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 From Mrs D'Arcy

The final week of term has arrived and I still continue to be very proud of the enthusiasm and great efforts that the children are putting into their learning! I always enjoy talking to the children about the books they are reading, the maths they are learning and generally getting to know them all a little better. It is great to see our Reception and Key Stage 1 children **SHINE** in their Christmas Medley. I'm sure you will agree that 'A Bundle of Joy' is wonderful to watch, the singing in YR is super Y2 do a great job to explain the meaning of Advent. If you haven't already, please go to the school website and take a look under the 'Celebrations' tab http://www.hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk/web/christmas_2020/526769. A huge 'Thank You' to all of the staff involved who have put this together for us to enjoy!


I'd like to thank all who supported us with the Christmas Hamper raffle. The school has made almost £1000 in total which will go back into the school for the children to benefit from! The hampers were full of fabulous treats and congratulations to all who were lucky enough to win!

As I am sure you are aware, we have a new Reverend, Richard Martin who has joined our community. Richard has been very proactive already, supporting many of our families in different ways. He is very committed to supporting our school and community and I am delighted that he has joined us. The children met Rev. Richard via TEAMS last week as he lead collective worship for us all. The key message focused on 'Compassion' and the importance of this during this festive season. For many, it is an opportunity to come together as a family but for some, Christmas can be a challenging and difficult time. There are many charities that can help—please remember you are not alone (see page 2 for links).

We say goodbye this week to some staff members who have been here at Hardwicke for some time. We say goodbye to Mrs Tea (TA) Mrs Hicks and Mrs Williams (office team) Mrs Mills (TA) and Mrs Spencer (Y1 teacher). I would like to thank them all for their

commitment and hard work during their time here and wish them all the very best of luck, as they move onto their new adventures!

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch and a big thank you to the fabulous kitchen staff who cooked and delivered the lunch to the children in their bubbles! Equally, thank you for supporting our 'Christmas jumper day!' It is great to see the plethora of colour and Christmas cheer!

There have been a few incidences whereby children have had full access to the internet, including YouTube. It is so important that there are safety measures in place, so that the children cannot access content that is not age appropriate. Please do use the  YouTube Kids App as this has automatic filters that will protect our young children. For further information please follow: <https://www.youtube.com/kids>.

Mrs Newton-Jones is collecting Christmas cards for the Colbolt Unit in Cheltenham. A box will be available in school where the cards can be quarantined before being taken. Equally, Mrs Thomas is collecting stamps for the RNIB—again a box will be available in school where they can be quarantined. Thank you for your support with this.

I would like to sincerely thank the team of staff here at Hardwicke - it has really been a challenging start to the academic year. So many staff have taken on additional roles including cleaning toilets and high touch areas, so that our school remains as COVID safe as possible. I cannot thank them enough for rolling up their sleeves and mucking in! I'm sure you will agree, that they very much deserve a good rest! I would like to thank all of you, for making me feel so welcome! I feel very much part of this school and our community and look forward to strengthening our links and working together next year.

As we think about the Christmas story, it is important that we remember how Jesus came into our world—in a cold, dirty, stable. But God in Jesus Christ came into our world bringing hope and transformation. This year, I encourage you all to find 'Hope' which often appears in unlikely places. Wishing you all a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**





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.

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

Looking for work?

A local property company are looking for a part time administrator. Working hours would be:

Monday-Friday 9.30 - 2.30 and every other

Saturday 9.30 - 12.30.

To register your interest please send your CV to: Kerry.mead@sky.com.

Closing date 8th January 2021.

Need a little help?

SAMARITANS

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

Where do you start?

Information

Advice

Signposting

Family Information Service (FIS)

01452 427362 or 0800 542 0202
familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk

and

GlosFamilies Directory
glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2097644/support-for-parents-advice-line.pdf>

HOME START

<https://www.home-start.org.uk/>

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>



House Captains!

Congratulations to our newly appointed Y6 House Captains!

Beech

Connor

Chestnut

Millie

Oak

Masha

Elm

Oliver



If your child develops symptoms or you receive confirmation of a POSITIVE test on or before **4pm on Sunday 20th December**, please email slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk and include the following in your email:

- ⇒ Name of pupil
- ⇒ Year group
- ⇒ Date symptoms began
- ⇒ Date of test
- ⇒ Date of positive result
- ⇒ A contact telephone number



Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to a positive test or contact with a positive case of **COVID-19** after Sunday 20th December, please follow advice and instructions provided by **NHS Test and Trace**. More information regarding this can be found via the following link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>



Hardwicke-the school that SHINES

Congratulations to the following children for shining brightly



YRA	Joshua Herbert & Tommy Dowle	Dae Williams & Sophie Parker
YRB	Joseph Lester & Oliver James Swankie	Kai Jenner & De'Vai Lee
Y1S	Sophie Winstone & Ivy Johnson	Miles Mazelin-Browne & Frankie Scrivens
Y1R	Jude Allen & Wynter Dix	Cody Chadwick & Florrie Holland
Y2K	Jessie McGloughlin & Effie McGuiness	Zaiden Horsford & Alyssa Workman
2H	Lara Gallop & Oscar Spencer-Tonks	Maisie Kitson & N'Maiya Casadei-Binns
Y3W	Alfie Baker and Olivia Rymer.	Georgia Harron and Quaid Cuff
Y3M/R	Amelia Hookway & Aidan Davies	Aaliyah Ahmad & Amayah Moosajee
Y4C	Ryan Tierney & Elisha Lewis	All of Mrs Cheshire's class and half of Mr Gray's
Y4G	Myla Alexander & Ava Cook	All of the class!
Y4W	Izzy Pearce & Zera Yanik	All of Mr Walsh's class and half of Mr Gray's
Y5H	Ava Ajayi & Heidi Whitlock	Bella Lock & Madeleine Schmitz
Y5P	Lacie White & Kaeda-Mae Hayward-Belger	Shelby Lawley and Georgia Robinson.
Y6W	Evie Robinson & Joe Cruise	Felicity Farr and Kady Davis
Y6H/J	Chloe Winstone & Amira Ahmad	Levi Bennett and Ollie Tyack



Diary Dates 2021



January

4th- INSET day (Staff only)

5th - children return to school

15th -primary school allocation day

February

12th - end of term3

23rd - term 4 begins

March

1st—secondary school allocation

April

1st-end of term 4

16th - Primary School allocation day

19th - term 5 begins

May

3rd—bank holiday

4th-INSET day

W/C 10th -Y6 SATs

18th -end of term 5

In our thoughts and prayers



We pray for comfort and joy during this Christmas season; for those who have lost loved ones and livelihoods and for those who potentially cannot be together. May God's presence bring faith, hope and love into the new year.



Attendance

Attendance for this week

is 95.7%

For the year so far - 97.4%



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

Leah's Star

Margaret Bateson-Hill & Karin Littlewood

Key Stage 2

The Christmas Miracle of Johnathon Tomey

Susan Wojciechowski & P. J. Lynch

