



Hague Bar Primary Newsletter

December 11th 2020

Tier 3 Decision & Haddon Nativity

Listening to Government broadcast last night, I am now not expecting a review of Derbyshire's Tier 3 status to be made until Wednesday December 16th, with (possibly) new tier rules then coming into place on December 19th.

Despite this, and as I am constantly surprised by the timing of Government announcements, I am reluctant to cancel the Nativity at this point in time. Therefore, I want to wait until Tuesday before definitely calling it off. I will confirm this by text to Haddon parents either way on Tuesday evening. School staff will be as disappointed as parents if we do have to cancel.

As promised, we will provide an alternative viewing method which I can now confirm will be a video recording. I have received permission from every parent in Haddon to do this – thank you. This will be recorded in school and taken by a member of staff. Please note we are not professional videographers! We are currently testing the safety of various video delivery methods.

Christmas Enterprise

So far, the classes have raised the following amounts from their festive crafty offerings:

Hassop: £45 Hartington: £79 Haddon: £73

Thank you for supporting us. The children will enjoy deciding what to spend their earnings on.

Art Days

Unfortunately, Mrs Arnfield has unexpectedly been required to work full-time due to CV19 staffing issues at her regular workplace meaning she is no longer available to lead the school on these days. We will still go ahead with providing a special arty introduction to the new topic, 'We are Historians,' however there will be no charge to parents.

Next Week

Monday: Christmas Fair for children- lots of 50ps if you can please. Hartington singing @ 3.15pm.

Wednesday: Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumpers £1 donation to Save the Children, Hassop singing @ 3.15pm.

Thursday: Party wear, Disco, Father Christmas (socially distanced), last day.

Forest School

There will be no Forest School during the school day on Thursday December 17th. I would like to thank Mrs Howie for helping Hassop class each Thursday this half term. The after school club will still go ahead on that evening.

DfE Announcement

The Department of Education wrote to all schools this week telling them to remain contactable for six days after the end of term, so that they can assist with contact tracing. This means a member of staff from school will need to be available for communication up to midnight on December 23rd/24th.

You may have read about schools changing their INSET days, however as we had already got an INSET day booked for December 18th (for which we have worked extra evenings in lieu) we do not need to change this.

If your child has any of the CV19 symptoms (temperature over 37.8c, a continuous cough, loss of taste or smell) or has received a CV19 positive test result between and inclusive of the following dates: Friday December 18th and Wednesday December 23rd, **text** 07719 277165. Please note all relevant medical details in the text and I will get back to you during 'office hours'. Please do not contact your child's teacher about this (or other matters) during the holidays. Thank you.

The implications of a positive case during this period is that the children and staff in the bubble concerned will need to self-isolate. If that is the case, I will send a message via Text2Parents. Please ensure your mobile phone number is up to date.

Light Up New Mills – Christmas

We were snowed off last Friday, so I have included photos of the children's classroom windows on page 2.

This is my last newsletter of 2020, so may I take this opportunity to wish all Hague Bar families a very happy Christmas and New Year. We hope to see everyone back on Monday January 4th.

Mrs. Rachel Parry
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