

## Newsletter 4 – 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2025

Dear parents & carers,

As Christmas approaches, I would like to inform you of something exciting events we have coming up in school.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** we will be taking part in **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day**. This will be a non-uniform day and children can wear their Christmas jumpers or Christmas t-shirts.

We're asking families to donate £1 or however much you can give to support this charity. Children should give their donations to their class teacher.

### Christmas Dinner

We will also be having our Christmas dinner on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a one-off Christmas dinner, please order this via SchoolGrid. You will need to go to the correct date when you pre-order.

Children in Reception – Y2 are all entitled to universal free school dinners otherwise the cost is £2.70. Please remember you still need to pre order the Christmas dinner for your child to receive it. **The deadline for ordering Christmas dinner for all children is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please see the festive options available.



### Christmas Raffle

For the last couple of years, we have held a Festive Raffle in place of a Christmas fair, children have enjoyed the process of selling tickets, and potentially winning prizes themselves whilst they do so. Raffle tickets will be distributed today, initially there will be one book per child. Please feel free to return any unused books or request further books via the School Office. For tickets sold please return the completed stubs and money in an envelope with your child's name on. Children who sell the most will win prizes and anyone who sells 5 or more tickets will also be entered into a children's raffle.

In readiness for creating the prizes for the raffle, we are wanting to reach out to any parents/carers who may have contacts in the local business world. We do like to include a variety of vouchers as prizes alongside the new goods hampers, so if anybody is able to source or donate something suitable it would be hugely appreciated. Previous years have included vouchers ranging from complimentary coffees at local cafes, money off eating establishments, to a family ticket for Winter Wonderland, and even a free hot tub rental. Anything goes! If anyone does have any business vouchers they can donate as raffle prizes, please contact the School Office. The more prizes, the more winners!

Should any parent/carer be willing to approach local businesses on our behalf, we would be happy to provide a school letter confirming our request for prizes.

We will also have a variety of popular prizes for the children coming soon, that will be ran as a separate 'pick a number' competition at £1 a number.

### End of Term Certificates

We are launching a new awards celebration for the children. We will be holding end-of-term celebration assemblies during the last week of term, Children from each class will be chosen to receive a certificate for shining in different areas of school. If your child is going to be presented with a certificate you will be notified, in due course, via email with an invitation to attend the relevant assembly. This is top secret and the children will only find out during the assemblies, so mum's the word!

The dates and times for the assemblies are as follows:

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Reception, Year 1 and 2 -Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
Year 3 and 4 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
Years 5 and 6 – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

To see photographs and information about the wonderful things we get up to in school, please follow us on Instagram: [heatonparkprimary1](#).

**Notices in blue will be in every newsletter:**

### Promoting Independence

To promote independence, please ensure your child has everything they need for the school day-water bottle, lunch box, PE kit, glasses etc.- with them when they come into school. This also makes for a calmer start to the day for your child. The school office is extremely busy, and the staff do not have capacity to take forgotten items to classes.



### Attendance & Punctuality

#### *Attendance*

There is an expectation that children are in school, on time, every day. If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please phone the school office and leave a message on the absence line or speak to a member of staff. Please make sure all non-urgent medical and dental appointments are made outside of school hours.



**We require evidence of medical appointments for every child to be able to authorise these absences.**

#### *Punctuality – Dropping off and Picking Up*

The school gates open at **8.45am** and are locked at **9.00am**. Please ensure your child arrives on time so that learning is not lost and for the smooth running of school.

All late children must come into school via the office, and a member of the office staff must then escort each late pupil to their class. We do not have the capacity to do this, and it also wastes a lot of time. Pupils who arrive late without good reason receive a late mark or unauthorised absence, so it is very important to ensure your child is on time.

**All late children, coming in through the school office must be accompanied by an adult, who must sign them in on the IPAD.**

After school, please be on time to collect your child as class teachers and staff have additional responsibilities and our After School Club is at capacity and cannot accommodate additional children. The school Attendance Champion is monitoring pupils' punctuality and attendance carefully. Many thanks for your active support with this.

### Dates for your Diary

#### **Christmas Parties**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Years 3 and 4  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Years 2 and 5  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years (Reception and Nursery)

**School closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Kind regards,

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Headteacher