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From Mrs D'Arcy

I cannot believe that we are now in the month of December! It has been a very challenging year for us all in many ways but we have landed here with a bump! The children continue to **SHINE** in all that they do and they never cease to amaze me. Whilst we continue to keep our fabulous school open with our great team, I want to recognise and thank the Year 4 team, Mrs Cheshire, Mr Walsh, Mrs Lund and Mrs Barr who have ensured that the children continue to learn in a structured and familiar way.

I am so very proud of **Ollie Wakefield(Y4)** who managed to organise and donate **147 Advent calendars to Feed The Hungry in Gloucester**. This is a great example of our faith in action and I'm so very grateful to you all for your kind donations! Thank you also for your kind donations for the **Christmas Hampers**! They really do look amazing! Please do buy a raffle ticket but please remember to send in the correct money as we will not be able to give change!

We were so very fortunate to have the Bishop of Tewksbury lead us into Advent this year. It was such a lovely way for him to meet our fabulous children and they thoroughly enjoyed hearing the Christmas message.

Thank you to those who have managed to complete the school vision questionnaire. We have completed a similar activity as a team of staff and governors will also be given the opportunity to contribute also. We will be talking to the children in order to get their views on what they want our school to be about and from this, we will create our school vision, which will be used then to create our behaviour policy. Time is ticking on quickly but I am very keen to get this underway, when we return in January 2021.

Thank you to the parents who have come forward as class representatives. We had a very useful discussion today so I would like to provide some clarification, The homework that was set via TEAMS was done so as a result of our Y6W bubble needing to close. The purpose was to enable adults/children at home, to 'have a go' at using it. Homework will not be set this way going forward. If we do need to close a bubble, we will be using TEAMS.

However, I do not want any parent/carer to feel worried if they cannot access the work and do not understand how TEAMS works. There are so many more important things that we are all having to manage at the moment - I absolutely do not want to add to your worries. If you need help-please let us know.

I'm sure you will agree, that the PE hoodies do look very smart. I have reminded the children that they are not in place of school jumpers, but to be worn on the days that they do PE. Thank you to all who were able to purchase these.

The last day of term, is Christmas Jumper day - just to be clear, the children can wear their own clothes on this day (including the Christmas/colourful jumper). There is no expectation that they wear school uniform!

As you know, we are here as part of our community and want to do all that we can to help. If anybody who is struggling, would like some boys clothes age 5-8 years, then please contact school. Equally, if you need support with anything else, please do let us know! We have a great pastoral team here who have access to many different resources.

Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are busy practising their nativity/Christmas story. It of course will be different this year but we hope to have it ready and on the school website by Friday 11th December!

It has been such a tricky term and as a school, we have really felt the impact of COVID but I would like to thank the team here, for their great commitment to keeping the school going! If you would like to send in a message to the staff, then please do email us! It will keep their spirits bright!!

With regards to Christmas cards, we will allow children to send cards in for the children only within their bubble. They will be stored in school all week, and then given out after being quarantined after the weekend. We will not be sending cards across bubbles so please do not send them in. The last date to send cards into school is Friday 11th December.

Wishing you a peaceful and restful weekend!



Christmas Service

Due to Covid restrictions this year's Christmas services are going to be slightly different. Please see below for times and locations for the different services.

Thurs 17th Dec. 7.30pm - Service of Carols and Reading at St Nicholas, Hardwicke

Sunday 20th Dec. 6.30pm - Nine Lessons and Carols, St Laurence Church, Longney

Thursday 24th Dec. 11.15pm - Midnight Mass at St Nicholas, Hardwicke

Thursday 24th Dec. 11.15pm - Midnight Mass at St John the Baptist, Elmore

Due to restrictions on numbers we have had to use a ticketing system, tickets are free but must be obtained in advance from <https://bookings.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church>

Unfortunately there is NO crib service this year, hopefully it will return next year



Our Community

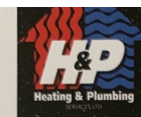
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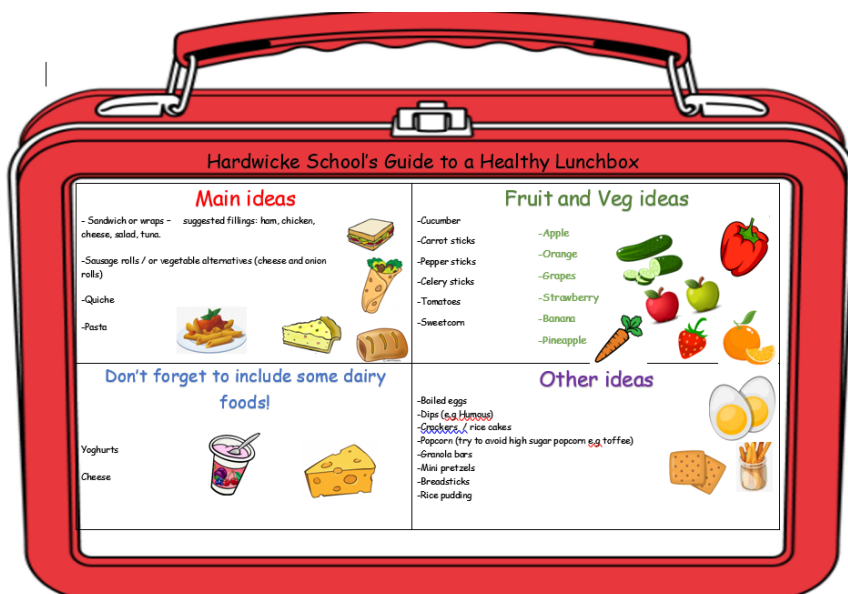
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From Mr Walsh

Hardwicke's Healthy Lunchbox



At Hardwicke school, we will be applying for a **Healthy School Award**. This means that as a community we can come together to make sure our children are accessing a healthy, balanced, and enjoyable diet.

In school, we will be focusing on **healthy snacks, healthy lunches and healthy children!**

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>

Also, see this guide to a healthier and happier packed lunch:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



Hardwicke-the school that **SHINES**

Congratulations to the following children for shining brightly



YRA	Rodrigo Soares-Braddock & Oscar Marles	Zach Gbejewoh & Annabella Wilson
YRB	Evie Robins & Lucas Still	Woody Pilipeczuk & Sara Elliott
Y1S	Oskar Wasilewski & Elizabeth Phelpstead	Charlie Mackenzie & Alysha Daniels
Y1R	Florence Holland & Edward Arthur	Milo Case & Callum Sulley
Y2K	Connie Hodges & Harrison Rymer	Macie Whitehead & Nathaniel Kingston
2H	Charlie James-Rea & Oliver Norman	Isabelle Butcher & Leo Pilipeczuk
Y3W	Clemency Chan & Zac Forsythe.	Darcey Hitchman and Ruby Batten.
Y3M/R	Lilah Pugh & Harley Evans	Max McStraw-Hughes & Ella Robinson
Y4C	Valerija Solovjova & Harry Roberts	Alfie Berry & Riley Greenway
Y4G	Ellie Smithers & Joshua Gomez	Jenson Westcarr & Mason Lawrence
Y4W	Elizabeth Foy-Gesty Lucas Edwards	Lucas Sulley & Daisy East
Y5H	Rubi Harmon & Jacob Adams	Archie Geeves & Izzy Hann
Y5P	Julia Huber & Jacob Etheridge	Isabelle Cuff and Libby Marsh
Y6W	All of the class! For being TEAMS experts	All of the parents of Y6W
Y6H/J	Samuel de Gruyther & Ryan Plane	Ashleigh-Taylor McInnes and Harley Connolly



Diary Dates

3rd December-Bishop Robert to lead us into Advent

17th December - Christmas lunch

18th December - Christmas Jumper day

18th December -last day of term

4th January - INSET day (Staff only)

5th January - children return to school



Well done to Ollie and Ella for the safe delivery of 147 Advent calendars to Feed the Hungry!

In our thoughts and prayers

We pray for all involved in the shaping of young lives. We give God thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers and all those involved in serving children and young people in education



Attendance

Attendance for this week is 97%

For the year so far - 97.6%



Reading Recommendations!

Reading is THE most important skill-it opens the doors to all other learning! For each newsletter, the team here will be sharing their book recommendations with you!

Key Stage 1

The Snowman by Raymond Briggs
(one of Mrs D'Arcy's favourite picture books)



Key Stage 2

The Night Before Christmas
Clement Clarke Moore

