



# Hambrook Primary School

December 2018



## Christmas Plays

A huge well done to all of the children for their fantastic KS1 Christmas nativity and KS2 Carol concert/Hambrook's got Christmas Talent show. The children all put lots of hard work and effort into learning their lines and practising their songs both at school and at home. Thank you to all parents & carers as always for your support.

## Term 3

The first day back for the children will be Monday 7th January. Please also see below for details of Inset days.

## Inset days

We have four inset days left to take for this academic year. They are on:

- Friday 11th January 2019
- Monday 25th February 2019
- Monday 22nd July 2019
- Tuesday 23rd July 2019



## Disabled bay

It's been noted that a number of parents are using the disabled bay as either a 'turning' place, or are pulling in to it to let children out of the car. Please can I remind you that it is not to be used for either of these purposes and should be left clear so those who have a blue badge can park there? Thank you.

## Christmas lunch

The children had their Christmas lunch this week and many reported that it was delicious! Ever year we send slips home in advance, asking parents to tell us whether or not their child will be having a school Christmas lunch, in order that the cook can ensure enough food is ordered. This year we had 127 slips returned to say a lunch was required, yet on the day, 150 children were recorded as having a Christmas lunch. This is almost equal to a whole class of children extra on the day. We and the kitchen staff ask that in future you ensure that slips are returned to us by the date specified. Thank you.



## Lost Property/Lunchboxes

Our lost property pile is still growing steadily each day! There are many un-named items still turning up. Please remember to name your child's items as this means we can easily return them to the correct child. We also frequently have lots of unclaimed lunchboxes, which isn't nice when their contents go off and become very smelly! Please do feel free to come and have a look for any lost items.

## Website Calendar

Please can I remind parents that most upcoming events are on our website calendar? If you click on an item in the calendar, a pop-up box will come up with more information (where needed).

### **Sponsorship**

We have been very lucky to receive sponsorship recently from a local company (Littelfuse) which enabled us to spend £40 on t-shirts for our 'connect' club.

If you know of a company that may be interested in sponsoring us, it would be very much appreciated. Here are some examples: £50 would buy us lots of craft materials such as modelling clay and acrylic paint.

£80 would help us to spruce up our outdoor space and buy exterior paint and waterproof/weatherproof fabric for our teepees.

£100 would be enough to buy a gardening kit including trowels and plants.

In addition to this, if anyone has a spare food mixer (a 'stand' model would be ideal), we would find it very useful for cookery!

Please do get in touch if you'd like some more details.

### **Speech & Language drop-in session**

There are still some spaces available for the session on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please see our last newsletter for more details, and if you'd like to book, please speak to Mrs Lewis in the school office.

### **Attendance/Lateness**

Last week we had a visit from our Educational Welfare Officer. She visits every term to look at attendance and this time she has shared her concerns with us over the attendance and/or persistent lateness of some children and so we will be focussing on this over the coming terms.

### **Illness**

Following on from the above, one point raised by the Educational Welfare Officer is about illness reporting. If your child is too ill to come to school, please notify the school office by 9:30am. In addition to this, if leaving a message please tell us what their symptoms are, rather than just saying they are 'poorly' or 'under the weather' etc. This means that we can track any bugs that may be 'doing the rounds'.



### **Bookbags**

If you are likely to be buying a new school bag for your child for next term, please ensure it's a 'bookbag' style and not a rucksack. We are short on space in classrooms and corridors and rucksacks take up a lot of space. Also, the children don't need to bring enough items to school to warrant needing a large bag.



### **Winterbourne Library**

Please see the information at the end of this newsletter for events during January at Winterbourne Library.

All that remains for me to say is on behalf of all staff here at Hambrook, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2019.

Best Wishes

Jo Dent  
Head Teacher

## January 2019 at Winterbourne Library

### STAFFED TIMES

Tuesday: 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Wednesday: 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Friday: 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

### OPEN ACCESS (Unstaffed)

8.00am – 7.30pm  
Everyday

**No Open Access 1 January 2019**

**If you register your card for our new Open Access system, and attend an induction, you'll be able to access library facilities throughout the week. You can borrow and return books and use the computers. Speak to a member of staff for more details.**

**Rhymetime:** Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/toddlers to enjoy together  
Every Tuesday morning 10.30 – 11.00am

**Pre School Storytime:** Join us for stories and a simple craft.  
Every Wednesday morning 10.30 – 11.00am

### **New! Code4Kids Scratch**

Fun interactive coding club for primary age children. Every Tuesday 3.30 – 4.45pm

**Lego Club:** Listen to stories and poems, then create a model to display at the library.  
Suitable for the primary age range, children must be accompanied by an adult.  
We'll be meeting on **12 January and 10.30 – 11.30am.**

**'Loving My Books'**  
**New Book Club for Teens Y7+**  
16 January 3 – 4pm and  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every Month)

**The Craft Group** is meeting on **5 and 19 January 10.00am – 12 noon**  
New members will always be made welcome by this friendly group.  
Share tips and ideas for your knitting, sewing or crochet projects.

For more information on any of the above please contact us:

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