



Hunter's Bar Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Events Update

The month of December will be especially festive here at school and preparations for glitter season are well underway! Our Christmas tree has been ordered and Mr Nield and Mr Brearley are busy checking every bulb on our Christmas lights! Please find below some important information about Christmas events at Hunter's Bar Infant School.

Christmas Crafternoon and Entrepreneur Event

The Christmas Crafternoon will take place on Friday, 1 December. The children will be making decorations for the school building and also producing items to sell as part of our entrepreneur event. Each class has been given a start-up investment to purchase resources to create a Christmas themed product. These will be sold after school on Monday, 4 December. Any profits the children make will be spent on items of their choosing for their classroom.

On 4 December between 3.30 pm and 4.15 pm, we will have stalls and Christmas themed games around school selling the children's products. **On this evening the Lime Trees will be located in the Pods (outside classrooms).**

Due to the layout of our beautiful Victorian building and the limitations we have for space we will be opening the three main doors (main entrance/Reception door and the Class 6 and 7 door) to allow you to enter and exit school. These will be monitored by school staff, however the safeguarding of your children is your responsibility once they have been handed over at the end of the school day. Please be vigilant as we expect the event to be well attended.

Our stalls and games will be located in:

Reception Stalls and Games	Class 2 Jellyfish and Class 3 Starfish	Enter through the Reception door
Year One Stalls and Games	Class 5 Foxes and Class 6 Badgers	Enter through the main school door
Year Two Stalls and Games	The School Hall	Enter through the Class 6/7 door

All other areas of school will be closed to children and parents.

We ask that all buggies and prams remain outside the building under the trees in the top yard so please remember your rain cover and do not leave any valuables unattended.

Home School Association Christmas Colouring Competition

Further encouraging the children's artistic skills, the HSA's winter colouring competition will also be launched at the entrepreneur event sale on Monday, 4 December and will be open to all HBIS pupils, the HSA will have a stall in the school hall. You will be able to collect a bespoke colouring sheet, designed by Martha of Martha and Hepsie Design and HBIS mum fame. The HSA will also be in the playground selling colouring sheets after school on Friday, 8 December.

There is a £1 suggested donation per sheet and all entries must be returned to school by Thursday, 14 December for the three winners to be announced in the school assembly on the 15th.

Donations can be made with cash or card or by following the Wonderful.org link
<https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/323>

All funds will go towards enrichment activities and resources for the school. We look forward to seeing your children's wonderful winter pictures.

Christmas Performances

It would not be a Hunter's Bar Christmas if our Reception children did not perform the retelling of ***The Grumpy Innkeeper***. This year, Year One children will be performing a Christmas Nativity entitled – ***The Snowman at Sunset***. It has some beautiful songs, so tissues at the ready! The Year Two children will be sharing a ***Christmas Showcase*** full of songs and poems and they will also share their festive learning!

As these productions will take place in the school hall, please see the timetable below for the time and date of your child's performance. We invite no more than **two adults** to attend the concert for every child and we will be recording the productions and posting them on SeeSaw, so you can revisit and share the performance with your loved ones over the festive period.

It is tradition at Hunter's Bar Infant School for us to support our local community by holding a charity collection at the Christmas concerts. This year we will be collecting for HARC (Homeless and Rootless at Christmas) and the Sheffield Children's Hospital. HARC has been providing a safe and warm day shelter for homeless and rootless vulnerable people between Christmas and New Year since 1989, including three hot meals a day. There will be donation buckets in the hall at all our performances and any contribution you are able to make will go directly to the charities.

The Grumpy Innkeeper	
Class 1 Seahorse	Monday, 18 December 2023 at 9.15 am
Class 2 Jellyfish	Wednesday, 20 December 2023 at 9.15 am
Class 3 Starfish	Thursday, 21 December 2023 at 9.15 am

The Snowman at Sunset	
Class 4 Hedgehogs	Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 9.15 am
Class 5 Foxes	Wednesday, 13 December 2023 at 9.15 am
Class 6 Badgers	Thursday, 14 December 2023 at 9.15 am

Christmas Showcase	
Class 7 Bumblebees	Tuesday, 5 December 2023 at 2:15pm
Class 8 Ladybirds	Thursday, 7 December 2023 at 2:15pm
Class 9 Butterflies	Wednesday, 6 December 2023 at 2:15pm

Pantomime Trip – Tuesday, 19 December 2022

The whole school will be attending the pantomime ***Beauty and the Beast*** at the Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday, 19 December. A huge thank you to our Home School Association who once again have heavily subsidised this experience.

As the whole school is attending the theatre, we have decided to open school earlier on the morning of the pantomime trip in order for us to register the children before we start transporting them to the theatre. In order to allow enough time for all the children to arrive at the theatre before the performance begins, we will need some classes to arrive in school at 8.30 am, as follows:

Class	Time to Arrive at School
Class 1 Seahorses	Normal start time*
Class 2 Jellyfish	Normal start time*
Class 3 Starfish	Normal start time*
Class 4 Hedgehogs	8.30 am
Class 5 Foxes	8.30 am
Class 6 Badgers	8.30 am
Class 7 Bumblebees	8.30 am

Class 8 Ladybirds	8.30 am
Class 9 Butterflies	8.30 am

****All children can come into class from 8.30 am if this makes it easier for parents who may have more than one child to drop off at school***

It is important to note that all our safeguarding and first aid staff will be accompanying the children to the theatre, so it is imperative that your child arrives at school on time.

Last year we had to queue outside the Lyceum, so please ensure your child has a warm coat. They will also need a named water bottle, which they will carry with them to the theatre.

The children will all have a packed lunch on the day of the pantomime. For those parents who have pre-ordered a school packed lunch, this has already been ordered from the school kitchen. The children who do not have a school packed lunch ordered will need to bring a packed lunch from home. When the children return from the theatre, they will eat their sandwiches in their classrooms. An interval snack will be provided for the children.

We look forward to welcoming you into school to share in our many festive activities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Barnes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Barnes
Head teacher