



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN AT HIGH HESKET CE SCHOOL!

Christmas is approaching and we have lots of events coming up! As there are so many dates to remember, I thought it might be useful to list the key Christmas activities coming up in December and any extra information you might need to know.



Christmas clubs

Next week is the final week for the Autumn term clubs run by school staff. The Year 5&6 Carlisle United football club will have one additional session on Monday 9th December 2024.

Christmas cards

Many of the children like to bring in Christmas cards to post in the school library post box for their friends and classmates. Children are welcome to deliver these to the post-box which is located in the school library and we do ask that envelopes are marked with the children's name and class or year group. **The last day for posting is Thursday 19th December 2024.**

Year 1 & 2 Forest School session – Wednesday 4th December 2024

Year 1 & 2 will have the opportunity to take part in a second Forest School day with Miss Kendall next Wednesday. The children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform for the day and will also require a change of footwear (wellies are ideal) and a warm, waterproof coat. As the weather is so changeable, you may also wish to send an additional change of clothing in case of wet conditions.

Year 2 – 6 visit to Theatre by the lake – Tuesday 10th December 2024

Please can all children attending arrive **no later than 8.45am** on this day. Children should wear their normal school uniform and PE kits are not required on this day. A snack and drink will be provided as part of the experience. As we will be returning to school after the normal lunch time, we will be providing any children who normally have a school dinner on a Tuesday with a school packed lunch when they get back. **If your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch from home, please let us know no later than Friday 6th December 2024.**

Nursery, Reception & Year 1 visit to Penrith Cinema – Wednesday 11th December 2024

We are looking forward to seeing Paddington in Peru as part of our Christmas festivities. We will be leaving and returning within the normal school day and normal school uniform is required. The children will receive a snack pack as part of the visit and will have a school packed lunch on return to school.

Posada – Monday 16th – Friday 20th December 2024

St Mary's Church have asked us to join in with this year's Posada celebrations. The Posada activity re-enacts the journey of Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem and their hunt for an inn to stay. A toy version of Mary and Joseph will be travelling between classrooms from Monday 16th December until Friday 20th December 2024 and will then return to St Mary's Church as part of our Carol Service on the last day of term. Mary and Joseph will then visit a range of homes within the village before Christmas Day.

Toy day – Wednesday 18th December 2024

Our annual 'Toy Day' is always a much-anticipated experience by the children and a lovely opportunity for social interaction. The children are welcome to bring in a toy from home to play with in school during the day but we do ask that the children do not bring in any items of high cost or sentimental value. We also ask that the children only bring in items that they are happy to share with others and that the children do not bring in any games consoles.



Christmas lunch & parties – Thursday 19th December 2024

We always look forward to joining together as a school to enjoy a delicious school lunch followed by games in our classes. **If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have the school Christmas dinner, please let us know by Friday 13th December 2024.** The children are welcome to wear non-uniform on this day to really get into the festive spirit!

Carol service & non-uniform – Friday 20th December 2024

Our Year 5 class will be leading our carol service at St Mary's Church on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm and we will be reserving the pews for the families of our Year 5 children. **All children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers or festive clothing on this day. School uniform is not required.**

Last day of term – Friday 20th December 2024

School closes at the normal time on Friday 20th December 2024 and will reopen on Tuesday 7th January 2025. There is no After School Club running on the last day of term but Breakfast Club will be open as normal.

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 – Y1&2 Christmas performance at 2pm

Wednesday 4th December 2024 – Y1&2 Forest School session

Wednesday 4th December 2024 – EYFS Christmas performance at 9.15am and Y3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

Thursday 5th December 2024 – Y1&2 Christmas performance at 9.15am and Y3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

Friday 6th December 2024 – PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 10th December 2024 – Theatre by the Lake trip for Year 2-6

Wednesday 11th December 2024 – Cinema trip for Nursery, Reception & Year 1

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Toy Day

Thursday 19th December 2024 – Christmas lunch and parties (non-uniform welcome)

Friday 20th December 2024 – Year 5 Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm (non-uniform or festive clothing welcome for all pupils)

Friday 20th December 2024 – School closes for the Christmas holidays

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – School reopens for the Spring term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher