



The John Harrox Primary School

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November Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 and already we can see Christmas rapidly approaching. There is a great deal to do this term and a wealth of experiences and opportunities for the children to get involved in. It is therefore time to bring you up to date with forthcoming events.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you all for your donations provided for our Harvest Festival. As a school we raised money for Save the Children in addition to the food gifts for Agape food bank. Thank you all for your kind donations.

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2019 please remember that the online application process will be open from Wednesday 14th November, www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions. All requests for a primary school place must be received by the Lincolnshire County Council Education Department before Tuesday 15th January. Furthermore, if you know of other families whose children are hoping to start school from September, please remind them that they will need to follow the same procedure as above.

ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

Lincolnshire County Council, as the admission authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, is now consulting on changes to its admission arrangements. The consultation opened on 5th November 2018; the deadline for responses is 17th December 2018. Responses should be emailed to admissionspolicy@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

PARENT HELPERS

If there are any parents/carers/grandparents who are willing to help in the classrooms on a regular basis, we would be very grateful for your assistance. Even if you can spare just half an hour to an hour at the beginning or end of a school day, this would be useful. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER AT 5.30P.M.

We are already involved in preparations for the Fair which is always a major fund raising event for the school. Each year the money raised helps us to organise the children's Christmas celebrations, and to buy new items of equipment to benefit all children within the school. **Last year we raised an incredible £1900.** This year we hope to at least match that amount but we do need your support. We rely heavily on your generosity and help and would be grateful if you could supply us, nearer the time, with any items for the following stalls:

Bottles and Jars; Groceries; Tombola prizes; Raffle prizes. We shall send home a flyer with details shortly. **Please note the 5.30p.m. start time.**

There will be many other games and attractions, most of which will have been devised by the Y5/6 children themselves. Thank you in advance for your generosity and we look forward to seeing you at the Fair.

We will be using the sports hall, so we request that **NO STILETTO HEELS** are worn as they will damage the flooring.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the days get colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has a suitable outdoor coat to wear every day. Please remember that fleeces are in addition to sweatshirts/cardigans and not a replacement, i.e. fleeces are for outdoor wear only and children should have a sweatshirt/cardigan to wear in school.

As always, please ensure all items of clothing are labelled. Trainers are not part of the school uniform and should only be worn for sporting activities.

On rainy (or snowy) days it would be advisable for children to come to school in wellington boots and change into their school shoes on arrival.

Thank you for your co-operation.





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USED UNIFORM

This term we are intending to continue to provide a Used Uniform service. Good condition previously used uniform will be on sale in the library from 8.40a.m. to 9.15a.m. every first Thursday of the month. We should be grateful to receive any uniform that you are prepared to donate to the school for this purpose.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our EYFS & Key Stage 1 concerts will be performed during this term as follows:

EYFS: Wednesday 12 th December	9.30a.m. – 10.00a.m. Morning performance
KS1: Wednesday 12 th December	1.45p.m. – 2.45p.m. Afternoon performance
Thursday 13 th December	1.45p.m. – 2.45p.m. Afternoon performance

A further letter will be sent home detailing ticket arrangements nearer the time.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Key Stage Two Christmas Carol Celebration will be held on Friday 14th December at 2.00p.m in All Saints Church, Moulton.

CLUBS

All clubs organised by a member of school staff will be ending for this term on Thursday, 6th December. **THERE WILL BE NO EVENING CLUBS AT ALL ON FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS FAIR.**

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Arrangements for the Christmas parties have now been finalised. Details are as follows:

The party day for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be Tuesday 18th December and they are welcome to come to school in their party clothes for the day. All food will be provided at lunch time and the party will finish at 3.05p.m.

The party day for Year 3 and 4 children will also be Tuesday 18th December. The children will be going to see the pantomime Peter Pan at the South Holland Centre in Spalding. They will need to bring a packed lunch to school which they will eat in the classroom on return from the pantomime. The children will need to wear their school uniform. (A permission slip will be sent home nearer the time).

The party for Year 5 and Year 6 children will be Wednesday 19th December and they are welcome to come to school in their party clothes for the day. All food will be provided at lunch time and the party will finish at 3.05p.m.

All parties will be funded using the money we raise at the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December.

Raising Concerns

Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding your child or other school matters at any time during the year. Do not hesitate to contact us. Often things heard on the playground get misinterpreted or only provide part of the information so please check with a member of school staff. We are committed to working with you to try and ensure concerns and minor irritations are resolved, and the facts are clarified as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely
D. Pilsworth

A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE WEBSITE.

