



quality, excellence and passion

Dear parents / carers,

This will be the last newsletter of the calendar year and gives me the opportunity to thank you all for your support whilst I have been in the role of Acting Head of School. In January I will step back to being Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead so will still be a very visible member of the school leadership team.

Many thanks to all those who completed the parent / carer survey that was recently sent out to everyone. We are collating all the results and will be informing you in the new year of the headlines and what we intend to do in response to these.

We have, as is always the case at this time of year, been really busy. The curriculum is still full, whilst Christmas celebrations of various sorts have been and will continue to take place. This week our choir have visited both Morrisons and Lakeside Court to share their love of singing with the local community. Some of our newly appointed prefects accompanied Mr Bond and Mrs Grinstead to St Mary's and decorated a Christmas tree which will be on show over the Christmas period. St Mary's have a Christmas Fair this Saturday between 10:30 – 14:30 where you could see it for yourselves.

Thursday gave us the opportunity to invite Key Stage 2 parents into school to enjoy our carol concert, organised by Mrs Dalton our specialist music teacher and next week it will be the turn of our Key Stage 1 children when they perform in our Nativity play. Not to be left out, Butterfly class are also inviting their parents/carers in next week so they too can perform to their adults – it is so lovely to be able to invite you to these events again.

It was lovely to see everyone dressed in their festive jumpers on Thursday and I want to thank you for your generous contributions towards our Xmas fair that will take place next Wednesday just after 3 pm in the main hall. Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday and if the children wish they can wear their Christmas jumpers again for this event.

Some of our LAB members will be attending the festive events and will happily talk to you about their role at Heron Park.

Attendance this week has fallen to only 85.5% . We are fully aware that there are some nasty bugs around which can prevent your child from attending school. Please remember to call the school if this is the case, otherwise our attendance team will be calling to ensure we know why your child is not at school that day.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas; I hope you are able to share time with loved ones and keep warm.

A reminder that school reopens to our pupils on Wednesday 3rd January, 2023.

L. Richardson



Year 1 & 2 Nativity

Monday 12th December at 2pm

Thursday 15th December at 9.30am

Tickets are free and limited to
2 per family.

Details on how to book will be sent via email to
Y1 & 2 directly



Reception Christmas Sing
Thursday 15th December
2.30pm

Reception parents/Carers are invited to watch our Reception children sing a medley of Christmas songs.

Tickets are free and will be limited to 4 per family.



This week has been full of excitement and joy—both for the children and for the adults!



The Christmas tree in the main entrance has been decorated in style, with colourful ornaments made by every yeargroup. Check out our Facebook page for a video of the decorating in progress. <https://www.facebook.com/HeronParkPrimaryAcademyandNursery/>



Our Year 6 prefects took a trip to St Mary's Church to decorate a tree there, too; they made a beautiful job of it and we are sure it will be admired by lots of people who visit the church over the coming weeks.



On Thursday this week, our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a festive concert— thank you to everyone who came to watch. We are very proud of all our musicians at Heron Park.



Don't forget—Christmas dinner day is on Tuesday 13th December—Christmas jumpers can be worn on the day.



PE DAYS TERM 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 1 Ladybirds & Bumblebees	Year 3 Hedgehogs	Year 6 Oak & Willow	Year 4 Badgers & Foxes	Year 2 Ducks & Swans
Year 3 Rabbits	Year 5 Sycamore			Reception

Swimming:

Year 5

Horse Chestnut

For term 3, children will have 1 PE slot

Children should come dressed in their PE kits on their allocated PE day.

Diary Dates:

Term 2

Monday 12th Dec - Year 1 & 2 nativity performance pm performance (2pm)

Tuesday 13th Dec – Christmas dinner day and Term 2 Reading Rewards

Wednesday 14th Dec – School Christmas Fair 3pm onwards

Thursday 15th Dec - Year 1 & 2 nativity performance am (9.30am)

Thursday 15th Dec - Reception Christmas singsong 2.30pm

Friday 16th Dec - Last Day of Term

Monday 19th - Friday 30th Dec - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Term 3

Monday 2nd January - BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 3rd January - INSET DAY

Wednesday 4th January - First Day of Term

Friday 3rd February - NSPCC Number Day

Monday 3rd March - INSET DAY

Monday 6th March—INSET DAY

Friday 10th February - Last Day of Term

Monday 13th -17th February - FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Term 4

Monday 20th February - First Day of Term

Friday 31st March - Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April - EASTER HOLIDAY

Term 5

Monday 5th June - First Day of Term

Wednesday 14th - 16th June - Year 5 Residential trip.

Thursday 25th May - Last Day of Term

Friday 26th May - INSET DAY

Term 6

Monday 5th June - First Day of Term

Friday 30th June - INSET DAY

Monday 3rd July - INSET DAY

Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term

Calendar dates are subject to change, we will endeavour to give parents/carers as much notice as possible. Please note that where we have added INSET DAYS, we have given parents long weekends, to allow you to have a break away without taking time off during term time

THE PARISH OF HAMPDEN PARK
AND THE HYDNEYE

You are invited to our
Christmas Angel Fair

10th December - 10:30 - 1:30
Decoy Drive, Church and Hall

Refreshments, cakes, gifts,
stalls, crafts, free activities for the kids
Christmas Tree Festival, visit Santa,
and much Christmas Joy!



**Have
you
seen
the
angels?**

**Free family fun, activities, crafts, carols,
Angel trails + more this Advent & Christmas!**

This year, Eastbourne's churches, charities and groups have come together to share the joy of the angels!

Scan the QR code below or find us online to find a full list of events!

 facebook.com/eastbourneangels
www.eastbourneangels.com

Supported by the Mayor of Eastbourne and Eastbourne BID





Advent & Christmas in the
parish partnership of
**Hampden Park
and Willingdon**



Sunday 27th November 2022

Advent Carol Service 6.30pm @ St Peter traditional
advent carols with mince pies and mulled wine

Saturday 3rd December 2022

Messy Church @ St Mary, Willingdon - Craft activities,
worship and a meal for children accompanied by their
adults.

Sunday 4th December 2022

Angel Evensong 6.30pm @ St Mary, Willingdon

Tuesday 6th December 2022

Mothers' union service 2.45pm @ St Mary, Willingdon

Thursday 8th December 2022

**Kids Angel Wing Workshop 10am-12noon @ St Mary's
Hall, Hampden Park**

Saturday 10th December 2022

**Christmas Angel Fair 10.30am -1.30pm @ St Mary's
Hall, Hampden Park**

**Sussex Song Maker's Concert 6.30pm @ St Mary,
Willingdon**

Sunday 11th December 2022

**Children's Christingle Service 3pm @ St Mary,
Willingdon**

Wednesday 14th December 2022

**Christmas Tree Festival @St Mary, Willingdon, begins
today! Drop in between 10pm-4pm weekdays and
Sunday 12pm-4pm. Finishes on the 18th.**

Friday 16th December 2022

Church Street Nativity 6pm Willingdon– Bring a torch!

Sunday 18th December 2022

Carols by Candle Light 6.30pm @ St Mary, Willingdon

Tuesday 20th December 2022

**Carols on the Trees. Spiced apple and mince pies
from 9.45am. Carols from 10.15am @ Willingdon Trees
Community Centre**

Christmas Eve

Children's Crib Services:

**3pm @ St Mary, Hampden Park 5pm @ St Peter
3.30pm and 4pm @ Willingdon**

**Traditional Midnight Mass 11.00pm @ both St Mary,
Hampden Park and St Mary, Willingdon.**

Christmas Day

BCP Eucharist 8am @ St Mary Willingdon

Parish Eucharist 9.45am @ St Mary, Willingdon

Parish Eucharist 10.30am @ St Mary, Hampden Park

**St Mary, Hampden Park, Decoy Drive, Eastbourne
St Peter, The Hydneys, Eastbourne
St Mary the Virgin, Church Street, Willingdon**

<https://www.facebook.com/HPandW>

Parenting Guide | East Sussex
What's On – Jan, Feb, March
2023



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Carols on the Trees

TUESDAY
20TH DECEMBER 2022

COME FOR SPICED APPLE AND MINCE PIES
FROM 9.45

CAROLS WILL BE SUNG FROM 10.15 - 11.30

THE CHRISTMAS STORY TOLD THROUGH CAROLS
FAMILY FRIENDLY!

CHILDREN CAN COME DRESSED UP OR WEAR
COSTUMES PROVIDED ON THE DAY!

**WILLINGDON TREES
COMMUNITY CENTRE**
Holly Place, BN22 OUT