



# NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart." – The Polar Express*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a wonderful week! The weather has got colder.

On Monday, our fabulous choir visited Meyer House to sing for the residents. The residents absolutely loved it and so did the children; it is something we need to continue in order to spread some cheer. Having links with our community is so important, not just at this time of the year, but all year around! Well done to the children in the choir!

On Tuesday, Year 4 went to the Science Museum linked to their topic. They had a fantastic time and behaved so well; they were a credit to the school. Thank you to those parents who helped on the day; the children will cherish those memories. The Christmas tree in the hall was also decorated and it looks lovely, well done to the staff and children who helped. At lunchtime, the children were mesmerised by it!

Rehearsals are well under way for our performances next week, the sound of children singing always brings a smile to our faces. We cannot wait for parents to come and watch us. Preparations for the Christmas craft day are also in progress, we delivered an assembly about it to the children on Monday and they were so excited! We look forward to seeing many parents there! Please check the time your child's class is!

The PTFA have been so busy behind the scenes preparing for our special visitor today, the children loved seeing Father Christmas!. Reminder the Christmas Fete is after school, they have worked so hard and there is lots to look forward to. Please do come along and show your support, I know there are lots of bargains to be had including new presents at fantastic prices!

Thank you for all your support so far and we wish you all a wonderful weekend. See you all on Monday.

Ms D Indresano and the NHP Team!



## Goodbye Miss Allen

Miss Allen, our Assistant Headteacher, will be moving to Knockhall Primary School in January.

We will miss Miss Allen, and wish her all the best for the move.

*We will miss you*

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Christmas Events : Festive Fridays  
Friday 1st December  
Non Uniform Day  
Please bring donations of chocolates for the school fete.

Friday 8th December  
School Christmas Fete - Everyone welcome!  
3.30-5.30pm

Friday 15th December  
Christmas Dinner Day  
Children can wear non uniform, with the theme Christmas Jumpers or Christmas colours.

Christmas Events : Nativities & Christmas Songs  
Nursery - 12th December 9.30am & 2pm  
Year 2 - 13th December 9.30am  
Year 1 - 13th December 1.30pm  
Reception - 14th December 9.30am

Christmas Events: Carol Services  
Year 3&4 - 11th December 1.30-3pm  
Year 5&6 - 15th December 1.30-3pm

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Christmas Crafts Project for Pupils & Parents

Monday 18th December

We invite all parents to come and make a Christmas keepsake with their children. If you have more than one child, you can invite a friend or relative to help make a keepsake with them. We look forward to seeing you.

NURSERY	
9.10am - 10.00am	Reindeer Pine Cones
RECEPTION	
9.10am - 10.00am	Christmas Tree Cones
YEAR ONE	
9.10am - 10.00am	Snowy houses, trees & stars
YEAR TWO	
9.10am - 10.00am	Pom Pom Baubles
YEAR THREE	
9.00am - 9.40am	Spiral Twine Baubles
YEAR FOUR	
9.00am - 9.40am	Poinsettia Baubles
YEAR FIVE	
9.50am - 10.30am	Silver & Gold Baubles
YEAR SIX	
9.50am - 10.30am	Sequin Baubles

## Early Years



This week in reception we have enjoyed learning outside by making Father Christmas' sleigh and flying to the North Pole and writing letters to him in our outdoor writing area.

## Year One



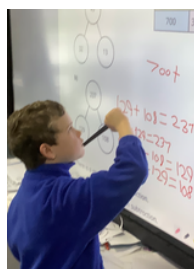
This week Year 1 explored the high street. We had a great time buying items from our local shops and exploring our high street. The children also wrote thank you letters to Brother Matthew and the librarians to say thank you for letting us visit.

## Year Two



This week in science, year 2 have been exploring micro-habitats. We went to forest school to see what micro-habitats we could find. We then went back to class and designed a micro-habitat for an insect of our choosing using the Showbie app.

## Year Three



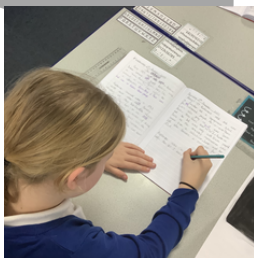
It's been another very busy week in Year 3, especially as we prepare for our Christmas Carol concert next week alongside all our usual lessons. It was our last swimming lesson before Christmas, and we got to play some fun games at the pool - and we even practised the Makaton signing of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" in the water for the swimming coaches! We've been enjoying our Maths lessons in particular, with children getting to try out "speaking like an expert", as well as finishing our Mola art, inspired by the intricate designs of the indigenous Guna people from Panama. Phew!

## Year Four



Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum this week. They explored how electricity how everyday jobs in the home, e.g. doing the laundry, heating of our homes and cleaning of the home, have been transformed by the use of electrical appliances.

## Year Five



This week in Year 5, we have been writing drafts of our newsletter reports about the history made from our core text 'Hidden Figures'. The children have been able to research and explore why the 'Hidden Figures' are called hidden figures and the changes they have made possible. Alongside this, they have been working on their cosmic artwork for their publishing display, which all will be revealed soon).

This term we have been studying William Morris and his designs for wallpaper. We have been using his work as inspiration for producing our own artwork. As he did, we have studied the patterns and structure of the flowers and then used this knowledge to create our own designs.

## Year Six



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Ariel
Bluebells PM	Atharv
Catkin	Aysegul
Saplings	Gurkirat
Aspen	Isla
Hawthorn	April
Elm	Tiffany
Rowan	Ana-Maria
Nettle	Melissa

London Plane	Darron
Silver Birch	Tilly
Mountain Ash	CJ
Maple	Spencer
Spruce	Elise
Whitebeam	Josh
Pine	Layann
Beech	Ivy
Linden	Bonnie-Rae
Oak	Sidney
Cedar	Jack
Elder	Ryan-Lee

## ATTENDANCE

93.2%

Whole School Attendance for this week.

If you have any Christmas Jumpers for children that you no longer need, please could they be brought to the school office by Wednesday 13th

December.  
Thank you



Check out our brand new NHP promotional video.



[Click here to view the video](#)



We use Arbor to communicate important notices and information with parents. You should have set up your account when your child joined the school. If you are unable to access the Arbor app, please speak to the front office.

## Safeguarding (Mrs Beale)

- All pedestrians are more at risk in the dark or bad weather when visibility is poor.
- Road collisions often happen when road users cannot see each other until it is too late.
- Everyone using the roads is at risk, particularly pedestrians and cyclists.
- The problem is worse during autumn and winter because of bad weather and shorter daylight hours.
- We can help other road users to see us by wearing the right clothes and accessories.
- Fluorescent colours can be seen best during daytime and at dusk, they don't show up at night. Fluorescent materials are usually, yellow, orange or lime green – the majority, including the PSNI, wear yellow.
- Reflective materials are best at night - reflecting the light from car and motorbike headlights. They work in the same way as the cat's eyes that mark traffic lanes.
- Reflective materials are available as stickers, tapes and tags which can be easily attached to clothes and other items.
- For best all round protection wear clothes or safety accessories that combine fluorescent colours with reflective material.

Coming up...

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Diana, Holly, Zayn, Alexia, Bharathi, Charlie, Riley, Megan, Oliver, Lucas, Yaya, Ava & Oskaras



Once you have logged into your Pantry account you can choose your child's meals for the week, and for future dates. If you do not book your child's meal they will receive a jacket potato. Meals must be ordered before 9am, if ordering the same day. If you need support please contact the pantry directly on:

Telephone: 020 8813 7040

Email: office@thepantrycatering.co.uk

(Include your child's name, school, year group and guardians details)

# Parent Survey

As the school is on an improvement journey, it is very important that we gather the views of parents so that we can consider your voice in our next steps. Please can you complete this short survey;

<https://forms.office.com/e/gQCbRbSNBp> the deadline will be the 19th December.

Half Term 2 Calendar - please check back each week for updates. Also look on our social media pages & Arbor app.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11th Year 3 & 4 Carol Service MHST - School Anxiety Workshop	12th Nursery Nativity 9.30am & 2pm	13th 9.30am Y2 Christmas Songs 1.30pm Y1 Christmas Songs	14th 9.30am - Reception Nativity	15th Christmas Dinner Day Y5 & 6 Carol Service
18th - Christmas Crafts with parents	19th - Last day before Christmas holidays Beech Christmas Crafts	20th - Closed	21st - Closed	22nd - Closed

## W E E K L Y E V E N T S

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE Day - Year 3 Forest Sch -Nursery AM Choir Club	PE Day - Reception PE Day - Year 4	PE Day - Year 1 PE Day - Year 5 Swim - Mountain Ash Forest School - Catkin	PE Day - Year 2 PE Day - Year 6 Swim - London Plane Swim - Silver Birch Forest School - Saplings	Forest Sch -Nursery PM PE Day - Reception