race. It was very muddy (and started hailing very soon after the final race!) but they all did us proud. Luke came 4th in his race!

In addition, Lola H, Luke W and Erin C took part in a fun run last weekend, and we have photos of them after they ran their 1km for charity.

In assembly today we celebrated children receiving dance certificates from the enrichment club that takes place in school on a Friday afternoon – well done to all those who received a certificate.

Please remember if your child does take part in activities out of school, we would love to share their achievements on a Friday in assembly.



Dates for your diary:

Monday 17 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2.15pm (for parents and carers Years 3-6)
Tuesday 18 th December	Secondary Rewards Trip EYFS performing to the rest of Primary
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Concert (whole school)
Thursday 20 th December	Party Day in Primary See further information above
Thursday 20 th December	Y10 Parents' Evening from 2pm (Primary children have normal finish times that day)
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term: finishing times as normal. No Wraparound provision after school Nursery will finish at 3pm as normal.
Monday 7 th January	Inset day for staff (no children in school)
Tuesday 8 th January	Children return to school

Have a good weekend! Mrs. Hughes