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'Better Never Stops'

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Dear Parents

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Our Christmas production preparations are well underway, our tree is up and we've just had a successful Christmas fair. Thanks to everybody who gave up some of their time to help us set up, run or tidy up afterwards. We are waiting for the PTA to inform us of the total amount raised but that money will go back into the school to enrich your children's education.

Recent Activities in School

It's been a busy time at Heswall Primary. Year 6 spent four nights on residential at Oaklands and had a fantastic time. Y1 and Y2 visited Barnston Church as part of their work on Buildings and Structures. They also had the 'Great fire of Heswall' up on the school field which was a fantastic and exciting event for the children. In the last week, children from Year 3 and Year 4 visited Liverpool's World Museum after learning about the Ancient Egyptians this term. They enjoyed workshops and time to explore the artefacts of one of the biggest Egyptian collections in the UK.

Growth Mindset Assemblies

Your children may have told you about Growth Mindset -something we passionately believe is key to building children's resilience and happiness. Attitude, unsurprisingly, is a big factor for success both academically and in other walks of life. We are encouraging children to be the best version of themselves that they can be and to embrace a challenge and not fear it. You may hear children saying that 'Better Never Stops' and we know that real confidence comes from the ability to make mistakes and keep going rather than avoiding things they incorrectly feel are beyond them. Unless false beliefs are challenged, children will retain them throughout life. A sign in the school hall simply reads, 'Yet!' This is to remind us that when we tell ourselves that we can't do something – we should add the word 'Yet! Successful schools balance the right amount of challenge with social and emotional health. We know that 'happy children achieve excellent things!' I am intending to run a parent workshop on Growth Mindset in the new year so you can learn more about our approach.

Educate Awards 2018

A number of school staff and governors attended the prestigious Educate Awards ceremony that was held at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral. We were absolutely delighted to make the shortlist for our eco-work, specifically the work we've done on Science Under the Stars – an event that has attracted over 1000 people in each of the last two years. We didn't win the big prize on this occasion but we will keep working hard and keep celebrating the achievements of our lovely school.

Mrs Bolton- Science Teacher of the Year

Our very own Deputy Head and Year Five Teacher, Mrs Bolton, recently won a PSTT Science Teacher of the Year Award! Teaching Science is her real passion and we often get teachers from other schools visiting us. As part of the prize, Mrs Bolton will be able to access funding that will help her to continue to improve Science in this school even further. Both Mrs Bolton and I are looking forward to building on the work we have started at Heswall Primary and there will be lots more exciting events and opportunities coming over the next few years.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 11th December: Nativity Production for children in YR, Y1 and Y2 - 2pm.

Wednesday 12th December: Nativity Production for children in YR, Y1 and Y2. 2pm & 6pm

Thursday 13th December: School Christmas Dinner

Friday 14th December: Save the Children's National Christmas Jumper Day. Bring £1 and wear a jumper (non- uniform); AM - Presents for Parents - Children to bring £4 and buy up to 4 presents for family; PM - Coverdale Puppet Show for all children (no cost to families).

Tuesday 18th December: 1:30pm -Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance at Church of the Good Shepherd- Whole school to attend.

Thursday 20th December: Come dressed in party clothes. AM- Key Stage 2 Talent Show (Whole school to watch). PM- School Christmas Party Afternoon; After School PTA event Christmas Crafts- (A last shopping opportunity for parents?)

Friday 21st December: Break Up for Christmas Holidays.

Tuesday 8th January 2019: Children to return to school

Best Wishes, Mr J Lawrenson

