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### **Dear Parents**,

### **Christmas Reading and School Story time**

Thank you to the parents that turned up yesterday for the Christmas Reading challenge. I hope that your storytime challenge becomes a really enjoyable time at home and creates an exciting build up to the Christmas holiday period. Within school the child too are having a storytime. Each day they are handed a gift book to open and enjoy. Please do ask your child about their story each day to support their comprehension and explanation skills.

### **Parent Consultation Days**

These are next week, so please go on line for your booking. If you are having problems do call the school office and they will support you. In addition to your meeting, Mrs Jones will be available throughout the day for you to consult with around reading for your child. For example, you may wonder if your child's choice of book is the right challenge and aspirational enough? Does your child have coverage of different styles of text? We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable Librarian - do you know Mrs Jones has read every book in our library!

Whilst the appointments are going on your child will be learning all about Christmas around the world. They will raise their awareness of different cultures, languages and activities that happen all around the globe at Christmas time. This is part of our Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural education programme within school.

#### **The Christmas Dinner**

This year we are holding the annual school Christmas Dinner on the 16th December. All children will have a free dinner as a treat from Izzy in the kitchen. (Of course your child can have a packed lunch if they choose) but we would encourage all children to sit with their class teacher and other staff to enjoy the festive feast! As I said there is no cost for this meal as it is a way of thanking our pupil community for a great 2 terms.

Have a great weekend!

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Mrs H Paget-Wall Collins Head Teacher

Respect

### **Attendance:**

Whole School – 95%

**Best Year Group** – Year 6 – 98%

**Best Classes:** 

4AD - 99%

**EYFS - 97%** 

3AH - 96%

**Nbr 100%** - 324 **Nbr Lates** – 33

# **Dates to Remember**

# School Christmas Fayre 10th December 12pm-2pm

Tables are booking well for the Christmas Fayre, but if you would like a table to sell your crafts please forward your details to the email address below.

If you have any donations we can use for prizes please drop off at the reception.

### **Donations**

If anyone has any glass jars or cardboard tubes please can they be dropped off in your child's classroom or reception, many thanks.

If you are able to bake a cake for our Christmas Fayre all donations will be greatly received. If anyone has any tombola gifts that they would like to donate please can you leave at school reception

### Wear your Christmas jumper to school day 16th December

Children and staff can wear their Christmas jumpers to school for a £1 donation. All proceeds will go to 'Save the children'

For further information please email Rebecca.Lister@Hanwellfields.org

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# 'Word of the Week' – COMPELLING



# **Digital Leaders update**

A huge congratulations to our new digital leaders at Hanwell Fields Community School. This term the Digital Leaders were selected after writing a 250 word letter on why they should be chosen for the role, highlighting their key skills and ICT knowledge. The Digital Leaders at Hanwell Fields Community School are pupils that are trained to be experts and advocates of using appropriate technology within school, allowing them to act as ambassadors and peer mentors for staff and other students.

Over the academic year, the digital leaders will become proficient in using the following technology to train peers and members of staff:

• Term 2: Green Screen

• Term 3: Pic Collage

• Term 4: Tellagami

• Term 5: Book Creator

• Term 6: Scratch Junior

Here are the Digital Leaders receiving their first training session using the Green Screen. They have already put this training into practice supporting the Hanwell Fields Christmas Production and demonstrating ICT technology to Dominic



Norrish (United Learning's Group Director of Technology) and Dan Bunker (Head of Technology Partnering at United Learning) during their visit on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Other roles and responsibilities over the year will include:

- Act as an ambassador for the school, demonstrating leadership, the ability to network
  effectively with others and communicate/report information to others through physical
  and digital media
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills including the ability to create resources to help others use technology effectively, work with individuals or groups educating them on the use of technology and being able to present confidently to a range of audiences
- Demonstrate their ability as a technologist by utilizing technological knowledge and experience, reviewing existing and new technologies and their suitability for use in a given situation and to always use equipment in line with school e-Safety policies and curriculum.

Next term the Digital Leaders will be focusing on E-Safety on the run up to Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.



# **Year 6 trip to Culmington Manor Shropshire**

What a fantastic week the Year 6 had on residential. We arrived on Wednesday afternoon and the children had to unpack; make up their beds and put on the right clothing needed for each activity.



Our first night was the night walk, and after all the rain, it promised to be muddy! All children completed the 2-hour hike in the dark and even enjoyed it. We learnt a lot about bats, mistletoe and ourselves! I'd like to say the children slept well...but the morning came around too quickly.

One of the great things about this Manor adventure site is the space and freedom children have; on the orienteering challenge, the children had to: read a map; work as a team and find clues – it was a real challenge, so much so Mr Townsend is hoping to introduce orienteering into our PE lessons.



The final day was the biggest test of our children's courage. Placing a harness on to abseil down a 40 ft tower was achieved by all. Some got up to the tower, some bounced down it but all worked as a team!

Thanks to the Forest School ladies for organising another successful trip but most importantly a huge thank-you to our Year 6s for demonstrating our Hanwell values: confidence, creativity, determination and ambition.

Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Rowett



# **For Information**

### **Second Hand School Uniform**

Uniform will be sold on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings in the key stage 1 canopy at 8:30am-8:45am. Uniform prices range from 50p-£2.00

### Second hand uniform donations

We really appreciate second hand uniform donations. Please donate uniform to the office. All donations should be in good condition, clean with the name label blacked out. Thank you

### **Hanwell Fields Rendition of Elf**

Dates for the Christmas Production are December 14th and December 15th @ 7:00pm (doors open from 6.30pm). Tickets went on sale on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and currently we have sold out of the Thursday Production and have very few left for the Wednesday show. Grab your tickets while you can!



The Bridges Christmas Break holiday forms are now available to be collected. Please hand these back into Bridges or reception as soon as possible please.

For this holiday period we will be trialling a new payment scheme where there will be no set packages and payment for all holiday care will based on an hourly rate. The hourly charge is £3.50. There will be a charge for a hot dinner

of £2.00 although if your child will be attending for a full day or at least 6 hours in the afternoon, then a hot dinner will be supplied free of charge.

Bridges will be open between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23rd December and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 (Inset Day). Below is a list of some of the exciting things that we will be doing.

Monday - Morning swim at Sibford school
Tuesday - Christmas shopping in Banbury town centre
Wednesday - Forest school-wear something green
Thursday - Christmas arts and crafts
Friday - Christmas jumper and pyjama party

So why not grab an application form from the school office or from Bridges and let your children come join us this Christmas break!

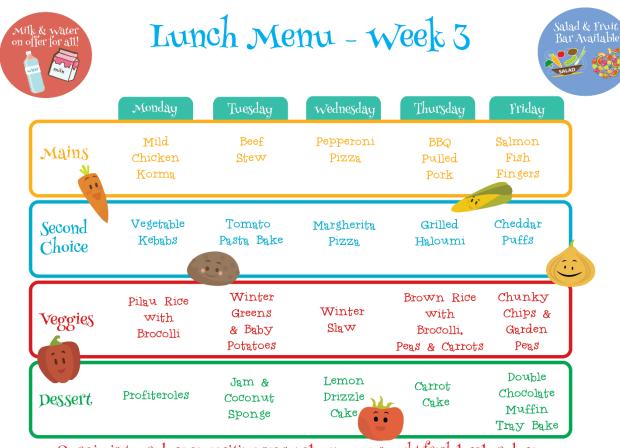
Bridges are also asking for donations of any unwanted games console, interactive games and board games. We are looking for group and educational games that the children enjoy playing with their friends.

Thank you in advance for any donations made.

Kind Regards, Steve Nutt Bridges Manager



# **Hanwell Lunch Menu**



Our aim is to produce an exciting seasonal menu, we sought fresh local produce. This menu could be subject to change due to fresh produce availability.