



# HIPPIINGS NEWS

As a family we do our best with God in our hearts

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me:

Welcome to our **November** newsletter. We have a lot of exciting activities planned over the next month leading into the Season of Advent.

## Staffing

I would like to say a huge Thank you to Mrs Brooks who has been running our school office since we returned in September. I'm sure you will agree that she has been a fantastic support. Unfortunately Mrs Brooks will be leaving us on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and returning to her TA role. We will all miss her!

We will be welcoming Mrs Ingham who has worked in another primary school office for many years and I know will be a great asset to our Hippings family.

## Deputy Head

As you are aware Miss Hussain is currently off school as she is receiving treatment for a serious illness. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Mrs Hunter and Mrs O Hare will be acting as my deputies( Assistant Head teachers) until Miss Hussain is well enough to return. Congratulations to them both on their appointment.

## School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children have returned to school dressed smartly and in the correct uniform. **Please ensure that all uniform items are named.**

Please can we remind you that all headbands and ribbons should be in school colours only and must be small in size. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back in a pony tail or similar. Small gold or silver stud ear rings ONLY to be worn. No necklaces or bracelets to be worn. Girls school trousers should not be tight legging styles. School rucksacks must be small in size.

Trainers and boots are not acceptable footwear. Black shoes only please. PE shorts should not be cycling shorts or skorts

## Attendance & Punctuality

Please make every effort to get your child to school each day and on time – it makes so much difference to their learning and future achievements.

The Government have also made changes to the rulings on taking children out of school in term times. With this in mind please see our Attendance Policy on the school's website. Holidays will not be authorised and will be sent to the authority. This may mean you will be fined.

The holiday list for 2023/2024 can also be found on the school website.

**Food For Thought: If a child has a two week holiday in school time every year of their school life and has the average time off sick then they will miss a whole year of schooling. This is not good for their futures!**

## No Smoking Policy

Lancashire County Council schools are all no smoking zones. This includes E cigarettes. Please do not smoke in the school grounds. Thank you

## Asthma

If your child is asthmatic please ensure a spare inhaler is in school and you have completed the asthma plan that is on the website.

## Nut Allergies

We have a number of children and staff in school with nut allergies. Could I please ask that products containing nuts are not put in lunch boxes or bags. Thank you.



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## Car Parking

We have had a number of 'near misses' where parents have reversed into the school gateways as others are walking past and where parents have refused to give way to each other almost causing an accident. Please be mindful of others and ensure cars are parked and driven safely on the roads around school. Please also be mindful of the local residents and do not park across their driveways etc. **Cars should not drive up Alice Street . This is a cul de sac and cars pulling up at the top are causing issues for people who are walking to school. The school car park is for staff only and must not be used by parents who are dropping off or picking up.**

## Children In Need

It is Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November This year we are inviting children to wear something spotty for a minimum donation of £1. All money raised will be sent to the Children in Need Appeal



## Life Education

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November we will once again be welcoming Harold the giraffe and Life Education. All year groups will receive a workshop as part of our PSHE curriculum.



## National Online Safety

We are very concerned with the dangers that are present on the internet and so have joined up with National Online safety. This provides lots of advice for keeping children safe in a digital world when using tablets, phones, play stations, X boxes, computers etc. To become a National online safety school we need parents to enrol on the site . Please follow the link below. And help us keep all pupils safe and achieve National online safety status.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/hippings-methodist-primary-school>

## Wear Something Christmassy!

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December we are asking all children to wear something Christmassy for a donation of chocolate for our chocolate tombola. This could be a Christmas jumper, Tinsel, baubles, Christmas socks, a nativity costume. It is up to you! Don't forget your chocolate donation.

## Christmas Colour Hampers

We will once again be inviting everyone to bring in coloured items for their classes coloured hamper.

These are always amazing. The best class hamper will win a prize for the whole class and all the hampers will be raffled off at our Christmas Fayre.

Reception: Red

Year 1: Orange

Year 2: Purple

Year 3: Blue

Year 4: Green

Year 5: Silver

Year 6: Gold

Please bring in items that are the correct colour for your class.



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## FOHS Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be held, after school, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December until 5.00pm. Further information will follow regarding tickets.

## Infant Nativities

This year the Infant classes will be performing the Nativity 'Prickly Hay'. All children are involved.

**Performances will be at 2.15pm as follows:**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Reception parents**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 parents**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Year 2 parents**

3 tickets ( maximum per child)

Further details will be sent out soon.



## Carol Singing at the Library

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December we have been asked to sing at Oswaldtwistle Library. Year 4 will be representing Hippings on this occasion. More details will follow



## Whole School Pantomime!

This year we will be taking the whole school to see 'Beauty and the Beast' at Blackburn Empire Theatre. The children have a wonderful time and it is a really special experience. Further details will be emailed out shortly



## Christmas Parties

Children can come to school wearing their party clothes on the day of their party. Please wear clothes appropriate for the weather.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Rec, Yr 1 and Yr2**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Years 5 and 6**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Years 3 and 4**



## KS2 Carol Service

The children in KS2 will be leading the Carol service and Readings and helping us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. This will be held at Rhyddings Methodist Church. The date will be confirmed



### **Breakfast and After School Club**

We have a number of children who are turning up for Breakfast and After School Club who have not been booked on using the Eduspot School money App. Please ensure your child is booked in. If they are not, and numbers exceed 30, they will have to be collected. You can book on using the app up to the end of term.

### **Wrap up Lancashire**

Thank you to everyone who donated coats to the Wrap up Lancashire Appeal. We collected two boxes of coats to support those in need.