



Hathern C of E Primary School

School Update

Thursday 16th December 2021

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End of Term/New Year start

Another challenging and often frustrating term has come to an end. Although the children have managed to take part in many Christmas events this year, it is disappointing for us all that we were unable to involve parents as much as we would like to have done. Video recordings of Christmas performances will be available via Google Classrooms by the end of play tomorrow. Christmas Dinner was a tremendous success today—with the children having a great time eating together in the Hall. Santa made a visit to the school this afternoon as well—visiting the younger children but also taking time to engage with our older children too!

Covid has played havoc with our plans this year and the future is unknown. The DfE wrote to all schools today to ask that we have updated contingency plans in place for January should further restrictions be placed upon society. This could mean that the government is looking at closing schools again if cases continue to rise at the current level. If this is the case, then we shall once again make use of Google Classroom as our platform for remote learning. If any decisions are made by the government over the holidays, I shall write to you asap to inform you. Otherwise see you on Tuesday 4th Jan.

Have a great Christmas and stay safe,
Steve Dunn, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2022

January 2022

Tues 4th School opens
Mon 24th Young Voices Concert

February 2022

Mon 14th—
Fri 18th Spring Half-Term

First Time Admissions 2022

The closing date for primary school applications is **15th January 2022**.

Apply online <https://bit.ly/3GRQEPw>

Young Voices update

Unfortunately, although not surprisingly, the organisers of Young Voices have made the decision to postpone the Birmingham concert (planned for January) until the Summer Term. All tickets remain valid for the new date (not yet released). Consequently, the Young Voices choir practice will not start again until a date has been announced by the organisers.

Vacancy—Lunchtime Supervisor

We are seeking someone to join our existing wonderful lunchtime support team at Hathern. The successful applicant will be required to assist in general lunchtime duties including preparing the hall for dining and clearing away afterwards, the supervision of children during lunchtime and helping with activities either indoors or on the playground.

Hours are 11.50am -1.05pm Mon-Fri paid at £9.84/hr—term time only. Please contact Cath or Sharon in the office if you are interested.

FPTA Fundraising—[Online Raffle](#) — LIVE! [Click the image below](#)

The FPTA are holding an online [Christmas Raffle](#) offering cash prizes of £25, £50, £75 and £100. Ticket entries cost from just £1.

Last Christmas we had an amazing £1,625 worth of entries with the word being spread far and wide. Through the power of social media and email, we received entries from family members and friends all over the world!



So far this year we have sold £1,058 worth of tickets and so need a final push to help get near to last years total.

The draw will take place 'virtually' at 1pm tomorrow (Friday 17th December) and prize winners will be notified by email at 2pm that same day.

Monies raised this year will be used primarily to purchase new iPads for the children as the ones previously purchased through FPTA fundraising (in 2013/14) are beginning to fail. Each iPad costs roughly £300 and our aim is to be able to purchase 4 or 5 devices to increase access to technology.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Christmas Cracker Raffle



Hathern Primary School FTPA

Prizes

£100 / £75 / £50 / 3 x £25

Enter for a chance to win:

Here: <https://go.rallyup.com/cracker>

before Friday 17th Dec 2021



LAST CHANCE TO BUY!

Charity Fundraising

This term we raised an amazing £164 for Children in Need on own-clothes -day and another £195.85 in our Paper-Chain Appeal. Year 2 raised the most money for our chosen charity—the Shepshed Foodbank—and won themselves a prize! Thank you for your continued support.