



We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!





Hose Herald

Your half termly newsletter about our School!
December 2024

As always we have had a packed term since coming back after the Summer break. It has been a real whirlwind of trips, sports events, concerts and so many other wonderful experiences for our children. Our children have all grown so much over the last term and have focused their energies on learning more, working hard and having fun. We are all so proud of their achievements and effort. A huge thank you for all of your support, the kind words, messages and gifts have been truly appreciated by the whole staff. We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and New Year and hope you all have a restful break!

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Diary Dates



January

Tuesday 7th - School reopens at 8:30am

Thursday 9th - Swimming lessons start for years 3,4 and 5 and finish on Thursday 10th of April

Wednesday 15th Jan - Wind instrument lessons restart

Friday 24th - NHS Height & Weight survey for EYFS & Y6 children

February

Friday 14th - 3:30pm School closes for half term

Monday 24th - School reopens at 8:30am

March

Monday 10th - Y5 & 6 Choir event at St Marys in Melton (details to follow)

Tuesday 11th - Y6 visit to Warning Zone (details to follow)

April

Thursday 10th - Final Swimming Lesson for Y3,4 & 5

Friday 11th - 3:30pm School closes for Easter Holidays

Monday 28th - School reopens at 8:30am



Owl Class News!

This term has been another whirlwind of activities inside and outside the classroom with trips to the theatre and first aid training. In English, we have been transported through the book *Impossible Creatures* to the magical lands of The Archipelago, sharing the adventures of Mal and Christopher. Inspired by the mythical creatures who live with the magic of the 'glamourie', we have created our own mythical creatures and information texts to describe their appearance, diet and habitats.

In our Geography lessons, we have been transported to South America to discover and research the unique countries in this continent and their human and physical features. Our science focus has helped us to broaden our knowledge of classification and the significance of the work of scientists such as Carl Linnaeus, a pioneer of classification. Did you know that yeast is a living organism that produces carbon dioxide? We found out how and why this happens with the use of balloons in our recent science experiment.

Other curriculum areas have included work on creating stop motion animation in computing, musical theatre in music and looking at the work of Lubaina Himid, transforming 2D pictures into 3D sculptures in our art lessons.





Squirrel Class News!

What a fantastic term it has been in Squirrel Class! The children have all worked incredibly hard and shown great enthusiasm for their learning. It has been a truly chocolatey term as we delved into Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in our English lessons. The children loved exploring the magical world of Willy Wonka and his chocolate factory, and this inspired some incredible writing.

In Science, we have been investigating states of matter—solids, liquids, and gases. The children were thoroughly engaged in our hands-on experiments, from melting chocolate to exploring evaporation and condensation. Their curiosity and teamwork during these investigations were a joy to see!

Wishing you a restful and joyful Christmas break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.



Before & After School Clubs

Sports club will continue to be a charged for club. If your child has a place this will roll forward into Spring Term unless you wish to cancel. Please check parent pay in January for the next payment. There are still available places so if you would like to sign your children up or change the days / times they attend please let us know.

Once we have finalised additional clubs with staff we will communicate this to you so you can sign up for those. Cooking club will run again and those children who were on the waiting list from Autumn term will be offered a place first.

Swimming

Swimming sessions for Y3,4 & 5 will be starting in the first week back after Christmas. Please return permission slips and goggles permissions as soon as possible to ensure your child is able to take part in the first lesson on the 9th of January. Please do complete the goggles permission if you feel your child will need them in order to confidently and comfortably take part in lessons.

Lunch

Lunch orders are available to make on Parentpay for next term if you want to get ahead and tick a job off your list! We have a themed menu for Thursday 16th of Jan which means that day will potentially be blank while we wait for menu confirmation. We will advise you when it is available to order.

Carol & Music Concert

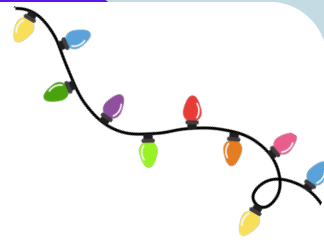
A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along and supported our very first concert at the pub! We were genuinely blown away with the turnout and the fabulous performances by the children. We also raised £30 in cash donations and the PTA raffle brought in £135 in funds. Congratulations to Mrs Lambert & Mrs Buckle who were the lucky winners. We are already looking forward to next year and hope you can all join us.

Roof Update

As you will have noticed, the scaffolding securing the gable end of Classroom 2 is still in place. An environmental survey has identified that there is the presence of bats in the roof space. Further surveys are needed to establish the nature of the activity before work can commence. The structure continues to be monitored on a weekly basis. We are hopeful that the work to rebuild the gable will begin early in the Spring term.



PTA



Our PTA have also had a super busy term with lots of events taking place. They raise so much for our school and mean that we can provide additional resources and experiences that otherwise would not be possible. This is all due to their creativity, drive and great teamwork. We are currently looking to recruit some new members, and crucially a Chair and Secretary. If you think you can help out or would like more information, please have a chat with Mrs Hough, Mrs Robins or email the PTA on pta@hose.leics.sch.uk.

A great way to get involved is through the Hose Millennium Lottery, proceeds are split between the church and school, this year we received an additional £465. If you would like to take part please complete the enclosed form and follow the return instructions at the bottom. Good luck!!

Thank you!

We would like to thank Mrs Lambert for taking on the task of arranging the most AMAZING Halloween party! It was an incredible event and loved by every single child and adult who attended. It was truly magical and an experience never to forget.

Disco Fever

Our annual Disco and Bazaar was once again a huge hit with the children! There were so many people who offered help and pitched in with running a stall, donating prizes and sweet treats. We would like to thank you all for your support and are very pleased to share that the event raised just over £450. With the money raised from the raffle at the Christmas concert and also donations from the Nativity we have almost £650 this term.

Spending

So far this year PTA have spent the following money on your children:

Halloween Prizes: £80, Pantomime Tickets: £950, Coach to take school to Christmas Tree Festival: £250, Weekly coach to Swimming Pool: £760, Easter Eggs: £80, Birthday Books & Library Books: £500, Coach to Warwick Castle: £650, Y6 Leavers Event: £100, Music Tuition: £500. This is an average of £82.34 per child over the year.

Fox Class News!



What a fantastic festive half term the Foxes have had! From our Christmas singalong at the Rose & Crown and Christingle making to a visit from Santa - we've done it all! Even our English lessons have involved writing letters to Santa. We enjoyed taking a walk through the village to post them in the post box and are now eagerly awaiting a reply from Mr Claus, when he gets a break from making all those toys! The real highlight of our half term was practising and performing our Nativity, 'Away in a Manger'. Thank you to everyone who came to watch us!

